



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

November 29, 2017

Merry Christmas

DRAFT 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Superintendent Yanitski presented a draft of the calendar for the 2018-2019 school year. The calendar draft has been distributed to schools and councils for feedback by December 15, 2017. The feedback will be brought back to the Board on January 10, 2018. Trustee Eckert thanked Superintendent Yanitski for his work in preparing the calendar, and looks forward to the feedback.



LEDUC CONFIGURATION AMENDMENT

Superintendent Yanitski provided information to amend the Board Motion 66/16-17 City of Leduc, Blackstone neighbourhood development – School Attendance Boundary allocation.

Superintendent Yanitski stated that currently there are six English students and zero French Immersion students from the Blackstone neighbourhood accessing educational programming within BGRD. Due to capacity constraints at École Leduc Estates School and the continued development of the neighbourhood of Blackstone, the following amendment is being presented for consideration:

- That students from the Stage 1 and 2 Blackstone development attend École Corinthia Park School for Grades K-6 English and French Immersion programming.



Trustee O'Gorman questioned as to who were the members of the Leduc Configuration Committee. Superintendent Yanitski stated that from each community there are School Council parents; the Principals; the Trustee from that area; Division Principal, Norm Dargis; along with other Division Office staff. Community engagement was also held throughout the community. Trustee Steed asked whether there will have to be another reconfiguration. Associate Superintendent Andres stated that it is possible as the schools in Leduc are filling up, but it is critical to change this now as there is no more room for students at École Leduc Estates School.

Superintendent Yanitski stated that the Division has grown by 4 per cent in student enrolment and we need to make changes to house our students. This is a positive position for Black Gold to be in a thriving and growing community.

CAPITAL POWER CONSULTATION

Trustee Ofstie stated that Capital Power is a great supporter of communities and events. Trustee Ofstie would like to develop a proposal between Black Gold Regional Division and the Village of Warburg to forward to Capital Power for additional funding for our schools and the community. The proposal will be presented to the Board before submission to Capital Power.

COMBINED THREE YEAR EDUCATION PLAN & AERR

Associate Superintendent Romanchuk presented the draft of the 2017/2018 to 2019-2020 Combined Three-Year Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report for Black Gold Regional Division No. 18. Associate Superintendent Romanchuk highlighted some of the following sections to the Plan:

- Trends and Issues
- Summary of Accomplishments
- Alberta Education Goals 2017-20
- Accountability Pillar
- Outcomes and Strategies



A summary of the report will be posted on the BGRD website. Trustees thanked Associate Superintendent Romanchuk for making the changes requested and including the input from the Board. Trustees commented that students' learn in different ways and some of the different programming that we offer will help all of our students with their needs.

The Board approved the Combined Three-Year Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report for Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 with the amendments as discussed.

2016-2017 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Benji Waser, Partner with MNP; Madisyn Achtymichuk, MNP Manager; Laurel Kvarnberg, Director of Finance; Chelsey Volkman, Finance Manager; and Darren Gillet, Accounting Coordinator of Black Gold Regional Division, attended the meeting to present the Audited Financial Statements for the period September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017.

The Independent Auditors' Report concludes that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 as at August 31, 2017 and the results of its operations, cash flows, and change in net debt for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards. In the Statement of Operations, the operating revenues totalled \$127,860,441 and expenses totalled \$128,094,968 with an operating deficit of \$234,527.

Trustees thanked the auditors, and finance staff for a great job and professional work. Superintendent Yanitski expressed appreciation and congratulations on exceptional work to Associate Superintendent Andres, Laurel Kvarnberg, Chelsey Volkman, the Finance Department team, MNP, and to the Principals, staff and School Councils.



The Board accepted the Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 Audited Financial Statements and the Auditors' Management Letter for the year ending August 31, 2017 for submission to Alberta Education, and acknowledged receipt of the Audit Findings Report and the Letter of Auditors' Independence for the year ended August 31, 2017.



2017-2018 REVISED BUDGET

Associate Superintendent Andres presented the Fall 2017 Update to the 2017-2018 Budget with the details of additional resources and assigned staffing. The Fall Budget projects a deficit of \$759,571 for 2017-2018. A few items that were addressed as a result of the changes were:



- Increase of 282 students from the Spring Budget
- Increase in both certificated and non-certificated staff FTE
- Reduction in the Local Authorities Pension Plan contribution rate
- Updating projections for utility costs for Plant Operation and Maintenance costs
- Startup costs for École Champs Vallée School

The Board accepted the Fall 2017 Update to the 2017-2018 Budget for Black Gold Regional Division No. 18.

FIELD TRIP REQUEST



Associate Superintendent Romanchuk presented a field trip request for approval in principle from École Bellevue School and

École Champs Vallée School. The field trip is to Québec City, Ottawa and Montreal from June 21, 2018 – to June 27, 2018 for 33 students from Grade 6 French Immersion with two teachers and parent chaperones.

The Board gave approval in principle to the field trip request from École Bellevue School and École Champs Vallée School.

SCHOOL VISITS



Trustees and Superintendent Yanitski attended school visits to the following schools on November 8, 2017:

New Humble Centre, Thorsby Elementary and Thorsby Junior/Senior High.

Trustees were very warmly welcomed and enjoyed the great school guides and tours, and thanked the custodians for their high standards of cleanliness in the schools.

