



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

November 26, 2014



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Congratulations to the Thorsby Senior High Girls' Volleyball team on their Bronze medal win at the 1A Provincial Playdowns in Caroline, AB on November 20th to 22nd. With a roster of two grade 12 students, three grade 11 students and three grade 9 students, their small team showed a lot of character and depth as they represented both the Division and Zone throughout the season.



BLACK GOLD 2017 VIMY RIDGE FIELD TRIP



Associate Superintendent Romanchuk stated that approximately eight months ago, Trustee Nosyk had approached Administration with the idea of a field trip for students to go to Vimy Ridge to mark the 100th Anniversary in 2017. A Committee was formed at that time to develop the innovative and fundraising ideas for students as this will be a huge celebration. Now, a short video has been created and is being presented to students and school councils. A target of 500 grade 11 and 12 students from all of our high schools within the Division will be eligible to go.

Superintendent Yanitski commented that this is the first time our Division has provided a field trip for all of our high schools to be involved together, and this will be a very important historical opportunity for students.

2014-2015 REVISED BUDGET

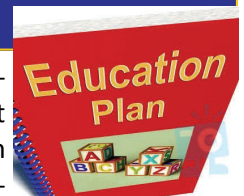
Associate Superintendent Andres presented the Revised Budget for 2014-2015, with the details of additional resources and assigned staffing. Changes to the assumptions from the spring budget were also explained. The Revised Budget projects a deficit of \$1,119,433 for 2014-2015.



The Board accepted the Revised Budget Update for 2014-2015 for Black Gold Regional Schools.

THREE YEAR EDUCATION PLAN & AERR

Associate Superintendent Romanchuk presented the draft 2014-2015 Three Year Education Plan and Alberta Education Results Report (AERR) and highlighted some of the changes for the Plan.



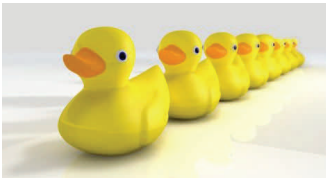
The Board approved the 2014-2015 Three Year Education Plan and Alberta Education Results Report for Black Gold Regional Division No. 18.

2013-2014 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Benji Waser, auditor with MNP, Laurel Kvarnberg, Director of Finance, and Marty McCrea, Accounting Coordinator of Black Gold Regional Schools, attended the meeting to present the Audited Financial Statements.

Mr. Waser stated that on behalf of the audit team, MNP made no adjustments and again, have issued a clean, unqualified audit report.

Audited
Financials



The Board accepted the Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 Audited Financial Statements and the Auditors' Management Letter for the year ending August 31, 2014 for submission to Alberta Education, and acknowledged receipt of the Audit Findings Report and the Letter of Auditors' Independence for the year ended August 31, 2014.

INNOVATION FUND

Superintendent Yanitski thanked the Board for supporting innovative ways to work with students. The Board established an Innovation Fund that has allowed staff, students and School Councils to submit proposals. A Committee consisting of the Division Principal, two Principals, Trustees Koroll and Nosyk reviewed the proposals. There were 36 proposals submitted with 13 proposals totalling \$94,773.66 being selected for their innovative fund projects.

The Board approved the recommendation from the Innovation Fund Committee to accept the successful proposals for the 2014-2015 Innovation Fund.



FIELD TRIP REQUEST

The Board gave final approval to the field trip request from Leduc Composite High School to Anaheim, California for a Senior Boys' and Girls' Basketball tournament from December 26, 2014 to January 3, 2015 for 20 Grades 10 to 12 students with four supervisors.



MOMENT OF SILENCE

Trustees and Administration acknowledged a moment of silence for trustees and staff who have recently lost loved ones.



BLACK GOLD WELLNESS SYMPOSIUM

Superintendent Yanitski announced that the 2nd Annual Black Gold Wellness Symposium for students from grades 7-12 was held on November 6th at the Leduc Recreation Centre. The symposium was based on leadership concepts and how to encourage wellness in yourself and your community. The Symposium was hosted by the Wellness Committee and Chair, Cheryl Hafso. School team wellness leaders led some of the sessions and students participated in different groups and attended sessions.



BOARD ELECTORAL WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW

ASBA Consultant, Brian Callaghan addressed the Board to review the electoral ward boundaries. Mr. Callaghan referenced the motion that was passed on September 17, 2014 - that the Board authorize the Superintendent to engage ASBA to conduct an electoral ward boundary review and make recommendations to the Board. Mr. Callaghan stated that this review will proceed under the current School Act.



Chairman Lemke thanked Mr. Callaghan for starting the work of the review, and is looking forward to working through the process. A recommendation will be provided to the Board, by the end of the school year.

SCHOOL VISITS



On October 10, 2014, Superintendent Yanitski and Trustees visited the following schools: New Humble Centre, Thorsby Elementary and Thorsby Junior-Senior High School.

ATA INDUCTION



The Black Gold ATA inducted new teachers on November 21st. Chair Johnette Lemke, Superintendent Yanitski, principals and teachers attended to honour the new teachers, and welcome them into the teaching profession.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

Auto Insurance



Associate Superintendent Romanchuk addressed the liability insurance recommendation stating that parents/staff should now have \$2,000,000 liability for driving students to extra-curricular activities. Associate Superintendent Romanchuk introduced Janice Boiko, representative for Lloyd Sadd Insurance.

Ms. Boiko stated that there are two reasons why there is a recommendation for the liability insurance to increase from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. It is to protect our volunteers and the School Board. A Q & A session ensued.

Administration, after considering the strong recommendation for the increase, has updated our Administrative Procedures to reflect the increase to \$2,000,000. If the Board would like to change the procedure, then Administration will need to be directed by the Board.

The Board deferred the matter to the next Board meeting on December 10, 2014.

CITY OF LEDUC LETTER

Trustees discussed comments from City of Leduc elected officials, which were published in the October 31, 2014 Leduc Rep newspaper. Trustees felt that the comments regarding a grant request from the BGRS Wellness Committee were not accurate. Chairman Lemke, Trustees Martinson and Nosyk spoke to City of Leduc officials about their concerns, and have since received a letter of apology from the City of Leduc.



ROYAL CANADIAN



LEGION

The Board contribute \$100.00 every year to the Royal Canadian Legion branches in the Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 area in recognition for their service and contributions to our students, staff and communities.

2015-16 MODULAR REQUESTS & RELOCATION



Associate Superintendent Andres presented recommendations for the new modular requests for 2015-2016. This is a requirement by Alberta Education. Also presented was the recommendation of approval for relocation of the portable modular classroom requested for 2015-2016.

The Board approved the new modular requests for 2015-2016 as listed below, and approve the relocation of the portable modular classroom requested for 2015-2016:

- ◆ 2 modulsars for École Dansereau Meadows School (enrolment pressures due to residential growth in Beaumont)
- ◆ 2 modulsars for Caledonia Park School (enrolment pressures due to residential growth in Leduc)
- ◆ 8 modulsars for Caledonia Park School (life cycle replacement and possible Health and Safety concerns)
- ◆ 1 modular to be moved from New Humble Centre School and relocated to Willow Park School (enrolment pressures due to residential growth in Leduc)

LETTER—CONSEIL SCOLAIRE CENTRE-NORD

Superintendent Yanitski reported that the Board received a letter requesting to amend our Beaumont School Site Allocation Agreement to add the Francophone School Board in Beaumont. This Agreement initially was between the Town of Beaumont, Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 and St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 28.

The Board approved the amendment to include the Conseil Scolaire Centre-Nord in the Beaumont School Site Allocation Agreement between the Town of Beaumont, Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 and St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 38.



Patience.



PATIENCE

Is A Virtue

Give me patience when little hands
Tug at me with ceaseless, small demands.
Give me gentle words and smiling eyes,
To keep my lips from hasty, sharp replies.
Let not fatigue, confusion or noise
Obscure my vision of life's fleeting joys
So when in years to come my house is still,
Beautiful memories its rooms may fill.

Unknown

**Patience is not about how long
someone can wait.**

**It's about how well they
behave while they wait.**