



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

June 19 & 28, 2019



REVISED 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Superintendent Yanitski presented a Revised 2019-2020 School Year Calendar. There is a minor change to the calendar; the Support Staff PD Day will now be scheduled for one day only on October 21, 2019, and December 6, 2019 will be a PD Day for Certificated Staff only.



The Board approved the [Revised 2019-2020 School Year Calendar](#) which has been posted to the BGRD website.

DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to Chris Peacocke, Principal of École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School, who has received the Alberta Teachers' Association's Distinguished Leadership Award. The award recognizes Alberta school administrators who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students and honours creative, innovative, and effective leadership. The nomination for Peacocke highlighted his ability to connect with students, his focus on building relationships that benefit the entire school community, and his effective mentoring of staff.



Congratulations to Matthew Kierstead, Principal of École Coloniale Estates School, who was also a nominee for the Distinguished Leadership Award. Mr. Kierstead stated it is great to be in the same community as Mr. Peacocke, and to work with him.

Superintendent Yanitski stated that both Mr. Peacocke and Mr. Kierstead are truly leaders in our Division. The Division is proud to have both Principals as part of the Black Gold team.

CURRICULUM FIELD TESTING STUDENT EXCURSION



Associate Superintendent Romanchuk stated that the Board provided a letter of support to the Minister of Education regarding the new draft K-4 curriculum. The Board feels it is important that BGRD teachers and students have the opportunity to participate in both formal and informal field testing of the new draft K-4 curriculum beginning in the fall of 2019. The Board requests that the K-4 curriculum is fully implemented beginning September, 2020.

Associate Superintendent Romanchuk presented a student excursion request from Leduc Composite High School for approval in principle. The students will complete a module on Tourism to prepare for the trip.



The Board gave approval in principle to the student excursion request from Leduc Composite High School. The field trip is to a Senior Girls' basketball tournament in San Diego, California from December 27, 2019 to January 4, 2020. The field trip is for approximately 15 Grades 10-12 students with

approximately three supervisors. Trustees felt it is a wonderful cultural and athletic opportunity for the students.



Trustees and Administration observed a moment of reflection for colleagues who have lost loved ones or are experiencing difficult times.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AUTOMATION AND THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

Trustee Eilander, Superintendent Yanitski, Associate Superintendent Romanchuk, and Division Principal Dargis attended the Artificial Intelligence Automation Conference. There was discussion on the impact of artificial intelligence and automation on Alberta children, youth, families, schools and communities, and conversation about how this rapidly coming change to our society may impact public education systems in Alberta from kindergarten to post-secondary education.



BEAUMONT SCHOOLS BOUNDARY UPDATE

Division Principal Norm Dargis presented the update on the Beaumont Schools Boundary.

Purpose

To provide for consideration by the Black Gold Regional Division No.18 (BGRD) Board of Education an attendance boundary allocation recommendation for the Phase 7 development within the unassigned boundary of the Dansereau Meadows neighbourhood.

Background

Occupancy to residents will soon be granted in the new residential development (Phase 7) within the Dansereau Meadows neighborhood located in the North West section of the City of Beaumont. This area of land was not assigned to any of the existing school boundaries as part of the approved December 14, 2016 Beaumont Family of Public Schools Boundary and Grade Configuration Review as no residential development had occurred at the time.

Related BGRD Policies and Administrative Procedures

- BGRD Board Policy 17 Sections 3 and 4 indicate, "The Board will provide for the transportation of students who reside 2.4 km or further from their designated school. The Board may provide transportation for students residing less than 2.4 km from their designated school, or choosing to attend a school other than their designated school. Excepting for health and safety reasons, as individually established, these students will be required to pay an annual fee as determined by the Board. The associated transportation fee will be established during the budget process."
- BGRD Administrative Procedure 305 states, "It is important to set attendance boundaries for each school in the Division to allow for the efficient utilization of school facilities and resources and to allow for effective program planning."

Recommendation

That students from the Phase 7 development within the Dansereau Meadows neighbourhood attend École Dansereau Meadows School for K-9 English Programming and K-6 French Immersion Programming; French Immersion program students will transition to École J.E. Lapointe School for Grade 7-9; and all students will attend École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School for Grades 10-12.

Rationale

It was decided during the December 14, 2016 Beaumont Family of Public Schools' Boundary and Grade Configuration Review (SBGCR), to not assign the undeveloped areas of various neighborhoods until the school utilization rates related to the SBGCR were realized. Based on current school utilization rates in the Beaumont Public schools, École Dansereau Meadows School will have the space and resources to accommodate this new neighborhood expansion. The Phase 7 development is within 2.4 km of École Dansereau Meadows School. As such, should transportation be available, a transportation fee will apply to the families from this area.

The Board approved, commencing for the 2019-2020 school year, that students from the Phase 7 development within the Dansereau Meadows neighbourhood attend École Dansereau Meadows School for K-9 English Programming and K-6 French Immersion Programming; French Immersion program students will transition to École J.E. Lapointe School for Grade 7-9; and all students will attend École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School for Grades 10-12.



GENERAL CONTRACTOR - SCHOOL MODULARS



Associate Superintendent Andres presented the tender results for the General Contractor for the modular projects at École Leduc Estates School, West Haven Public School, and East Elementary School. The consultants and Administration recommend the contracts be awarded to Prologic Construction Ltd.

The Board accepted the recommendation from Administration to enter into a CCDC2 contract with Prologic Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$767,240 as the General Contractor for the modular project at École Leduc Estates School.

The Board accepted the recommendation from Administration to enter into a CCDC2 contract with Prologic Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$396,000 as the General Contractor for the modular project at West Haven Public School.

The Board accepted the recommendation from Administration to enter into a CCDC2 contract with Prologic Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$224,000 as the General Contractor for the modular project at East Elementary School.



GRADUATION CEREMONIES

Superintendent Yanitski commented that the graduations in each community have a special culture, and is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate with the students and staff.





2019-2020 BUDGET

Associate Superintendent Andres presented the 2019-2020 Budget.

Associate Superintendent Andres provided the Board with the proposed budget totaling \$135,010,925 in revenue, and \$135,408,027 in expenses for the 2019-2020 school year, for a projected deficit of \$397,102. The budget highlights, plans and assumptions were presented along with significant business and financial risks. The budget includes the assumption that enrolment growth is funded, that the Classroom Improvement Fund (CIF) is eliminated, that the cost of the ATA Central Agreement is not supported, and that Plant Operations and Maintenance funding is frozen.

The Budgeted Statement of Operations was presented along with the corresponding financial schedules. The Board will have an opportunity to revise the budget in the Fall. The budget is predicting a deficit in Operations and Maintenance of \$750,491.

Trustees expressed appreciation and thanks to Associate Superintendent Andres and the Finance Department for the budget preparation.

Trustee Eilander thanked Associate Superintendent Andres, and stated that the government needs to provide more funding so that major cuts are not required.

Trustee O’Gorman provided the following comments: The budget was an excellent and thorough walk through with our finance team. The input provided from our Resource Allocation Committee (RAC) has enabled the Board to provide direction while in essence driving blind in a provincial political environment of uncertainties and funding unknowns. This budget is cautious and includes reductions throughout the Division due to funding reductions and increased costs (such as CIF removal and Teachers’ Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA) costs that have not been supported). Given these current constraints, this budget reflects the Division’s main priority of keeping teachers in-front of kids.

Trustee Klaassen commented that the process involved several discussions which included the Resource Allocation Committee, Principals, Administration and the Board.

The Board approved the Budget Report to be submitted to Alberta Education for the year ending August 31, 2020 with the budget projecting \$135,010,925 in revenue, and \$135,408,027 in expenses for the 2019-2020 school year, for a projected deficit of \$397,102 for Black Gold Regional Division No. 18.

PASSING OF THE TORCH TO NEW SUPERINTENDENT



Superintendent Yanitski acknowledged a ‘Passing of the Torch’ to the new Superintendent, Bill Romanchuk. Superintendent Yanitski stated that it has been an honour to be the Superintendent for the past 14 years, and 5 years as the Associate Superintendent for Human Resources. Superintendent Yanitski wished Bill Romanchuk all the best in his new position.

Associate Superintendent Romanchuk stated that Dr. Yanitski has been a great mentor, a Senator of all the Superintendents in Alberta, and couldn’t have been a better role model.

Dr. Yanitski passed a school bell, symbolizing the future, over to Mr. Romanchuk.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - JUNE 28, 2019

At the June 28, 2019 Special Board Meeting, Associate Superintendent Andres presented the tender results for the General Contractor for the modular project at Caledonia Park School. The Board accepted the recommendation from Administration to enter into a CCDC2 contract with Krawford Construction Company Inc. in the amount of \$1,527,400 as the General Contractor for the modular project at Caledonia Park School.

