



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

December 12, 2018



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Calmar Secondary School



Calmar Secondary School recently hosted the 2A Senior Girls Central Zone Volleyball Championship. Coach David Jenkins had high hopes for the Hawks team as they had played well all season. This is the first time in Calmar Secondary School's history that any Senior Girls volleyball team has won the 2A Zone Championship. Congratulations to the following team members and their coach: Nicole Greer, Shelby Armstrong, Tamika Woitt, Gracie Risser, Delainey Hansen, Jaedyn Cox, Katie Abel, Shea Andersen, Ciara Harrish, Camryn Cox and Head Coach: Mr. Jenkins.

École Champs Vallée School

Principal Patrick Gamache Hutchison introduced Ms. Amanda Green, Science teacher at École Champs Vallée School who loves to share her passion for science, and especially space!

At École Champs Vallée School in Beaumont, Grade 7 students are receiving an out-of-this world science education. This school year, teacher Amanda Green will send them to Mars, fictitiously of course.

Green developed the outline for the project working collaboratively with an Edmonton teacher, Julie Arsenault. Their idea has grabbed the attention of two organizations – Inside Education and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta – each of which have provided Green and Arsenault with a \$5,000 grant for the 2018-2019 school year. That money will help fund the supplies and physical resources needed for the project.

Ms. Green thanked BGRD for the opportunities she has had, and informed everyone that she is very interested in the topic of space and talked about some of her projects. A video presentation about her project was presented to the Board. Ms. Green was also invited to the Canadian Space Summit, and took part in a session called 'Space Matters'.

Chairman Martinson thanked Ms. Green for her presentation, for taking the initiative to apply for grants, and for being a good role model for students in the STEM project. Trustee Steed thanked Ms. Green for inspiring students.

Superintendent Yanitski thanked Ms. Green and Mr. Gamache Hutchison for attending the meeting. Superintendent Yanitski commented that this has been a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn about space.

Congratulations to Ms. Green who is proud to engage her students in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). Additional information regarding this project is available on the BGRD website at:

[BGRD teacher receives grants for extra-terrestrial learning experience](#)



MOMENT OF SILENCE



Trustees and Administration acknowledged a moment of silence for lost loved ones.

"Loss of a loved one is the worst thing anyone can handle..."

STUDENT EXCURSION REQUEST

The Board gave approval in principle to the student excursion request from École Bellevue School. The trip is to Ottawa, Québec City, and Montréal from June 20 to 26, 2019 for 16 Grade 6 French Immersion students with one teacher and parent volunteers.



SCHOOL VISITS



Trustees and Superintendent Yanitski attended visits to the following schools: New Sarepta Elementary, New Sarepta Community High, Leduc Composite High, École Leduc Estates, Linsford Park, Black Gold Home-Based and East Elementary. Trustees enjoyed the opportunity to congratulate the BGRD School Bus Poster Contest winners at École Leduc Estates and Linsford Park Schools.



RURAL CAUCUS ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA

At the last Board meeting, it was decided that the Board would join the Rural Caucus Association of Alberta, and Trustee Ofstie will be the Board representative on that Committee.

The Board approved that the Rural Caucus Association of Alberta be included in the list of BGRD Ad Hoc Committees.

The Board approved the appointment of Trustee Eckert as the alternate representative on the Rural Caucus Association of Alberta Committee.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Trustees held their Terms of Reference meeting for the Community Engagement Committee. Some of the roles and activities the Committee will work on are:

- Advocacy with their MLAs
- Council of School Councils – February 27th at West Haven Public School
- Terms of Reference – Trustee Klaassen informed the Board of the Terms

The Board accepted the Terms of Reference for the Community Engagement Committee.



What do you call an old snowman?

Water

What is a librarian's favourite Christmas song?

Silent Night

Where do you find chili beans?

At the north pole

Where do Santa's little helpers learn at school?

The elf-abet

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

Snowflakes

