



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

February 5, 2020



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

New Humble Centre School marks 120 years!

New Humble Centre School was officially organized on January 22, 1900, marking this year as the school's 120th anniversary. Approximately 200 people - including current and former students, staff, teachers, volunteers, local businesses and community groups gathered on January 22, 2020 to celebrate the milestone.



The celebration included guest speakers, a history walk, trivia, student drama/musical performances, a skating party, celebratory cake and hot chocolate.

Thank you to the School Council and community for organizing the festivities and program. Congratulations to New Humble Centre School for creating a welcoming, caring, respectful, safe, and healthy school environment and serving the needs of the surrounding community for 120 years!



COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COMMUNITIES UPDATE

Superintendent Romanchuk announced that the Council of School Communities meeting will be February 26, 2020, 6:30 p.m. at West Haven Public School.

The scope of the meeting has changed so that BGSD can engage with more people in the communities. Invitations have been sent to students in grades 9 and up, to Mayors, Principals, and School Councils. Child care will be available. The agenda will have two discussion items:

- Fees
- Community services and partnerships.

All the information will be shared on the website after the meeting.



MOMENT OF SILENCE

Trustees, Administration and guests acknowledged a moment of silence for those who are dealing with difficult issues.



STUDENT EXCURSION

The Board gave final approval to the student excursion request from New Sarepta Community High School. The trip is to Berlin, Prague, Krakow and Budapest from March 27 to April 5, 2020 for 14 Grades 10-12 students with two teacher supervisors and one parent volunteer.



MEETING WITH MINISTER OF EDUCATION



On January 23, 2020 our School Board engaged with Education Minister Adriana LaGrange in a short meeting at the Leduc Recreation Centre.

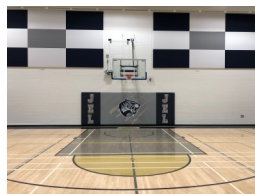
The purpose was to introduce the Minister to the school division, its demographics, the quality educational programming offered and Division dynamics. Trustees shared the core values that guide us, and the Division's core purpose "To Inspire Success"!

Trustees shared with the Minister, the Division's high academic standards, its ability to offer inclusive education and choices in programming for all students. They also expressed their gratitude for Provincial Government assistance in meeting the Division's needs as it continues to experience rapid growth.

Minister LaGrange also heard firsthand about the financial hardships Black Gold is facing. She heard very clearly that the Division is in an unsustainable and tenuous position as a result of the most recent Government budget. Despite the dire consequences the Division faced with the release of the budget in October, Black Gold committed to keeping staff in the schools to mitigate the negative impact on our students, teachers and communities by reducing funding to other departments and areas.

In conclusion, Minister LaGrange appreciated the comments, accepted suggestions/solutions as information but reiterated that there is no way out of Alberta's current staggering deficit except through austerity budgets and reducing services. She urged the Division to continue searching for efficiencies and to not expect changes in the direction provincial fiscal decision making is going. She also assured Trustees that the budget would come out in the spring, and will support small schools.

ECOLE J.E. LAPOINTE SCHOOL GRAND RE-OPENING



Superintendent Romanchuk announced that the Grand Re-opening of École J.E. Lapointe School will be Thursday, March 26, 2020.

The substantial completion on the school was achieved on December 20th, and all the spaces are now occupied. There was a lot of extra time spent on moving students to different spaces, and staff and students dealt with all the interruptions. At the end of the day, the school is a beautiful space.

There will be an article in the February issue of an architectural magazine, *Award*, that features École J.E. Lapointe School. The Communications Department will share the article with Trustees once a copy is received.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

The Board gave approval to Policy 4: Trustee Code of Conduct / Appendix 4: Trustee Code of Conduct Sanctions as revised.

The Board gave approval to Policy 11: Board Delegation - Authority as revised.

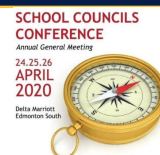
The Board gave approval to Policy 16: Recruitment and Selection of Personnel as revised.



ALBERTA SCHOOL COUNCIL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The ASCA conference will be held April 24 to 26, 2020 in Edmonton. The Conference is called 'School Council: Leading with Purpose'. Registration is now open. The Board will continue to sponsor four School Council members and one School Council Member from a new formation to attend.

Direction was given to Administration to continue with this process.



PANDEMIC PLAN UPDATE



Associate Superintendent Monty stated that due to the coronavirus scare in the world, it is prudent to update and provide awareness of the Division's Pandemic Plan. The Plan focuses on prevention, staff and children/students need to wash hands and stay home if sick.

The Plan is in place and has been shared with Principals to place in their school newsletters.

