



# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

November 25, 2015



## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

### Calmar Secondary School

Congratulations to Calmar Secondary Cardboard Boat Race Teams! The Senior High team won Silver in their division, and the Junior High team sailed to victory bringing home Provincial Gold! The races took place in Red Deer on October 30th.



**Junior Team**  
Zach Day, Erik Saliba,  
Stephan Van Den Eynden,  
Austin Pyrch



**Senior Team**  
Tyler de Milliano, Sage Soosay,  
Cassidy Kabanuk, Edith Peeters

Armed with cardboard, duct tape and a few other odds and ends, Calmar Secondary students applied their skill and ingenuity to transform these materials into a vessel for the water. Not only did their "boat" need to be quick, but it had to be capable of carrying passengers as well. This challenge involved design, research and presentation, principles of structure, strength, rigidity, water permeability, propulsion, friction and direction control, buoyancy and displacement, adhesives and bonding, teamwork and FUN!

### École Corinthia Park School

On Friday, October 16th, the École Corinthia Park School (ÉCPS) choir attended an Edmonton Oil Kings game. The staff, students and parents took part in an evening celebrating French language and culture, while enjoying the hockey game. As a special treat, the ÉCPS choir performed the national anthem in French for the fans at Rexall. Even though the Kings lost 4-2, it was a win for the students.



## 2014-2015 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MNP Engagement Partner Benji Waser, MNP Audit Senior Madisyn Achtymichuk, Director of Finance Laurel Kvarnberg, and Accounting Coordinator Marty McCrea of Black Gold Regional Division No. 18, attended the meeting to present the Audited Financial Statements for the period of September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015. In the Statement of Operations, the operating revenues totaled \$107,125,494 and expenses totaled \$109,361,484.

Mr. Waser reviewed the Management Letter which confirmed that the accounting system is operating as intended and that the accounting staff has maintained the files and accounting records very well, with consistent attention to detail and to overall accounting issues.



The Board accepted the Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 Audited Financial Statements and the Auditors' Management Letter for the year ending August 31, 2015 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, 2015.

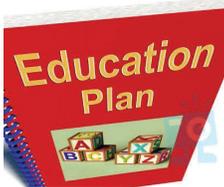
## 2015-2016 REVISED BUDGET

Associate Superintendent Andres presented the Revised Budget for 2015-2016, 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 \$1,526,384 for 2015-2016.



The Board accepted the Revised Budget Update for 2015-2016 for Black Gold Regional Division No. 18.

## THREE YEAR EDUCATION PLAN & AERR



Associate Superintendent Romanchuk presented the draft 2015-2016 Three Year Education Plan and Alberta Education Results Report (AERR) and highlighted some of the amendments to the Plan. Associate Superintendent Romanchuk thanked Kelly Tremblay, Administrative Assistant, for her hard work on the report, and the summary developed that will be posted on the BGRD website on November 30, 2015.

The Board approved the 2015-2016 Three Year Education Plan and Alberta Education Results Report for Black Gold Regional Division No. 18.

## MINISTERIAL LETTER



Chairman Lemke announced that we have received a letter from the Minister of Education, David Eggen, stating that we have approval for the modernization of École J.E. Lapointe School and the new elementary school, École Champs Vallée School, in Beaumont.

## LEDUC ENROLMENT



Superintendent Yanitski stated that our communities are growing. Administration is requesting approval from the Board to review the enrolment in Leduc before the new school, West Haven Public School, is opened. Associate Superintendent Andres stated that the Consultant will be reviewing the enrolment projections for the City of Leduc.

The Board requested Administration to review the enrolment projections in Leduc to determine if any minor adjustments are required for the Leduc Boundary and Grade Configuration decision of June 18, 2014.

## BEAUMONT BOUNDARY & GRADE CONFIGURATION



Superintendent Yanitski stated that due to the construction of another new school in Beaumont (École Champs Vallée School), the Division needs to establish a Beaumont Boundary and Grade Configuration Committee. The community, staff and parents will be involved in the configuration discussions.

The Board requested Administration to establish a Beaumont Boundary and Grade Configuration Committee, given the future construction of a new school (École Champs Vallée School).

## CTS & CTF

Associate Superintendent Romanchuk expressed appreciation on behalf of the Principals for the extra funding for evergreening the CTS and CTF courses.



## MODULAR REQUESTS

Associate Superintendent Andres presented recommendations for the new modular requests for 2016-2017. This is a requirement by Alberta Education.



The Board approved the new modular requests for 2016-2017 as listed below:

- ◆ 2 modulares for École Beau Meadow School (enrolment pressures due to residential growth in Beaumont)
- ◆ 1 modular for East Elementary School (enrolment pressures due to residential growth in Leduc)
- ◆ 1 modular for Leduc Composite High School (enrolment pressures due to residential growth in Leduc)
- ◆ 2 modulares for Robina Baker Elementary School (life-cycle replacement)
- ◆ 3 modulares for École Beau Meadow School (life-cycle replacement)

## FIELD TRIPS

The Board gave approval in principle to the field trip request from École Bellevue School. This field trip is to Quebec City, Montreal, Trois-Rivières and Ottawa from June 4 to 10, 2016 for 15 Grade 6 students with one teacher supervisor and parent chaperones.



The Board gave final approval to the field trip request from École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School. The trip is to New Waterford, Nova Scotia for a basketball tournament from January 30 to February 7, 2016 for 11 Grade 11 students with three supervisors.

The Board gave approval in principle to the field trip request from École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School and New Sarepta Community High School. The trip is to attend music clinics in Kelowna, BC, from May 11 to 14, 2016 for 43 Grades 9 to 12 students with four supervisors.



The Board deferred final approval of the field trip request from Leduc Composite High School to the Board meeting on February 10, 2016. The trip is to France and Monaco from June 30 to July 8, 2016 for 18 Grades 10 and 11 students with two supervisors.

The Board deferred final approval of the field trip request from Leduc Composite High School to the Board meeting on December 9, 2015. The trip is to Austria, Germany, Switzerland and Liechtenstein from March 22 - 31, 2016 for 17 Grades 10 and 11 students with two supervisors.

## VIMY RIDGE FIELD TRIP



Associate Superintendent Romanchuk provided information from the Travel Tour Group regarding the 2017 Vimy Ridge field trip. The Committee held meetings with the team leaders and teachers to discuss the travel insurance. Trustees requested clarification on insurance, and discussed possible cancellation of the trips and the outcome for students and parents. The fundraising that students and parents have done was also discussed.

Associate Superintendent Andres provided information on the fundraising processes that are in place for the entire Division. Trustees and Administration discussed the safety of the trip, and how far in advance can cancellation occur if needed. There was also concern of costs for supervisors, and whether this information is relayed back to parents and students. The Board may cancel the trip at any time.

Trustees and Administration discussed the entire aspect of continuing international travel, as safety of the students and staff is the main concern. Trustees and Administration will discuss international travel trips in further detail at a future meeting.