



**BLACK GOLD
REGIONAL
DIVISION NO. 18**

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

May 10, 15 & 24, 2017



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Calmar Secondary School



Calmar Secondary School completed a clean sweep of the medal podium in Precision Machining at the Skills Canada, Alberta Provincial Competition on May 10th & 11th at Northlands Expo Centre in Edmonton. Congratulations to Evan Arndt-Gold Medal, Carson Abel-Silver Medal, Tyler deMilliano-Bronze Medal and Regan Kittlitz who placed 4th. Evan will move on to the National Championship in Winnipeg from May 30th to June 3rd.

Calmar Secondary also had winning Alumni students. Tucker Weldon won Gold in Post-Secondary Precision Machining and Conley Wurban won Gold in Post-Secondary CNC Machining.



Darren Roth, Calmar Secondary Industrial Arts Teacher added the Machining program to Calmar Secondary in 2010, taking evening classes to stay ahead of the students. Over the last seven years, he has built an extremely dynamic Industrial Arts program that has an extensive partnership and support for our students with NAIT. Congratulations to Darren Roth and Calmar Secondary Students!

Distinguished Leadership Award—ATA Council for School Leaders

Congratulations to Principal Zane Chomlak and Assistant Principal Chris Stiles who were recipients of the 2016-2017 Distinguished Leadership Award presented by the Council for School Leadership of the ATA. Both of these well-deserving recipients were honoured at the CSL Distinguished Leadership Award Event on May 19th. These individuals are role models in a vibrant network of educational leaders with the confidence and capabilities to lead innovative change for 21st century learning. Well done!



CanBuildIt - Black Gold Division Office



Black Gold Division Office and Leduc County Staff partnered again this year to defend their 2016 Master Builder Champion Title in the CanBuildIt Leduc & District Food Bank Contest. For the second year in a row, the group won the Municipality category. Together the group built a school bus out of food donations and staff also gave cash donations and school supplies. Special thanks to Kelly Tremblay, our Black Gold Rep on the hardworking CanBuildIt team.



CURRICULUM ENGAGEMENT

Associate Superintendent Romanchuk stated that information had been received from the government on public input regarding curriculum. The Alberta Education website shows further information, and this has also been provided to Principals to be shared with staff and parents, if they wish to provide feedback.

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

The Board gave approval for the field trip request from Calmar Secondary School to Winnipeg for the Skills Canada National Competition from May 30 to June 3, 2017 for one student with one teacher supervisor.



WEST HAVEN MODULAR CONTRACT

The Board accepted the recommendation from Administration to enter into a CCDC2 contract with Uniglobe Construction & Management Ltd. in the amount of \$413,000 for the General Contractor for the modular project at West Haven Public School.



2017-2018 BUDGET

The Board approved the Budget Report to be submitted to Alberta Education for the year ending August 31, 2018 with the budget projecting \$128,977,697 in revenue, and \$129,428,407 in expenses for the 2017-2018 school year, for a projected deficit of \$450,710 for Black Gold Regional Division No. 18. The report includes budget highlights, plans and assumptions along with business and financial risks. The Projected Schedule of Changes in Accumulated Operating Surplus (Summary) was also presented.



2017-2018 FEES



Student Fees

Associate Superintendent Andres presented the proposed Instructional Resource Fees, School-Based Enhanced Course Fees and Transportation Fees for 2017-2018. Through the introduction of Bill 1, An Act to Reduce School Fees, the Government has directed that school boards are no longer able to charge fees for basic educational services and therefore, the Instructional Resource Fees at BGRD have been eliminated. Schools boards may continue to charge fees for enhanced educational services and fees for non-curricular services. School-based Enhanced ECS fees have been reduced from \$110.00 to \$80.00/year, and the Enhanced Course Fees for Grade 11 have been changed from \$80.00/year to \$9.00/credit to recognize that not all Grade 11 students take options.



In the Transportation Department, the Bus Pass fee of \$25.00 has been eliminated for students that are eligible to receive government funding for being transported. There will be no changes in transportation fees for students that are Ineligible for government funding or choose a School of Choice. The Replacement Bus Pass Fee has been increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

There is no change in Community Use Rental Rates.

It should be noted that the Government has provided BGRD with funding of \$778,006 to support the elimination of fees through Bill 1. Superintendent Yanitski stated that the Government hopes to reduce fees in two phases over the next two years. BGRD has met the requirements and philosophy of fee reduction from the Government, and parents will see a reduction in costs.

The Board approved the recommendation from Administration for the 2017-2018 Division Instructional Resource Fees, School-Based Enhanced Course Fees and Transportation Fees as proposed.

KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1 BUS STUDENTS/PARENTS

Transportation Manager Sue Timmermans explained the concern from bus drivers of Kindergarten and Grade 1 parents not meeting a school bus at the stop. Currently, we have no requirements for someone to be at bus stops, our Administrative Procedure states it is a parent responsibility. All bus passes have a stop location on the pass so the driver knows where the student gets off, however, if a parent or guardian is at the stop, it is much easier for the driver to dismiss the student knowing they are safe. The Transportation Department has developed a form for parents/guardians to confirm that they should have a plan in place.



The Board gave approval to accept the recommendation from the Transportation Department for parents/guardians to fill out the Yellow School Bus Student Transportation To and From Home form for Kindergarten and Grade 1 students.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

At the May 10, 2017 Special Board Meeting, the Board accepted the recommendation from Administration to enter into a CCDC2 contract with Kemway Construction Inc. in the amount of \$1,437,330 for the General Contractor for the modular projects at the following schools:

- ◆ East Elementary School (one modular classroom)
- ◆ École Beau Meadow School (3 modular classrooms)
- ◆ Robina Baker Elementary School (4 modular classrooms and one modular washroom unit)



At the May 15, 2017 Special Board Meeting, the Board accepted the recommendation from Administration and awarded the General Contractor for the École J.E. Lapointe School Modernization project to Jen-Col Construction Ltd. in the amount



ALBERTA SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM

Superintendent Yanitski announced that the Government of Alberta has expanded their school nutrition program to all 60 school boards in Alberta. BGRD will receive a grant of \$141,000 to implement the program, and must present a proposal on how this money will be allocated. A Committee was formed which included Division Principal Norm Dargis, École Champs Vallée School Principal Patrick Gamache-Hutchison, École Champs Vallée School Assistant Principal Erik Larson, New Sarepta Elementary School Principal Cheryl Hafso, and Dr. Patti Hill, Leduc & Area Regional Collaborative Services Delivery Manager.

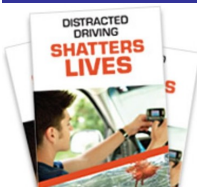
The Committee received feedback from our K-6 schools and have shared this information with the Board at their recent Board Planning Session. The funds will be shared with the schools similar to the Innovation Fund Program model. Some schools already have breakfast programs or hot lunch programs, and will be able to enhance these programs or create new ones. Erik Larson stated that their goal is to promote sustainability and nutritional value, along with working with other organizations such as the Food Bank, and also helping parents to make healthier choices.

Trustees thanked the Committee for their research into the programs, and appreciate that all communities will be included. This funding will provide enhancement to the programs our schools already are part of, and gives them the ability to create new ones.

The Board approved the recommendation from the School Nutrition Committee for submission to the Alberta Government.



DISTRACTED DRIVING YOUTH CONFERENCE



Superintendent Yanitski announced that there will be a Capital Regional Youth Distracted Driving Conference on October 3, 2017 in Leduc at the Leduc Recreation Centre. The intent of this conference is to have several representatives from each High School in the Capital Region attend the event, learn about the dangers of distracted driving, come up with student-led initiatives that they can implement in their own schools, with the support of their school administration.

RCMP EXERCISE DRILL

Associate Superintendent Andres presented a request from the Leduc RCMP and Leduc Fire Services to conduct a live active threat exercise at Leduc Composite High School on August 22, 2017. The training exercise is



designed to simulate a collective emergency services response to an active threat in the school. The exercise will take place when there are no staff and students on site. It is good to build relationships with the RCMP and Leduc Fire Services, and to be proactive.

The Board gave approval to the Leduc RCMP and Leduc Fire Services to use the Leduc Composite High School for an exercise training drill on August 22, 2017.

BOARD PLANNING SESSION

Trustees and Administration attended the Board Planning Session May 10th and 11th at Red Tail Landing Golf Course. Administration and Carmen Pezderic were thanked for the information that was provided. The discussions were very good, and the presentation from students who attended the Canadian Nationalism Vimy Ridge Tour 2017 was excellent, along with the update on the Strategic Plan.



MACLAB CENTRE

Trustee Nosyk requested that the Board submit a letter of support in principle for the City of Leduc to assume management of the MacLab Centre for the Performing Arts. BGRD does not want to give up the terms of the Triparty Agreement which provides access to students. BGRD contributes to the Theatre through facility maintenance and custodial services. The Board will write a letter of support in principle.

