



**BLACK GOLD  
REGIONAL  
DIVISION NO. 18**

# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

January 13, 2016



## LEDUC GRADE CONFIGURATION UPDATE

Superintendent Yanitski stated that the Board had requested Administration to review the Leduc grade configuration due to new enrolment growth and the opening of West Haven Public School. This review process started in October 2013 and included several staff, School Councils, and community engagements, after which recommendations, forwarded by the Leduc Configuration Review Committee, received Board approval on June 18, 2014. Division Principal Norm Dargis provided information on the suggested changes from the Leduc configuration review with three options proposed by the Configuration Committee as follows:



Options:

- A. Retain the Leduc Boundary and Grade Configuration decisions as approved on June 18, 2014.
- B. Have the Leduc Estates School Grade 6 English students remain at Leduc Estates School commencing the fall of 2016.
- C. Have the Leduc Estates School Grade 6 English students remain at Leduc Estates School commencing the fall of 2016; and have all English Grade 7, 8 and 9 students from within the Leduc Estates attendance boundary attend Ecole Leduc Junior High School rather than West Haven Public School.

Trustees discussed the three options asking for clarification. Trustee Nosyk stated that the public in that area will be appreciative of Option B.

The Board accepted the recommendation from the Leduc Grade Configuration Committee to proceed with Option B which states:

“Have the Leduc Estates School Grade 6 English students remain at Leduc Estates School commencing the fall of 2016.”

## TEACHER EXCHANGE



Marianne Auch, Teacher at École Dansereau Meadows School, attended the meeting to provide a slide presentation on a teacher exchange trip she took to Germany in July 2015 to a school in Hofheim, Germany (near Frankfurt). Mrs. Auch applied for a short-term professional exchange and was accepted. Mrs. Auch found the experience very interesting to engage in the different culture, the interaction of the students, and observe how the school programs are taught. Mrs. Auch was also able to live with a German family while she was there. Mrs. Auch thanked the Board for the opportunity. Superintendent Yanitski thanked Mrs. Auch for attending the Board meeting and showing her slide presentation. Chairman Lemke thanked Mrs. Auch for her presentation.

Ways to show kids you care . . .

- ☺ Share their excitement.
- ☺ Play with them.
- ☺ Set boundaries that keep them safe.
- ☺ Unwind together.
- ☺ Include them in conversations.
- ☺ Make decisions together.
- ☺ Expect their best, don't expect perfection.
- ☺ Love them, no matter what.



## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT—CUPE 1674

The Board ratified the Memorandum of Agreement with CUPE #1674, the Maintenance Department. The agreement includes:

- ◆ 3 year term until August 31, 2018
- ◆ 2% increase retroactive to September 1, 2015
- ◆ 1% increase for September 1, 2016, and 1% increase for September 1, 2017
- ◆ Vacation time – up to 8 years entitled to 15 days, after 8 years to 20 days
- ◆ Employer portion of benefits increase from 94% to 95%
- ◆ Grid steps reduced from 8 steps to 5 steps
- ◆ Annual subsidy for the cost of CSA approved work-related footwear increases from \$150.00 to \$200.00
- ◆ Included-if there is an increase to the Plant Operations and Maintenance grant funding rate from Alberta Education at any time over the lifetime of this collective agreement, an additional 1% increase will occur in the third year



## IMR & CAPITAL UPDATE

Preventative  
Maintenance  
Plans



Associate Superintendent Andres stated that there is a School Facility Condition Index (FCI) on all of our schools, and this is a key indicator used by Alberta Education as to when schools are considered for modernization. Director of Facilities Dan Borys provided the FCI report which assists in our capital planning. Project and Maintenance Coordinator Robert Krahn provided an update on capital projects throughout the Division. Robert Krahn explained the Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) Program Report that explains projects that are taking place now or that will occur in the schools this year.



Trustees stated that the Maintenance staff perform a great job on our schools, and commented, “Keep up the great work!”. Superintendent Yanitski commented that the Maintenance Department have exceeded all expectations on the delivery of work, what has been accomplished, and how well communications have been with Alberta Infrastructure and Alberta Education, and thanked the Department. Dan Borys extended his appreciation to the Principals in the schools for their cooperation during the projects. Chairman Lemke thanked the staff, and stated they hear accolades and appreciation from staff in the schools when the Board is out on school visits.

## SCHOOL VISITS

Trustees and Superintendent Yanitski attended visits to the following schools on January 7th: New Sarepta Community High, New Sarepta Elementary, and Leduc Composite High. Trustees commented that the student tour leaders are exceptional.



## CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Trustees attended numerous school Christmas concerts/drama/band events and expressed appreciation and thanks to all of the staff for their extra time spent planning the events. Students were excited to see the Trustees and Administration who attended the events.



## FUNDRAISING

Associate Superintendent Romanchuk distributed the Administrative Procedure 520 Fundraising from the Administrative Procedures Manual, and the Division Fundraising Guidelines that are administered. Trustees discussed the guidelines.