



BLACK GOLD
REGIONAL
DIVISION NO. 18

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

March 7, 2018



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Fundraising Contribution Letter for Black Gold Regional Division No. 18



Superintendent Yanitski received a letter from the Terry Fox Foundation, commending the efforts of 20 BGRD schools that participated in a Terry Fox event this year, and were successful in raising \$11, 656.05 to benefit cancer research in 2017. We are proud to work with staff and students who foster volunteerism, compassion and leadership within our Division. Terry Fox's story is a defining piece of Canadian history and has become an integral part of the Alberta curriculum. This year, the Foundation is stepping up their efforts to support student growth during the event season. Initiatives such as the 'Be Like Terry' program are giving students the opportunity to develop leadership, philanthropy and service skills. Continued support from BGRD will drive the pace of research forward and the development of the Terry Fox School Run program!



École Dansereau Meadows School

A heartfelt thank you to the students at Dansereau Meadows School, who managed to raise \$1900 in just three days for the Stollery Children's Hospital. The Grade 8 students wanted to raise money to show their support for fellow classmate, Clara Hutton, in her battle with cancer. Their collection and contribution was presented as "Team Clara", and their organization and efforts displayed a great deal of compassion, strength and empathy. Unfortunately, Clara passed away from leukemia on January 19th before they were able to make the cheque presentation to the Stollery, but the efforts made by these students remain inspiring and is a tremendous example of students coming together, offering strength and hope, in support of one of their peers.



École Dansereau Meadows School

This year, the Grade 8 students at Dansereau Meadows School have been collaborating during their Social Studies and Leader In Me classes to prepare for their first Cause Fair. They researched humanitarian causes at both the local and global level and committed to supporting the one that they felt most passionate about. This support, and the actions that followed, fulfilled their active citizenship outcomes in both Social Studies and Health, and required them to put all of their Leader In Me skills into practice. During the Cause Fair, they recruited others including teachers, support staff, community members, and students throughout Grades 1 - 7, to sign up for a cause they also felt passionately about. Rather than the school staff just putting together cross-graded groups, they created little "families" within the school that bonded through a common cause.

Six Dansereau Meadows Grade 8 students were chosen to present about the Cause Fair at this year's Leader in Me Symposium held at the University of Alberta on February 14. The students led a breakout session at the symposium and presented to a room of educators explaining how the Leader in Me classes allowed the Junior High students to create and lead a Cause Fair. Two of the students were then selected to sit on a student panel, at the end of the Symposium, to field questions from the 160 symposium attendees. Congratulations to all of the students involved in the organization and collaboration required to achieve such a successful endeavor, as well as, the students chosen to present on behalf of their school. Way to go!

'LEADER IN ME' PRESENTATION



Warburg School

Mrs. Jennifer Phillips, teacher at Warburg School, along with five students (Ashley Harakal, Anthony Allen, Rogan Richels, Lina Grubenmann and Jack Graham) and their new mascot, presented on their 'Leader in Me' program. Members of the program are from the Student Council. The students explained that their Student Council is now a lighthouse team, with all members contributing equally, and each have specific jobs. The Student Council includes students from Grades 4-12, with the younger students being ambassadors.

The students explained their motivation of the '7 Habits' and described how the school assemblies work to recognize leadership, fine arts, academics and athletics and explained how some of the program activities are run. They also mentioned that they intend to have a contest to name their new mascot! Mrs. Phillips developed an App for the school that students, parents and staff can access for daily announcements, events and sports, Student Council information, and bell schedule.

Superintendent Yanitski stated that the students should be very proud of what they are doing for the school, and a big 'shout out' to the students for their collaboration and enthusiasm. Trustees stated that it is wonderful to see the older students working with the younger students, having such a positive impact within their school. Trustees also thanked Mrs. Phillips for all her work.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Trustees and Administration acknowledged a moment of silence in support of friends and families impacted by loss.

SCHOOL COUNCILS

The Board of Trustees and Senior Administration, along with parents and staff, engaged in the Annual Council of School Councils Meeting and Parent Night held on February 21, 2018 at the Maclab Centre in Leduc.

The overall purpose of the evening was to engage the attendees own thoughts and ideas around international field trips/travel and planning for the future of Black Gold Regional Division. The audience participated in activities and discussions to provide benchmarking and future direction to the Board. Superintendent Yanitski also presented a brief update on new school construction and modernization advancements.



MODULAR APPROVALS



Superintendent Yanitski stated that Alberta Education has reviewed the Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 submission under the 2018-2019 Modular Classroom Program. The following modular classroom requests have been approved by Alberta Education:

- One modular classroom for Caledonia Park School
- Two modular classrooms for West Haven Public School

INCLEMENT WEATHER DISCUSSION

Trustees commented on complaints received regarding the cancellation of buses during inclement weather. The Trustees discussed this issue at a recent Committee of the Whole meeting with the Transportation Department. The safety of all students and staff has always been, and remains the main priority for BGRD. Trustees thanked staff for their ongoing support of Division policy on inclement weather concerns.

BLACK GOLD REGIONAL DIVISION TEN YEAR FACILITY PLAN

Superintendent Yanitski stated that last year, the Board had requested Administration to hire a consultant to complete a Ten Year Facility Plan as BGRD continues to grow. Roland Labbe, Raj Rajakuma, and Jennifer Thompson from Edmonton Public Schools are the consultants who attended the meeting to present the Ten Year Facility Plan and Three Year Capital Plan. The Consultants focused on the core values and planning principles of BGRD and visited 31 schools within our Division. Superintendent Yanitski thanked the Consultants for their due diligence in preparing the report on the Ten Year Facility Plan. The Board accepted the Ten Year Facility Plan as information, presented by the Consultants as follows:

• Short Term (1 to 3 Years)

- New high school in Leduc (Leduc)
- École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School Addition and Modernization (Beaumont)
- École Corinthia Park School Modernization (Leduc)
- Willow Park School Modernization (Leduc)
- New K-9 school in Southfork (Leduc)
- New K-9 school in West Leduc (Leduc)
- Robina Baker Elementary School Modernization (Devon)
- East Elementary Modernization (Leduc)



• Medium Term (3 to 5 Years)

- Leduc Composite High School Modernization (Leduc)
- New K-6 school in West Leduc (Leduc)
- École Leduc Junior High School Modernization (Leduc)
- Elan 10-12 High School (Beaumont)
- École Beau Meadow School Modernization (Beaumont)
- Plains Royer K-9 & Elan K-9 (Beaumont)



• Long Term (5 to 10 Years)

- New K-6 in Battery Creek (Devon)
- New Sarepta Community High School Modernization (New Sarepta)

THREE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN 2019-2022

The Board approved the 2019-2022 Three Year Capital Plan for submission to Alberta Education as presented, which includes:

New School & Modernization Requests:

1. Leduc: New High School (2019) – New Facility (opening capacity 1,000 students with room for an addition to accommodate 600 students)
2. Beaumont: École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School (2019) – Addition and Modernization
3. Leduc: École Corinthia Park School (2019) – Modernization
4. Leduc: Willow Park School (2019) – Modernization
5. Leduc; New K-9 school in Southfork (2020) – New Facility (capacity of 950 students)
6. Leduc: New K-9 School in West Leduc (2020) – New Facility (capacity of 700 students)
7. Devon: Robina Baker Elementary School (2020) – Modernization
8. Leduc: East Elementary School (2021) – Modernization

Superintendent Yanitski stated that BGRD is fortunate to be in a growing community, and the Division will request our communities to have shovel-ready sites to support this growth.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR FOR NEW BEAUMONT OUTREACH SCHOOL

Associate Superintendent Andres stated that BGRD has signed a long term lease agreement with the Town of Beaumont to build a new Outreach School. The Facility Department has prequalified General Contracts for the project and three compliant tenders were received. The Board approved the recommendation from our consultants, to accept the lowest tender from Prologic Construction Ltd. at a base bid of \$750,645 plus GST, as the General Contractor for the new Beaumont Outreach School.



SCHOOL VISITS

Trustees and Division Principal, Norm Dargis visited the following schools on February 22, 2018:

- Black Gold Outreach-Leduc, Covenant Christian and École Corinthia Park.

Trustees are completely amazed at the programs, activities and events happening at all schools, and are enjoying their visits.

