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BOARD APPROVES INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

As per a Board motion, Christ The Redeemer (CTR) Catholic will send four policies/procedures to the Minister of Education. CTR's policies align with our faith and support all students, especially those most at risk. CTR's policies focus on listening to our students, responding to their needs, and walking with them in love. CTR's policies focus on supporting parents as the primary educators of their children.

The policy CTR will send in is "The Fundamental Beliefs of our Catholic School Division":
<http://www.redeemer.ab.ca/documents/general/Fundamental%20Beliefs%20of%20our%20Catholic%20School%20Division.pdf> .

The first procedure CTR will send in is "Inclusive School Communities":
<http://www.redeemer.ab.ca/documents/general/STU%2024%20-%20Inclusive%20Communities.pdf> .

The second procedure CTR will send in is "Student Conduct and Discipline Process":
<http://www.redeemer.ab.ca/documents/general/STU%2001%20Discipline%20Process.pdf> .

The third procedure CTR will send in is "Anti-Bullying":
<http://www.redeemer.ab.ca/documents/general/STU%2023%20Anti-Bullying.pdf> .

IT'S ALWAYS CONSTRUCTION SEASON AT CTR CATHOLIC

Executive Director, Capital Projects and Technology, Mr. Vince Van Hyfte, and Director of Facilities and Maintenance, Mr. David Lunn, provided an update of current capital projects. The construction of St. Francis of Assisi Academy in the MD of Foothills is on track. The expansion and modernization of Christ The King Academy and St. Joseph's Collegiate in Brooks will also provide improved learning is also on track. In Drumheller, substantial progress is being made on Saint Anthony's sports field. In High River, site work to repair flood damage at both Notre Dame Collegiate and Holy Spirit Academy is approaching completion.



Infrastructure and Maintenance Renewal (IMR) is government funding used to maintain and improve existing spaces. Approximately \$1.3 million is budgeted this year, and every school is scheduled for some type of improvement.

BUDGETING IS ALWAYS A CHALLENGE

Tough economic times in the province of Alberta might demand even more consideration as we engage in our planning for 2016-2017. We anticipate stable funding as we look to the future. Maintaining favourable class sizes, and continuing to offer exceptional programming, will always be priorities in our conversations.

As we plan for the upcoming year, the Board is cautiously optimistic that a balanced budget will be achievable without compromising any ideals. School based administrators are monitoring enrolment and staffing allocations.



WARD COMMITTEES REPORT MANY GREAT THINGS IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Three Wards presented highlights of their recent meetings. As always, the minutes are attached to the Board Meeting agendas on our website. At the High River Ward, there was a report on a fundraiser to support new Syrians that have moved into the community, and a separate effort to raise funds for building a school in Madagascar. Also in the High River Ward, there was a focus on the physical, emotional, and mental health of our students in collaboration with the Healthy Schools project. In both the Brooks and High River Wards, there were discussions about our challenges and successes as we serve large numbers of English Language Learners. In the CFL Ward, there was a discussion about increasing exam participation by assisting families in securing exam proctors. In all the Wards, there was appreciation expressed for the work of the National Evangelization Team (NET) in our schools. Reporting this month were the Trustee for High River, Mrs. Joanne Van Donzel, and the Trustee for Okotoks Ward II, Mr. Ron Schreiber. Superintendent, Dr. Scott Morrison presented the highlights of the Brooks Ward meeting on behalf of Board Chair and Brooks Trustee, Mrs. Mary Stengler.

CURRICULUM AND FAITH: THE REASONS WE EXIST



Dr. Bonnie Annicchiarico shared information on several professional development initiatives. The Readers' and Writers' Workshop philosophy for Language Arts has been a point of emphasis for two years, and will continue to be a focus for years to come. CTR is seeing incredible improvement in students' reading and writing proficiency based on these initiatives. CTR believes in concentrating its efforts on proven strategies and maintaining a focus on initiatives over time. There have also been significant professional development opportunities recently in junior high math, K-12 Fine Arts, senior high Biology, and senior high Physics.

Faith Days was once again a resounding success, with a 95% satisfaction rating. The presentation by Sister Miriam was given 'two thumbs up' by 99.4% of our population! Dr. Annicchiarico was also able to share several stories of students embracing and celebrating Adoration and Reconciliation in our schools, and once again, we received considerable positive feedback regarding the resounding success

of the National Evangelization Team (NET).

Our Superintendent, Dr. Scott Morrison, gave an update on CTR's newest school, St. Francis of Assisi Academy. The building is scheduled for a June completion. Both staffing and student registration are well underway. Early enrollment is already over 200.

BIOLOGY AND PHYSICS DEPARTMENTS ARE IN GREAT HANDS!

The Board listened to a presentation about a recent initiative to further improve student achievement in both Biology and Physics. Mr. Ryan Fox, teacher at Notre Dame Collegiate in High River, and one of the leaders of this initiative, spoke to the Trustees regarding a recent retreat offered to support our Biology and Physics teachers.

The teachers walked away from the professional development event with new learning, a host of resources, and a spirit of collaboration. The teachers focused on identifying the knowledge and skills that need to be learned to a level of automaticity. In other words, students are so competent in these areas that they can apply the knowledge and skills with very little effort...automatically. The teachers also focused on improving student engagement and critical thinking via student centered learning experiences, experimentation, and inquiry.

CTR is committed to continuing professional development experiences where specialists around the division collaborate to improve student achievement.



WE VALUE OUR SCHOOL COUNCILS



Dr. Bonnie Annicchiarico, Associate Superintendent, provided an overview of the agenda of the upcoming Council of School Councils meeting. The group meets twice annually to ensure that our School Council Chairs are engaged and informed. This week, a primary topic of discussion will be the importance of the role of the parents in Catholic Education. In addition, Chairs will have the opportunity to collaborate and share best practices. Parents, site based administrators, senior administration, and trustees will all be represented at this important meeting.

The truth of Christ and knowledge of God's creation will be experienced by and manifest in the students, staff, parents, and supporters of our Catholic School Community.
-Vision of the Board

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE — WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016

The next meeting of the Board will be held at Clear Water Academy, Calgary, AB. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 20, beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

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