



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

April 8, 2020



OPENING COMMENTS & MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Chair Klaassen delivered opening comments before taking a moment of reflection. She explained some of the following changes to the meeting format as a result of COVID-19 health and safety regulations.

- ◆ The County Centre building is currently closed to the public, therefore, the Board meeting is being live-streamed to allow for public access.
- ◆ Those attending the meeting today are in the large meeting room rather than the Boardroom to ensure proper physical distancing.
- ◆ As well, some Trustees are joining remotely.

“These are but a few of the many changes and adaptations Black Gold has had to make as we adjust our sails to weather this storm. Front line staff have had to very quickly learn and adapt to a new model of delivering education, and are doing so while supporting our students and families during this crisis, yet also facing stressful circumstances of their own. Administration and Division Office are rallying to meet the demands of leading staff, ensuring resources are in place, and moving forward with critical planning, staffing processes, and budgeting for the upcoming school year.”

“In the words of Dr. Deena Hinshaw, “We are in this together ... even if we’re far apart.”

But while it is stormy now, we know this won’t last forever. As the governing body of this organization, it is our duty ... our responsibility ... to look to the future. To pave the way for our school division post-COVID.”

“So today, before we begin, let us all join together in a moment of reflection.

Reflect:

- ◆ on what we have overcome and what we will continue to face.
- ◆ on gratitude for those on the front lines working to keep us safe.
- ◆ on the strength of connection and uniting during this time.
- ◆ on the resiliency and flexibility of our staff, students, and families as they – we face what has, for the time being, become our new normal.”



SHOW US! CONTINUITY OF LEARNING

Superintendent Romanchuk shared that the Division is participating in a provincial campaign to highlight some of the changes and challenges that our teachers and students are facing.

#ABLearningAtHome is a provincial campaign, which was initiated by the College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS), to highlight the education continuity efforts made by students, parents and teachers during these unpredictable times.

The Division will be showcasing how the gap between school and home is being bridged and how our teachers are helping to engage students in this ever-changing situation.

Submissions can be submitted to the Black Gold School Division’s Communication Department (carmen.pezderic@blackgold.ca) using #ABLearningAtHome and/or #BGSDLearningAtHome.

The full details regarding this social media campaign have been sent out to teachers.



NEW HUMBLE CENTRE SCHOOL

Superintendent Romanchuk shared various submissions regarding New Humble Centre School (NHCS):

- ◆ An email from Bill Orlick.
- ◆ A letter from Pam Hebner.
- ◆ A video presentation of New Humble Centre School families depicting living a rural lifestyle.
- ◆ A video presentation submitted by NHCS School Council Chair, Cheryl TeRietstap, featuring New Humble Centre School students with comments from students.
- ◆ A report entitled "How Much?" submitted by the New Humble Community Group.



Associate Superintendent Dargis presented to the Board, the recommendation report on the possible closure of New Humble Centre School. The process will then follow on April 22nd with the Board's decision.

Associate Superintendent Dargis outlined the lengthy process and provided the recommendation as per the Working Committee. The recommendation report states that:

- ◆ that the Board approve a motion to close New Humble Centre School, effective the end of the school day, June 30, 2020.

And if the recommendation is approved:

- ◆ that the Board approve a motion that New Humble Centre School students be designated to Calmar Elementary School.

Some of the key considerations in the recommendation were programming, operational and instructional costs, capital costs, community suggestions, and the New Humble Community Group Business Plan.

Chair Klaassen addressed the Trustees stating it is now the responsibility of the Board to review the report in length and formulate a decision. Administration is available to respond to questions about the report, but there will not be any further investigation.

Any further communication related to this matter from the public is to be sent to the Division by email only – bgsd@blackgold.ca. Messages sent to individual trustees will no longer receive a response. All emails will be shared with all trustees before responses will be sent out.

THREE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

The Board approved the updated 2021-2024 Three-Year Capital Plan for submission to Alberta Education as presented which includes:

New School & Modernization Requests:

1. Leduc: École Corinthia Park School (2021) – Modernization
2. Leduc: Solution for Willow Park School / Bridgeport (New 950 capacity K-9) (2021) – Replacement
3. Devon: Robina Baker Elementary School (2022) – Modernization
4. Leduc: New K-9 school (2022) – New Facility (capacity of 950 students)
5. Leduc: East Elementary School (2023) – Modernization



*Thank You
to All the
Amazing
People
Working
Hard
Taking Care
of Us
and
Saving
Lives.*

VTRA PROTOCOLS

Chair Klaassen and Trustee Ofstie attended the breakfast for the Leduc and Area Community Violence Threat and Risk Assessment (VTRA) and Intervention Protocols.

Trustees are proud that we have the VTRA Protocols in place and thanked the BGSD VTRA team.

The Board signed off on the approved VTRA Protocols.



*STAY home
Stay SAFE*

YEAR-END STUDENT EXCURSIONS

CANCELLED

Associate Superintendent Dargis advised that there were four student excursions planned in June to early July. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all student excursions will need to be cancelled.

The Board approved the cancellation of all student excursions up to the end of the 2019-2020 school year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

BEAUMONT 50TH AVENUE STREETScape PROJECT

Associate Superintendent Andres provided an update on the Beaumont 50th Avenue Streetscape Project. The City of Beaumont Council has approved the continuation from the preliminary design completed in 2017, and the project will now be in two stages.

Stage 1 will consist of the utility relocations and alley reconstruction, and Stage 2 will be the 50th Avenue Streetscape from 50 – 55 Street including changes to École Bellevue School bus drop-off and on-street parking. The completion date is expected by the end of the summer.



Children Learn what They Live

By Dorothy Law Nolte, Ph.D.



- If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.
- If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.
- If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive.
- If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves.
- If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.
- If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.
- If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.
- If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.
- If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.
- If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.
- If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.
- If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal.
- If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.
- If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.
- If children live with fairness, they learn justice.
- If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.
- If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and in those about them.
- If children live with friendliness, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.

