



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

March 6, 2019



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

École Beau Meadow School

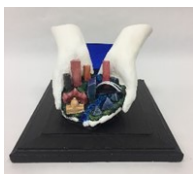
Four Grade 6 girls from École Beau Meadow School were able to participate in the Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Science and Technology (WISEST) Choices conference at the University of Alberta on February 20th. At the conference, they were able to speak with and observe different scientific fields that could be of interest to them. Some of the presenters talked about enzymes, proteins and catalysts, showing the girls how specific medicines are used to target different parts of our bodies, or different methods for cleaning up oil spills and protecting the environment. The girls ended their day by designing their own version of the Canadarm.



Congratulations to the students and their teacher, Mme Adrienne Biever, who were featured on the French news (*watch newsclip starting at 25:02*): RADIO-CANADA.CA

École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School

In January, the Youthful Cities organization recently named Edmonton the best place in Canada for youth to work. Youthful Cities approached ESBCHS Arts Teacher, Melissa Baron, to explore the possibility of a student-designed award. Baron recruited ESBCHS current students Emily Bayer and Hannah Walter, and alumnus Abbey Nyman, who created an award which was presented to Edmonton's Mayor at a recent ceremony.



The artists stated that they tried to capture the essence of how young people see Edmonton: "The nurturing cradle of hands represents the youth's influence on a prosperous city", and "We used bright, vibrant colours to breathe life into the sculpture, and depict the energy of the city."

Congratulations to these young artists and their teacher for their commitment and positivity in creating such a unique award!

More information at: [BGRD Students Design Award for National Organization](#)



INDIGENOUS AWARENESS IN BLACK GOLD

Kerri-Lynn Hickman, Assistant Principal at École Beau Meadow School attended the meeting for a presentation on Indigenous Awareness in Black Gold. Ms. Hickman acknowledged that BGRD is on Treaty 6 Territory. Ms. Hickman gave a brief outline of the Indigenous Awareness and how she became involved three years ago. There are 11 teachers in the Division that are trained to teach workshops, and make presentations for professional development. There are approximately 906 students that are self-identified as Indigenous in our Division. The schools are working hard to bring in Indigenous speakers, and participate in Indigenous activities. A framed Indigenous 'Statement of Apology' was presented to the Board. Superintendent Yanitski thanked Ms. Hickman for educating our staff on Indigenous Awareness.



SUPPORT LETTER - LEDUC SRO

Superintendent Yanitski stated that the Board received a request to write a letter of support to the City of Leduc for an additional School Resource Officer (SRO) in our area. This position would be funded by the City of Leduc. Trustees are in favour of having the SROs in our schools.



The Board will send a letter of support to the City of Leduc for the SRO position in Leduc.

SUPPORT LETTER - JMHS SCHOOL COUNCIL

At JMHS, the number of students who are vaping has increased. The School Council has discussed engaging the community on this issue, and is requesting a letter of support.

The Board approved writing a letter of support to the JMHS School Council, indicating that the BGRD Board of Trustees recognizes the issue of vaping in the community, and supports the School Council in advocating for a community-wide plan to be discussed and implemented.

COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCILS

Trustees attended the Council of School Councils meeting on February 27, 2019 at West Haven Public School. Trustees felt it was a great meeting to engage the community. There was good feedback from parents who attended.



ASCA CONFERENCE

The Board has agreed to pay the registration costs for four School Council members to attend the upcoming ASCA conference. The Board approved the payment of registration costs for any Trustee to attend the ASCA conference in April 2019.



SCHOOL VISITS

Trustees and Superintendent Yanitski attended school visits on February 13, 2019 to the following schools: Warburg, Warburg Hutterite Colony, Calmar Secondary and Calmar Elementary. Trustees enjoyed a very nice meal at the Warburg Hutterite Colony.



FRENCH IMMERSION CERTIFICATE

Superintendent Yanitski requested that BGRD send out certificates to graduating French Immersion students.



The Board approved that BGRD send certificates to graduating French Immersion Students.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Trustees and Administration observed a moment of reflection for families who are dealing with difficult issues.

THREE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN 2020-2023 NEW SCHOOL & MODERNIZATION REQUESTS

Associate Superintendent Andres presented the Three-Year (2020-2023) Capital Plan Submission for Black Gold Regional Division to be submitted to Alberta Education. There is a recommendation to change the order of school priorities from the Fall submission, and increase the capacity number for the New K-9 school in West Leduc from 700 to 950 students.

The Board approved the updated 2020-2023 Three-Year Capital Plan for submission to Alberta Education as presented which includes:

New School & Modernization Requests

1. Leduc: New High School (2020) – New Facility (opening capacity 1,000 students with room to accommodate an additional 600 students)
2. Leduc: École Corinthia Park School (2020) – Modernization
3. Leduc: New K-9 School in West Leduc (2020) – New Facility (capacity of 950 students)
4. Leduc: Willow Park School (2021) – Addition & Modernization (capacity of 450 students)
5. Leduc: New K-9 school (2021) – New Facility (capacity of 950 students)
6. Devon: Robina Baker Elementary School (2021) – Modernization
7. Leduc: East Elementary School (2022) – Modernization



STUDENT EXCURSION REQUEST

The Board gave final approval to the student excursion request from Leduc Composite High School. This excursion is to New York City, from April 17-22, 2019 for 20 Musical Theatre and Fine Arts students with four teacher supervisors.



LEASE - LEDUC SOCIETY FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Associate Superintendent Andres presented the lease for the Leduc Society for Christian Education. BGRD does not own Covenant Christian School, and it is time to renew the lease. The new lease reflects additional capacity in the school because of the addition of six modular classrooms. This is a proposed three-year lease with an opportunity to renew the lease for a period of two additional years.



The Board approved the lease for the Leduc Society for Christian Education, effective September 1, 2019, to be submitted to Alberta Education, and to request additional lease support from the government.

ATA PARTNERS IN EDUCATION LUNCHEON

Vice-Chairman Klaassen and Superintendent Yanitski attended the ATA Partners in Education Luncheon during the Teachers' Convention which was a good opportunity to interact and engage with ATA personnel and teachers.



ALBERTA RURAL EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

Trustee Ofstie and Superintendent Yanitski attended the Alberta Rural Education Symposium in Edmonton. The title of the conference was: Schools and Communities – Partners in Action.

Jon Ganton, Principal, Thorsby Junior-Senior High School and Wendy Maltais, Principal, Warburg School provided a presentation on the Tri-High program.



THE GIFT OF OPTIMISM

I will dwell on what is positive and focus on the strengths, talents, and beauty of others.

THE GIFT OF EXAMPLE

I will intentionally provide a role model that will influence others by positive example.