



**BLACK GOLD
REGIONAL
DIVISION NO. 18**

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



July 9 & 18,
September 12 & 19, 2018



**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL**

BOARD MESSAGE TO ALL STAFF



The Board of Trustees of Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 would like to thank all staff for a successful start to the 2018 - 2019 school year. It has been a busy summer for the Division as enrolment continues to grow and a number of projects take shape to improve the quality of the education we provide. The hard work and dedication of every BGRD staff member ensures that our students receive a high quality education in the environment they deserve.

OFF-CAMPUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

**Off-Campus
Education**

Associate Superintendent Romanchuk requested that the Board approve the Off-Campus Education Programs. Division Principal Dargis explained the Off-Campus Programs, and distributed a listing of the Off-Campus sites. Trustees commented that they are supportive of the Off-Campus Programs for our students and the communities.

The Board approved the involvement of students in the Off-Campus Education Program (Work Study, Work Experience, Registered Apprenticeship Program, Green Certificate) for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved designating Off-Campus Coordinators as the authority to sign that work sites/work stations have been visited and approved, with Division Principal Dargis to countersign the approvals as the designee.

SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Superintendent Yanitski made an official announcement that he will retire at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. For the last 18 years, he has dedicated his time to Black Gold Regional Division, and stated it has been a privilege to lead the team of devoted educators and support staff within Black Gold. His career in public education spans 38 years, and he joined BGRD in 2000 as Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, and in 2005, he became Superintendent of Schools. Superintendent Yanitski stated "I am grateful to have been a part of an organization which is committed to inspiring success in our students, I could not imagine a more fulfilling career".



Trustees thanked Superintendent Yanitski for his excellent work and positive attitude, he will definitely be missed as the leader of our Division for our staff and students! BGRD is the 'Dream Division', thanks to Dr. Yanitski.

Associate Superintendent Monty thanked Dr. Yanitski for his mentorship, building relationships throughout the community and with everyone involved with BGRD, and for the positivity that he spreads around. Associate Superintendent Romanchuk echoed everything that was said, and stated that Dr. Yanitski is also highly respected at Alberta Education and throughout school boards in Alberta.

FIELD TRIP REQUEST



The Board gave approval in principle to the field trip request from École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School. This field trip is to Milan,

Florence, Rome, Pompeii, Athens and Delphi from July 2 to 11, 2019, for 30 students from Grades 10 and 11 with four supervisors.



Thank you to our school custodians who work diligently day after day behind the scenes, keeping our schools clean and healthy for our students and staff.

Happy Custodian Appreciation Day—October 2, 2018

SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

At the July 9, 2018 Special Meeting of the Board of Education, the Board accepted the recommendation from Administration to enter into a CCDC2 contract with Interworks Contracting Ltd., in the amount of \$257,705 as the General Contractor for the administrative renovation at Riverview Middle School.

At the July 18, 2018 Special Meeting of the Board of Education, Associate Superintendent Andres provided information on the reason for Interworks Contracting Ltd.'s release from the administrative renovation project at Riverview Middle School.

The Board accepted the recommendation from Administration to release Interworks Contracting Ltd. from its contract for the administrative renovation project at Riverview Middle School, and enter into a new CCDC2 contract with Prologic Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$297,679 as the General Contractor for the administrative renovation at Riverview Middle School.



At the September 19, 2018 Special Meeting of the Board of Education, Chairman Martinson requested a Board motion for the Board's nomination of Kevin Cameron for the ASBA "Friends of Education" Award. Kevin Cameron is the Executive Director of the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response.

Mr. Cameron has worked with BGRD for almost two decades supporting the safety of our students and staff.

The Board approved the nomination of Kevin Cameron for the ASBA "Friends of Education" Award.

The World's Six Best Doctors . . . (excerpt from Steve Jobs final essay):

I reached the pinnacle of success in the business world. In some others' eyes, my life is the epitome of success. However, aside from work, I have little joy. In the end, my wealth is only a fact of life that I am accustomed to. I realize that all the recognition and wealth that I took so much pride in have paled and become meaningless. Material things lost can be found or replaced.

Treasure love for your family, love for your spouse, love for your friends. Treat yourself well and cherish others. As we grow older, and hopefully wiser, we realize that a \$300 or a \$30 watch both tell the same time. You will realize that your true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world.

Therefore, I hope you realize, when you have mates, buddies and old friends, brothers and sisters, who you chat with, laugh with, talk with, have sing songs with, talk about north-south-east-west or heaven and earth, that is true happiness! Don't educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be happy. So when they grow up they will know the value of things and not the price. Eat your food as your medicine, otherwise you have to eat medicine as your food.

The One who loves you will never leave you for another because, even if there are 100 reasons to give up, he or she will find a reason to hold on. There is a big difference between a human being and being human. Only a few really understand it. You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between, you have to manage!

The six best doctors in the world are sunlight, rest, exercise, diet, self-confidence and **friends**. Maintain them in all stages and enjoy a healthy life.

