



Board Highlights

February 21, 2023

2026-2027 School Year Calendar Approved

At the February 21, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, the Board approved the Draft B - full November Break - calendar for the 2026-2027 School Year.

The full calendar can be viewed on our website [here](#).

Board Statement on Gender Identity Policy

The Black Gold School Division's Board of Trustees has issued a statement on the Government of Alberta's proposed Gender Identity Policy.

The Black Gold School Division's Board of Trustees is committed to providing students with welcoming, caring, respectful, safe and healthy learning environments that respect diversity and foster a sense of belonging. Every student within the Division has the right to learn and work in schools that promote equity of opportunity, dignity, and respect.

The full statement can be found on the Black Gold website: www.blackgold.ca.

Board Chair Eckert stated that there is no change in current practice at this time and the Board of Trustees is following the dialogue from the government closely.

ASCA Conference Sponsorship

Once again, the Board of Trustees is pleased to sponsor up to three (3) School Council Members to attend the Alberta School Councils Association Conference taking place April 26-28, 2024 in Edmonton.

2024 Black Gold School Division Welcome Back Event

The Board of Trustees have voted to host the Welcome Back Event for Black Gold School Division in person on the first Professional Development Day in September.

Trustee Eckert stated that it will be an excellent

opportunity for staff to be introduced to our new Superintendent in person.

Ohpaho Outdoor Physical Space

Trustee Hansen shared that City of Leduc is planning for the play field and soccer posts to be ready for use when Ohpaho Secondary School opens in September 2024. The soccer posts will be portable.

Trustee Hansen also stated that the City of Leduc is planning to add funding into its 2025 Budget for baseball backstops. Their plan is to only install the backstops and not put shale in at that time. Ideally, the City would plan to install them in the summer of 2025 to avoid any safety issues. The City also shared that they will be submitting a request to City Council to add fencing along the road in its 2025 Budget.

Friends of Education Nominee

The Board of Trustees is pleased to support the nomination of Manluk Industries for the 2024 Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Friends of Education Award for their ongoing partnership with Black Gold, supporting growth and education at Calmar Secondary School in the Machining program.

Board of Trustees Transition Committee Meeting Update

The Transition Committee is setting the stage for both the new Superintendent and Black Gold School Division to thrive during this transition.

Incoming Superintendent, Michael Borgfjord, will be officially starting with Black Gold on March 1, 2024.