



**BLACK GOLD
REGIONAL
DIVISION NO. 18**

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



April 13, 2016

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

ASBOA Long Service Recognition

Congratulations to Associate Superintendent Business & Finance Ruth Andres and Director of Finance Laurel Kvarnberg who will be recognized by the Association of School Business Officials of Alberta (ASBOA) at their May 10th Annual Conference. Both of these individuals have been members of ASBOA for 20 years which speaks highly of their commitment to the Association, our Division, education and the profession of school business.



The business side of education is unique and multi-faceted, and both Ruth and Laurel have a wealth of knowledge and expertise in school business. Over the years, they have generously shared their experiences and knowledge with others and continue to do so. Superintendent Yanitski thanked Ruth and Laurel for their contributions, professionalism and outstanding service.



CanBuildIt

Congratulations to Black Gold Regional Division No. 18 (BGRD) Division Office Staff and Leduc County who won the CanBuildIt Contest. The Derrick was made up of 1,857 lbs of food with a dollar value of \$4,642.50 donated to the Food Bank. Thank you to all Division Office Staff who participated in this worthy cause!



LCHS Awarded \$10,000 EDMA Grant

Congratulations to the Leduc Composite Career & Technology Studies (CTS) Mechanics Program which was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Edmonton Motor Dealers' Association (EMDA). The EMDA coordinates the Annual Edmonton MotorShow and LCHS CTS Mechanics students and staff have been invited for a VIP tour and presentation of the grant at the 2016 Edmonton Motorshow at the Expo Centre in Edmonton on April 8th.



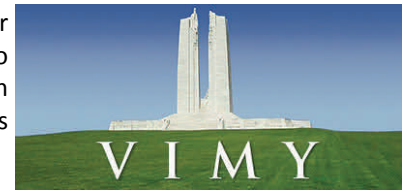
Road to High School & Beyond Workshop



Congratulations to Leduc Composite High School and École Leduc Junior High School School Councils and parents who developed and implemented "The Road to High School & Beyond Workshop" which will be held on April 28th at 5:45 p.m. at LCHS. This free workshop, supported by the BGRD Innovation and Implementation Fund, provides valuable dialogue and support for parents and students who are considering attending LCHS. Last year's workshop was a strong success thanks to the School Councils, Parent Connections and many volunteers (parents, students, staff and community) who made this an informative and valuable junior high to high school transitional support for incoming students and parents.

VIMY RIDGE CANADIAN HERITAGE TOUR 2017

Trustees discussed the Vimy Ridge Canadian Heritage Tour 2017 trip on the matter of whether to proceed or cancel the trip now. Some Trustees felt that meetings should be scheduled to meet with staff, parents and students involved, and possibly establish a survey to obtain feedback regarding the trip. Safety for staff and students is the main priority. There was mention of whether alternate trips could be planned in case of cancellation.



Associate Superintendent Romanchuk commented that Administration would like to engage parents and staff to obtain their opinions. The direction from the Board was for Administration to schedule staff/parent/student meetings, survey those unable to attend the meetings, and bring back the information to the next Board meeting.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



Superintendent Yanitski announced that BGRD will be hosting the second annual Youth Leadership Conference on April 22, 2016, at Leduc Composite High School. The purpose of the Youth Leadership Conference is for participants to expand their awareness and understanding of how they can make a positive personal impact within their school and community. At the conference, students will focus on the key areas of comprehensive school health—the physical, mental and social well-being of their peers, as well as attending a session regarding technology leadership. Students will have the opportunity to listen to keynote speakers: Gr. 7-12, Ryan Porter, focused on helping young people find their path to a successful future; and Gr. 4-6, Tracy Lookwood, focused on PLAY education. Also, the entire group will have the opportunity to listen to Edmonton Oiler, Andrew Ference, speak about his get active initiative called the November Project. Students will also attend age appropriate breakout sessions on a variety of topics related to this year's theme, and have the opportunity to discuss with their school peers strategies on how they can expand leadership within their school environments.

EDWIN PARR NOMINEES

Chairman Lemke announced that two teachers from BGRD have been nominated for the Edwin Parr Award from ASBA. Chairman Lemke explained the history and requirements of the award. The Edwin Parr Award is given to a first year teacher. The nominated teachers from BGRD are Angela Hostetler from École Dansereau Meadows School, and Melissa Verchere from Warburg School.



Chairman Lemke thanked the Administration from the two schools, Susanne Stroud and Patrick Bohnet, for their work in submitting the

names and thanked the two teachers for their hard work and dedication.

PROVINCIAL BUS SAFETY POSTER WINNERS



There were two winners from BGRD in the Provincial contest for the School Bus Safety Week Poster contest that was held in October 2015. The winners, along with their parents, and Teacher, Debra Weir, attended the meeting to have the awards presented. The winners were as follows:

WINNER: ECS: Tyrell Saddleback, Leduc Estates School
HONOURABLE MENTION: ECS: Mikalya Barrett, Leduc Estates School

Chairman Lemke thanked the students and parents for attending the meeting, and commented that the Board is very proud of all of the students in our Division who participated in the contest.

TRUSTEE COMPENSATION

The Board approved the changes for Trustee compensation and benefits as follows:

- ◆ increase basic honoraria by 2% effective September 1, 2015
- ◆ increase Chair honoraria to \$460.00/per month, and increase Vice-Chair honoraria to \$230.00/per month effective September 1, 2015
- ◆ increase BGRD contributions to benefits to 95% effective May 1, 2016

GRANT COMMITMENT—CITY OF LEDUC & BGRD

Associate Superintendent Ruth Andres stated that the City of Leduc has approved grant funding to the Division in the amount of \$250,000 for the development/construction of two playgrounds to be located at West Haven Public School. Administration recommends that BGRD enter into a grant agreement with the City of Leduc for this funding.

Associate Superintendent Andres commented on the great working relationship with the City of Leduc and Graham Construction, who will be assisting in the building of the playgrounds.

Trustees commented on the wonderful partnership with the City of Leduc. Chairman Lemke thanked all of the communities for valuable partnerships. Administration will sign the agreement for the funding of the two playgrounds at West Haven Public School.



FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

The Board gave final approval to the field trip request from École J.E. Lapointe School. The field trip is to the Musicfest Nationals in Ottawa from May 10 – 14, 2016 for 54 Grades 8 and 9 students with two teacher supervisors and 16 adult chaperones.



The Board gave final approval to the field trip request from École Bellevue School. The field trip is to Quebec City, Montreal and Ottawa from June 4 – 10, 2016 for 14 Grade 6 students with one teacher supervisor and parent chaperones.



The Board gave final approval to the field trip request from École Beau Meadow School. The field trip is to Quebec City, Montreal and Ottawa from June 21 – 27, 2016 for 23 Grade 6 students with two teacher supervisors and parent chaperones.

The Board gave final approval to the field trip request from École Coloniale Estates School and École Dansereau Meadows School. This field trip is to Quebec City, Montreal and Ottawa from June 9 – 15, 2016 for 34 Grades 7 and 8 French Immersion students with four teacher supervisors.

The Board gave final approval to the field trip request from Covenant Christian School. This field trip is to Jasper National Park for 24 Grade 7 students with two teacher supervisors and eight parents.



LCHS AFTER GRAD SUPPORT



Trustee Koroll received a letter from the School Council of Leduc Composite High School (LCHS) requesting a donation of \$1,500 from BGRD for their After Grad Party. This event is a non-alcoholic, substance-free party open to all LCHS students hosted at LCHS. BGRD has waived the rental fee for the event. The Board will respond to the School Council thanking them for their request, indicating that the waiver of the rental fee is the BGRD support provided. The Board encourages the School Council to have a successful event.