



# Board Highlights

September 27, 2023

## **CURRICULUM UPDATE**

Curriculum Manager, Terri Reid and Curriculum Lead Teacher, Greg Owens, provided a report to the Board outlining curriculum implementation at Black Gold Schools.

The BGSD Curriculum team (Curriculum Lead Teachers) provides professional learning to support mandatory and optionally implemented courses virtually and in-person on PD Days throughout the year. They also focus on effective pedagogy and assessment practices for all teachers.

There are Instructional Support Teachers (IST) at every school who work with the Curriculum Team at Black Gold's Division Office and they work together in order to support staff with curriculum implementation.

Black Gold School Division teachers will provide consolidated input for the feedback callout from the government with regards to the Social Studies curriculum.

## **SUMMER SCHOOL RECAP**

Summer School offers Literacy and Numeracy camps to grades 1 - 9 as well as many high school courses to help students get ahead of their schedules or take more courses of interest during the school year.

Principal, Dan Lake, shared that there were 91 students who participated in grades 1-9 Summer School, Numeracy and Literacy camps between the Beaumont and Leduc sites and 1179 students enrolled in High School courses. High School programming generated 20% more credits in 2023 than in 2022.

## **MENTAL HEALTH CAPACITY BUILDING (MHCB) SUMMER RECAP**

A slide show was played as a summary of the camps that were provided over the summer. The MHCB Team was able to utilize rural schools as well as those in the larger cities.

The MHCB team hosted 7 different camps over the summer that took place three mornings a week

alternating between Calmar, New Sarepta, Beaumont and Leduc. Teen programming was also offered in the form of cooking and science classes. Program Director, Cherie Corcoran, noted that Mental Health programming is a part of all of the camps that the team puts on.

## **FACILITIES SUMMER RECAP & OHPAHO UPDATE**

Director of Facilities, Robert Krahn, gave an overview of a very busy summer of projects completed by the Facilities Department to keep our schools safe and healthy.

The Ohpaho site completion (concrete, asphalt, etc.) is on track to be completed before winter and the final turnover is on schedule for May 31, 2024.

## **ALBERTA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (ATA) LOCAL 8 PRESIDENT GREETINGS**

Kimberly St. Andre attended and brought forth greetings and discussion points:

- October 5 - World Teacher Day
- Working with Canadian Blood Services - hoping to have teachers donate under a Black Gold team name
- Save the Date Oct 24 - New Teacher Induction at the Holiday Inn
- Christmas meeting, followed by dinner, will be December 13 at the Leduc Golf Course

## **JR. KINDERGARTEN UPDATE**

Early Years Consultant, Rebecca Aiken, explained that Jr. Kindergarten helps to enhance English language skills as identified. The program is taught by a certified teacher. The program is leveraging partnerships with settlement workers in schools and communities and with Family Resource Networks and liaisons.

## **SCHOOL, STUDENT & STAFF RECOGNITION**

This month highlighted the many team-building and Welcome Back events for students and families hosted by schools as they start their new school year.