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Board News

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Student-Board Engagement

A Student-Board Engagement Session took place at 11:50 am at Holy Family Catholic School. The students who attended were representatives of the newly formed student council. Students came prepared with a variety of questions and comments for the board and the senior administrative team. Some of the concerns brought forward included: The students want an industrial arts lab, school modernization including a common area for lunchtime, air conditioning in the school, and an enclosure between the school and the portable. There was a good dialogue between the students and the Board.

Regular Board Meeting

Trustees gathered at Holy Family School in Waskatenau for their Monthly Board Meeting. The meeting commenced at 10:17am.

Program Presentation: Indigenous Education

Indigenous Education Coordinator Valerie Hanson presented on Indigenous Education. Professional Development has been offered to staff during our District's Institute Day, through independent sessions, at teacher conventions, and through the U of A with an online course. Valerie shared new teaching tools available to the District, including kits, day-long sessions, the Indigenous Peoples of Canada Giant Floor Map, and many more.

2019-2020 Budget

Secretary Treasurer Tessa Hetu provided an update on the budget for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. The budget will be finalized by June 30.

Financial Report

Secretary Treasurer Tessa Hetu provided a financial update.

District Credit Cards

Secretary Treasurer Tessa Hetu provided an update on the District credit cards, we will switch from MasterCard to Visa.



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LCD Course Approval - Religious Studies Roman Catholic 15-3, 15-5, 25-3, 25-5, 35-3, 35-5
Superintendent Joe Arruda requested a board motion to approve the following Locally Developed Courses (LDCs): Religious Studies Roman Catholic 15-3, 15-5, 25-3, 25-5, 35-3, 35-5 until August 31, 2023. The Board approved the motion to add these courses to the curriculum.

International Field Trip for Assumption

Deputy Superintendent Pamela Guilbault provided information on the Assumption bi-annual international field trip to France, England, and Ireland. The dates of travel are June 27 - July 8, 2020. The field trip will offer 25 students from grades 10-12 the wonderful opportunity to learn about culture, language, and religion in these countries. Four staff chaperones will be accompanying the students on this trip. The Board approved this field trip.

ACSTA (Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association) - Trustee Vincent MacDonald provided an update on ACSTA.

ASBA (Alberta School Boards Association) - Trustee Diane Bauer provided an update on ASBA.

TBAC (Teacher Board Advisory Committee) - Trustee Margaret Borders provided an update on TBAC.

School Monthly Professional Development & Success Stories

Superintendent Joe Arruda shared the schools' monthly Success Stories.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Joe Arruda shared the monthly Superintendent's Report.

Trustee Corner

Chairperson of the Board, Mary Anne Penner shared the monthly Trustee Corner.

Student Success Stories

Superintendent Joe Arruda shared the student success stories.



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Trustee Sharing

Trustee Vince MacDonald shared that NDH graduation went very well and Trustee Mary Anne Penner enjoyed the changes to the Assumption graduation.

Trustee Mary Anne Penner shared that the plays at NDH and Assumption went very well.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 19 at the Central Office in Bonnyville at 1:00 pm. Followed by School Council Celebration at the Bonnyville Neighbourhood Inn at 5:00 pm.