



Board Highlights

May 31, 2023

Leduc Reconfiguration Update

A Public Engagement night was held May 24, 2023 and was well attended. Feedback will be collected until June 7, 2023. The committee intends to share the Leduc Reconfiguration Recommendation with the Board at the Regular Board Meeting in October, 2023.

The most up-to-date information can be found on the Black Gold School Division website at www.blackgold.ca under 'Schools' – 'Leduc Schools Boundary and Grade Reconfiguration Review'

Approval of the 2023 - 2024 Budget

The Board of Trustees approved the 2023-2024 Budget Report for BGSD with revenues of \$157,089,843 and expenses of \$158,896,828 resulting in a \$1,806,985 deficit budget.

Approval of the 2023 - 2026 Education Plan

The 2023-2026 Education Plan for BGSD was approved. Resources will be focussed on:

- Supporting growth and achievement in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy.
- Student and Staff wellness.
- Supplemental, equitable resourcing for schools based on various data sources.
- Funding and support for career pathway awareness.
- Increased school-based administration time for single-administrator schools in order to support wellness and success.

BGSD's Position Statement to the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA)

Vice Chair Charpentier presented the BGSD Position Statement to be shared for consideration at the upcoming ASBA Spring General Meeting. The Statement advocates for equitable funding for resources for school boards that are implementing and piloting new curriculum.

Superintendent appointment

Chair Eckert explained that the Board has an obligation to dedicate sufficient time to conduct a comprehensive search to attract the most qualified candidates for the position of Superintendent of Schools for the Black Gold School Division. The Board approved the reappointment of Bill Romanchuk as Superintendent until December 31, 2023.

Tom's Walk

Tom's Walk is an annual memorial walk for mental health awareness and fundraising. It was held in Devon, AB on Saturday, May 26, 2023. Trustee Klaassen observed that the level of pride was evident in the Black Gold Staff who participated.

Edwin Parr Banquet

Chair Eckert and Vice Chair Charpentier accompanied Kendra Fedor, BGSD's Edwin Parr nominee, and her guests to the Edwin Parr Banquet. Trustee Klaassen emceed the event. The Board looks forward to seeing all that Ms. Fedor will accomplish in the future.

Council of School Councils (CoSC)

The CoSC met on May 3, 2023 where they filled executive positions. A report written by Board Chair Eckert was shared. School Council Chairs enjoyed the Alberta School Councils Association conference. The CoSC is a great opportunity to share ideas and best practices.

Anti-Racism Presentation

ASBA Speakers' Corner on May 1, 2023 featured Dr, Jerome Cranston, Dean of Education, University of Regina who spoke about systemic racism as a part of a deeper understanding of diversity, equity and inclusion. Trustees recognized that the Division's administrators also viewed the presentation.

Delegation from New Humble Community School

The delegation from New Humble Community School gave a presentation requesting that the Land Title for the school and grounds be transferred from Black Gold School Division to the New Humble Community School Board.

Honouring Spirit Award Recipient

Phaedra Littlechild, Leduc Composite High School Student, received Honourable Mention in the Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards. Ms. Reny, Grade 12 Guidance Counselor, Leduc Composite High School, shared that Ms. Littlechild is a very quiet and powerful advocate for young, Indigenous women. Chair Eckert and Trustee Klaassen presented the award and letter from the ASBA.