



Board Highlights

September 24, 2025

École J.E. Lapointe School 2026

Excursion – Quebec & Ottawa

The Board of Trustees granted Approval in Principle for students and staff from École J.E. Lapointe School to travel to Québec and Ottawa from February 9-15, 2026 (inclusive).

Locally Developed Courses

The Board of Trustees approved the Division's use of the Locally Developed Course - Film and Media Art

Facilities Joint Use Agreement – Town of Thorsby

The Black Gold School Division Board of Trustees approved the Facilities Joint Use Agreement with the Town of Thorsby as presented.

Joint Use & Planning Agreement – Town of Thorsby

The Board of Trustees approved the Joint Use and Planning Agreement with the Town of Thorsby as presented.

Board Policy Updates

The Board of Trustees approved:

- The deletion of Board Policy 2 – Appendix B
- Changes to Board Policy 4 – Trustee Code of Conduct
- Changes to Board Policy 4 – Appendix – Trustee Code of Conduct Process & Sanctions
- Changes to Board Policy 7 – Appendix B – Trustee Compensation
- Board Policy 17 – Student Transportation Services

**Board Policies can be found on the Black Gold School Division website, www.blackgold.ca under the 'Board' tab and 'Board Policy'*

Greetings from the Alberta Teacher's Association (ATA) Local 8

Kimberly St. Andre, President of ATA Local No. 8, brought greetings to the Black Gold School Division Board of Trustees.

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

The Board of Trustees & Senior Administration wore their Orange Shirts at the final Board meeting of September to stand in solidarity with Indigenous residential school survivors, their families and communities, honour their stories and acknowledge the painful legacy of residential schools.



Farewell to Black Gold School Divisions Board of Trustees' Outgoing Members

At their final Board meeting on September 24, 2025, heartfelt thanks was extended to Trustees Esther Eckert, Robyn Steed, Michelle Martin, and Gary Hansen for their service to the Black Gold School Division.

Each gave generously of their time, energy, and care, helping to guide the Division through growth, challenge, and opportunity.

On behalf of Black Gold students, staff, and school communities, we thank Esther, Robyn, Michelle, and Gary and wish them success as they embark on their next chapter.