

Board Highlights



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Board meetings take place on the last Wednesday of every month in the Central Board room at the Division office (231 Hardin Street) starting at 2:00 pm. The next meeting is on **May 25, 2022**, and the public is welcome to attend. The following are updates from the April 27, 2022 meeting.

Priority #1 – Success For All Students

- Out-of-town school trips have started with École McTavish and Westwood school bands traveling to Edmonton and Calgary.
- Funding is affecting high school RAP, dual credit trades programs. The Division has a dual credit program with Keyano College, however, the Division shares the cost for the instructors, which is approximately \$89,000 for FMPSD. The compression and changes in the funding model have made it unlikely to proceed unless funding can be secured.
- Board Chair Mywaart sent a letter to the Minister of Education on behalf of the Board lobbying against the implementation of the new curriculum at this time. The letter can be read [here](#).
- Board Chair Mywaart shared the information the Division received from the government, along with an infographic sent to parents on the new curriculum. [View infographic here](#)



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Financial Updates

As presented by Allan Kallal, Associate Superintendent of Business & Finance.

- Internal scheduled school audits completed, results were good with minor concerns.
- Business and Finance is in accordance with the terms or conditions of any funding received by the Board under the Education Act or any other Act or regulation.
- April 15 Interim financial reporting to Alberta Education was submitted on time.



Spotlight on Students

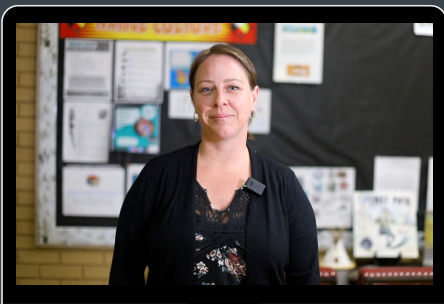
Westview Public School - *Student Leadership*

A Leader in Me Lighthouse school, Westview Public students presented on their Buddy Program, which sees older grades reading to the younger ones. They spoke about the friendships and connections they made thanks to the Buddy Program, and about feeling good about helping younger students.



Greely Road - *Celebrating Inclusion, Diversity & Belonging*

Greely Road has made celebrating inclusion, diversity, and belonging a goal and priority this year. Students participated in the "Best Part of Me" project, which asked them to write about their favourite part of themselves. A "Caught Being Kind" campaign also sees students highlighted for their kindness. The school also hosted a recent "Art Walk," featuring fantastic student work. It was well-attended by parents/guardians, and Division officials.



Division Showcase

This month's TAFI (Twitter, Apps, Facebook, Instagram) Award went to Frank Spragins High School's Sarah MacDonald-Hiscock. She maintains the Fort McMurray Public Schools Home Education Centre, @FMPSDHomeEdu Twitter account, and does a great job highlighting resources for home-based students.

Congratulations Sarah!

Priority #3 – Effective Stakeholder Engagement

Advocacy Committee

Board approved the following motion: *"THAT the Board of Trustees create an ad hoc traffic safety committee to address safety concerns around Fort McMurray Public schools, and advocate for safety solutions. The Adhoc Traffic Safety Committee will engage parents (through Networks) and engage others from schools and community as deemed appropriate by the committee."*

Update on Exams

Board Chair Mywaart shared a letter from Minister of Education LaGrange on the upcoming administration of diploma exams. Diploma exams are expected to be administered for the rest of the school year (April, June and August 2022). Due to learning disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the weighting of diploma exams will be temporarily reduced to 10% for the 2021/2022 school year only. To help students feel more prepared for writing diploma exams, Alberta Education has made a number of resources available at alberta.ca/k-12-provincial-assessment including examples of questions that were on previous diploma exams.

Policy Advisory Committee

Policy 8: 3.2.1 & 10.2.1 Updated

The Policy Advisory Committee presented proposed changes to sections of Policy 8 to increase engagement with School Council Networks from a minimum of two to four times per year, and to increase Student Advisory Councils from three to four times per year. Those changes were carried by Board motion.