



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

November 28, 2018



DRAFT 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR



Superintendent Yanitski presented a draft of the 2019-2020 BGRD school year calendar. The Board approved the draft calendar to be distributed to schools and School Councils to receive consolidated feedback prior to December 19, 2018. The feedback will be brought back to the Board on January 9, 2019.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

New Sarepta Community High School

Congratulations to NSCHS student Britney Volkman for winning the Women's 100 & 200 metre dash Wheel Chair Provincial Competition. NSCHS and all of Black Gold are proud of you Britney!



CACE



Congratulations to Communications Coordinator Carmen Pezderic, who recently won a BRAVO! Award by the Canadian Association of Communicators in Education (CACE). This award of merit was selected for the 2017 School Board Election Strategic Communication Plan. This national award program recognizes outstanding performance by members of CACE and the awards were presented at their annual conference in Toronto. Congratulations Carmen on this achievement!

ASBA Awards

Congratulations to Kevin Cameron, Executive Director of the North American Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response, on his recognition from the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA). The BGRD Board of Trustees nominated Mr. Cameron for the 2018 Friends of Education Award which he received at the awards ceremony on November 18th. The nomination and award recognized Mr. Cameron's role in the shift from reactive trauma response to proactive threat assessment and prevention through his development of the Violence/Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) protocols and training. We congratulate Mr. Cameron and thank him for his work to keep our children safe.



ESBCHS GYM & ADDITION DESIGN COMMITTEE



The Board directed Administration to form a Design Committee for the addition of a second gym and additional classrooms at École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School.

SCHOOL VISITS



Trustees and Superintendent Yanitski recently attended school visits to École J.E. Lapointe, École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High, École Champs Vallée and École Dansereau Meadows. Trustee O'Gorman commented that the staff at École J.E. Lapointe School should be commended as they go through the modernization of the school. Trustees also commented that the students are always so excited to lead the tours on their visit.

2017-2018 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Benji Waser, Partner with MNP; Kali Morris, MNP; Laurel Kvarnberg, Director of Finance; Chelsey Volkman, Finance Manager; Darren Gillet, Accounting Coordinator; and Crystal Braaten, Accounting Assistant of Black Gold Regional Division, attended the meeting to present the Audited Financial Statements for the period of September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018.



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, 2018 and the results of its operations, cash flows, and change in net debt and remeasurement gains for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards. In the Statement of Operations, the operating revenues totaled \$131,671,646 and expenses totaled \$131,937,919 with an operating deficit of \$266,273.

Mr. Waser reviewed the Management Letter which recommends that all manual journal entries made be approved by another person. On behalf of the MNP audit team, Mr. Waser commended Laurel Kvarnberg and the BGRD Finance team, and expressed MNP’s appreciation for the cooperation and assistance they received during the course of this year’s audit.

Mr. Waser addressed the Board on the Audit Findings Report for the Year ending August 31, 2018. The auditors have satisfactorily completed their audit and are prepared to sign the Auditors’ Report after the Board of Trustees’ review and approval of the financial statements. There was one change from the Audit Service Plan on the materiality levels which was based on the fact that the school Division grew in enrolment. Mr. Waser commented that next year the report will look different, as there are new changes coming to the report. An Independence Letter was submitted to the Board confirming that MNP is independent of Black Gold Regional Division No. 18. On behalf of the MNP audit team, Mr. Waser commended Laurel Kvarnberg and the BGRD Finance team, and expressed MNP’s appreciation for the cooperation and assistance they received during the course of this year’s audit.

Trustees thanked the auditors, and finance staff for a great job and professional work. Superintendent Yanitski expressed appreciation and congratulations on exceptional gold standard work to Associate Superintendent Andres, Laurel Kvarnberg, Chelsey Volkman, the Finance Department team, MNP, and to the Principals, staff and School Councils. Associate Superintendent Andres expressed appreciation to MNP for their professionalism, and their knowledge of school board finances; and a huge thanks to Laurel Kvarnberg, Chelsey Volkman, Darren Gillett, Crystal Braaten and the Finance Department.

Associate Superintendent Andres also recommended that the Board support the transfers to and from reserves as listed on the Schedule of Changes in Accumulated Surplus.



The Board accepted the Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 Audited Financial Statements and the Auditors’ Management Letter for the year ending August 31, 2018 for submission to Alberta Education, and acknowledges receipt of the Audit Findings Report and the Letter of Auditors’ Independence for the year ended August 31, 2018.

The Board supported the transfers to and from reserves as outlined on the Schedule of Changes in Accumulated Surplus.

TRUSTEE REMUNERATION & EXPENSES

The Board deferred a decision regarding Trustee compensation until the January 2019 Board meeting.

The Board approved that the Trustee expense reimbursements remain the same as 2017-2018 as follows:

- Kilometre rate \$0.53
- Living Expenses: Breakfast up to \$17.00
 Lunch up to \$17.00
 Dinner up to \$40.00
- Technology/Communication \$75.00/month
- Trustee Development to remain at \$2,800/year



LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSES

Associate Superintendent Romanchuk reported that we require Board approval to use the listed Locally Developed Courses.

The Board approved the use of the following Locally Developed Course:

- LDC 1413 – Dance 15
 - ◊ 5 Credit Level
 - ◊ Authorized from November 7, 2018 – August 31, 2019



2018-2019 REVISED BUDGET



Associate Superintendent Andres presented the Fall 2018 Update to the 2018-2019 Budget with the details of additional resources and assigned staffing. The Fall Budget projects a deficit of \$1,220,538 for 2018-2019. A few items that were addressed as a result of the changes were:

- Increased enrolment
- Allocated additional expenditures to ECS because the ECS-PUF program has expanded since the Spring budget
- Increased number of EAs due to enrolment growth

The Board accepted the Fall 2018 Update to the 2018-2019 Budget for Black Gold Regional Division No. 18.

The Board approved the transfer of \$1,148,894 from Administration Operating Reserves to Instructional Operating Reserves; and that the Board approve the transfer of \$522,955 from Administration Operating Reserves to Plant Operation and Maintenance Operating Reserves.

2019-2020 NEW MODULAR CLASSROOM REQUESTS

Associate Superintendent Andres presented an update to the New Modular Classroom Requests for the 2019-2020 school year to be submitted to Alberta Education. The Board approved the New Modular Classroom Requests as stated below for the 2019-2020 school year:

- 2 new modulares @ West Haven Public School (based on enrolment growth and programming changes)
- 5 new modulares (including one washroom unit) @ Caledonia Park School (based on enrolment growth)
- 3 new modulares (including one washroom unit) @ École Leduc Estates School (enrolment growth)
- 1 new modular @ East Elementary School (enrolment growth)
- 4 new modulares @ École Beau Meadow School (life-cycle replacement)



PLAYGROUND PILOT PROJECT

Superintendent Yanitski stated that Alberta Education announced a new Government of Alberta funded playground program. The pilot project will focus on playgrounds that are aging and in need of replacement. School boards are to identify their three highest-priority school playgrounds that meet all of the criteria.

Superintendent Yanitski consulted with the Maintenance Department to determine the order of priorities for the GOA Playground Pilot. Trustees thanked the Maintenance Department and Administration for their prompt and efficient work in obtaining the information.



The Board approved the following schools to be included in priority for the GOA Playground Pilot project for BGRD:

1. École Coloniale Estates School
2. Linsford Park School
3. École Leduc Estates School

FUNDING FOR TRI-HIGH FLEX DAYS

Associate Superintendent Romanchuk stated that the high schools on the west end (Tri-High – Warburg, Thorsby and Calmar) offered students two days to explore courses on a trial basis that may not be offered in their schools (eg. welding, boxing, guitar, song writing and forensics). The students were bused out to other schools, and worked on the courses they signed up for. As there were extra costs for substitute teachers and busing, Administration is asking for financial support to offset these costs. Students were very excited to try out these new opportunities.

The Board approved the extra financial support for the Tri-High flex program.



COMBINED THREE YEAR EDUCATION PLAN & AERR

Associate Superintendent Romanchuk presented the draft of the 2018-2019 to 2021-2022 Combined Three-Year Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report for Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 and highlighted some of the following sections to the Plan:

- Trends and Issues
- Summary of Accomplishments
- Strategic Plan 2018-21
- Accountability Pillar
- Budget and Capital Information
- Outcomes and Strategies



An executive summary of the report will be posted on the BGRD website.

Superintendent Yanitski thanked Associate Superintendent Romanchuk and Kelly Friesen, Administrative Assistant, for their hard work in putting the report together, and commented that other school boards have now copied our executive summary report.

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

SCHOLARSHIPS

Associate Superintendent Romanchuk received a letter from the estate of Michael Gidosh, a long term resident of Warburg. Mr. Gidosh bequeathed \$50,000 to Warburg school as an endowment for a yearly scholarship with the sum of \$1,500 being paid each year to the Grade 12 student attaining the highest grade point average. The annual payment shall continue until the scholarship fund has been depleted.

Associate Superintendent Romanchuk advised the Board of another donation from Terry Proskurniak who also grew up in Warburg. Terry Proskurniak has given \$5,000 each year for the last three years, with a commitment for 5 years for a student scholarship to help Warburg School graduates fund their post-secondary education. The first students graduated in 2016, and Mr. Proskurniak had the opportunity to meet two of the students at a recent celebration at the school. The students were very excited to personally meet and shake the hand of the man behind the donations and say thank you!



BGRD is very appreciative of these donations.

ATA INDUCTION



Chairman Martinson, Vice-Chairman Klaassen and Superintendent Yanitski attended the ATA Induction evening. Chairman Martinson stated it was an honour to attend with 23 new teachers being inducted. Superintendent Yanitski expressed thanks to the Black Gold Local #8 for an exceptional induction, and was appreciative for the opportunity to speak at the event.

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BOARD PLANNING SESSION

Administration and Trustees attended a recent Board Planning Session. Trustees thanked Administration and the various Departments for providing the information. Trustees commented that the sessions were very informative with a good opportunity to share and collaborate.



RURAL CAUCUS MEETING

Trustee Ofstie attended the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards meeting. This is a meeting where rural school boards discuss issues to help rural students in their communities. Trustee Ofstie proposed that BGRD pay \$500/year to be a part of the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards so that BGRD can provide awareness of what is happening in rural schools.



The Board approved the membership (\$500.00/year) into the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards.