



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



May 29, 2019

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Covenant Christian School

Before Spring Break, the Grade 8 class at Covenant Christian School (with special help from their Grades 4-6 choir) put on an unbelievable production of the Disney classic: The Lion King Jr. The cast, crew, and choir brought audiences to their feet during four sold-out shows at the Maclab Centre. Though having done many successful shows over the years, The Lion King Jr. raised the bar once again.



A special thanks to Play Director Colin Ward and Choir Director Laura Glesman for their vision, hard work, and countless dedicated hours. It allowed students to highlight their talents, gifts and abilities, all while finding their place in the bigger story. Hakuna Matata!



École Beau Meadow School

Congratulations to the École Beau Meadow School Choir for achieving Gold at the Leduc Rotary Music Festival! Students attended twice-weekly practices from October to April and also performed at Remembrance Day Ceremonies and during Christmas season. We are so very proud of them!



Congratulations to Amy Claerhout, a previous Grade 6 French Immersion student, who was one of the winners of 'Little Inventors - Inventions for Space' out of approximately 3000 entries across Canada.

Last spring, Amy and other EBMS students participated in the space workshop. Amy's idea was called the 'Personnel Canadarm', a mini-version of the Canadarm for the washroom on the International Space Station with all the astronauts' personal hygiene items attached so they don't float out of reach.



Canadian Astronaut David Saint-Jacques announced the winners on board the International Space Station and commended Amy for her invention.

More information available at: [BGRD Student's Space Invention Named One of Top in Canada](#)
[NSERC - Little Inventors: Inventions for Space Challenge](#)

HONOURING SPIRIT: INDIGENOUS STUDENT AWARD



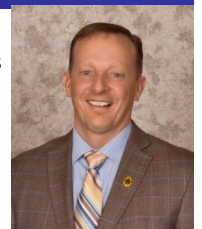
Chairman Martinson announced that Clarity Kruk, a Grade 4 student from École Bellevue School, received Honourable Mention for her story that was submitted to the ASBA Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award (2019). Chairman Martinson read the letter that was written to Clarity from the ASBA. Principal Jennifer El-Khatib and Assistant Principal Christine Ivanc commented on the positive influence Clarity has made within her community and school.



NEW ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT-LEARNING SERVICES

Chairman Martinson announced that Norm Dargis has been named Associate Superintendent of Learning Services effective September 1, 2019. The portfolio includes curriculum, alternative education programming, and technology, among other areas of responsibility. BGRD Superintendent-Elect Bill Romanchuk stated "Mr. Dargis' knowledge, experience and process skills will move Black Gold forward, I am delighted to work with him in this capacity".

Mr. Dargis thanked the Board and Committee for a great opportunity and looks forward to continuing the Black Gold tradition of success for all students.



ELECTORAL WARD REVIEW

Superintendent Yanitski explained that due to the municipal annexation of land from Leduc County and the City of Beaumont to the City of Edmonton, an Electoral Ward Review is required. BGRD has received official notification from the Government of Alberta of the annexation changes within our area.



The Board directed administration to engage a consultant to facilitate a Black Gold Electoral Ward Review.

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 Courses:

- **LDC1975, LDC2975, LDC3975 – Advanced Acting/Touring Theatre (2019) 15, 25, 35 - 3 & 5 Credits**
 - ◊ Authorized from September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2023
- **LDC1413 – Dance (2019) 15 - 5 Credits**
 - ◊ Authorized from September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2023
- **LDC3158 – Portfolio Art (2019) 35 - 3 & 5 Credits**
 - ◊ Authorized from September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2023
- **LDC1449, LDC2449, LDC3449 – YOGA (2019) 15, 25, 35 - 3 & 5 Credits**
 - ◊ Authorized from September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2023



STUDENT EXCURSION



The Board gave approval in principle to the student excursion from École J.E. Lapointe School. The excursion is to Quebec and Ottawa from June 22 to 28, 2020 for 62 Grade 7 French Immersion students.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION



Trustees and Administration observed a moment of reflection for those who have lost loved ones or are dealing with difficult issues.

EDWIN PARR AWARDS

Trustees Martinson, Klaassen and O’Gorman attended the Edwin Parr Awards banquet on May 24th and enjoyed celebrating with nominee Sydney Emerson, teacher at École Corinthia Park School.



ALBERTA SCHOOL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION

Trustees Martinson, Eckert, Klaassen, O’Gorman and Ofstie attended the recent Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) meeting.

The sessions were very informative with information that will be shared with School Councils.

ENHANCED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (EPDP) PILOT- 2019-2020

Terri Reid, Learning Services Coordinator, and Cindy McRae, teacher at École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School, attended the meeting to provide information on the Enhanced Professional Development Program (EPDP) Pilot.

Ms. Reid and Ms. McRae stated that the joint ATA/Black Gold Committee for the EPDP Pilot would like to extend this program for the 2019-2020 school year. Based on the feedback from members, some modifications to the original program have been incorporated to make it more equitable for all professional staff. As this is a Collective Agreement item, approval is required from the ATA Local and the BGRD Board of Education. The EPDP with the amendments was approved by the ATA Local at their last meeting. Trustees are supportive of professional development for teachers.

The Board extended the Enhanced Professional Development Program (EPDP) Pilot as amended by the joint committee for the 2019-2020 school year.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



STUDENT FEES

Associate Superintendent Andres presented the proposed School and Transportation Fees Schedule for 2019-2020. The approved fees will be posted on the individual school websites. Administration has proposed an adjustment/change in the following fees. The Board approved the recommendation from Administration for the proposed 2019-2020 Student Fees for the year ended August 31, 2020.

Division Technology Fees

- Grades 1-3 – payment of \$10.00
- Grades 4-12 – payment of \$20.00

Division Tuition Fees

(Day Extension Fees – Students 20 yrs+)

- 1 credit course – increase to \$125.00
- 3 credit course – increase to \$375.00
- 5 credit course – increase to \$625.00

- Pre-K Program – Community Children – remain at \$800.00
- Foreign Student or Out of Province – remain at \$12,000.00

Transportation Fees

- Bus Fee for Student Ineligible for Funding – increase to \$330.00
- Bus Fee for School/Program of Choice – increase to \$330.00
- Replacement Bus Pass – increase to \$11.00
- Ineligible/School of Choice Students – Family Maximum - \$330.00/student or \$785.00/family

Community Use Rental Rates

- Increase of \$5.00/hour for gym rentals for all groups



BOARD PLANNING SESSION



Trustees and Senior Administration attended the Board Planning Session on May 9 and 10, 2019 at the Coast Nisku Inn & Conference Centre. The two Principals that attended were Jennifer O'Brien from École Beau Meadow School and Jennifer El-Khatib from École Bellevue School. The Leadership Team from Division Office was also in attendance. Trustees thanked Administration for the preparation of the session and the information provided during the two days. Trustees also commented on the positive atmosphere at the session.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Associate Superintendent Andres stated that every five years the Division sends out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for our auditing services. The Finance Department has reviewed the proposals with set guidelines and criteria.



The Board accepted the recommendation from Administration to award the contract for auditing services to MNP LLP for the next five years, commencing the fiscal year ending August 31, 2019.

APPOINTMENT OF BANKING SERVICES

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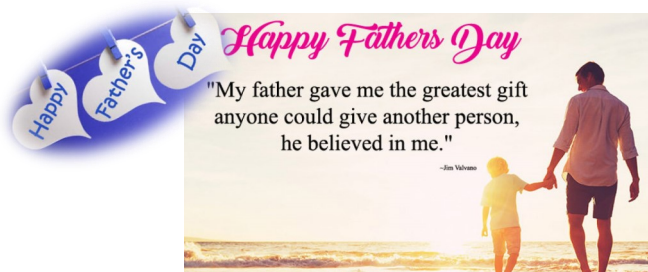
The Board accepted the recommendation from Administration to award the contract for banking services to Scotiabank for the next five years commencing June 23, 2019.

EXTENSION OF EXISTING BANK ACCOUNTS - TD BANK

Associate Superintendent Andres stated that our current banking agreement with Toronto-Dominion Bank expires on June 22, 2019. In order to facilitate the transition to an alternate banking services provider, the Finance Department recommends retaining the main bank account and the U.S. bank account with Toronto-Dominion Bank, Leduc for an additional 6 months, up to and including December 31, 2019. All other accounts including Deferred Salary Leave Bank Accounts and Scholarship Bank Accounts will be closed on June 22, 2019.



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Why did the cowboy get a weiner dog?

He wanted to get a long little doggie!

