

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 **June 22, 2022**, and the public is welcome to attend. The following are updates from the May 25, 2022 meeting.

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2022-2025 Three-Year Education Plan Approved

The Board has used its performance results to develop the plan and is committed to implementing the strategies contained within the plan to improve student learning and results.

Along with the Division Education Plan you can find all school education plans linked within this document. The school education plans serve as the foundation of continuous improvement in Fort McMurray Public Schools. Each plan highlights the School goals, measures of success and strategies to meet those goals.

We continue to ensure that our teaching staff has the resources and supports to differentiate planning, instruction, and assessment in order to meet the needs of all students in diverse and inclusive learning environments.



Priorities for the plan were presented as:

- Priority #1: Promote Growth and Success for All Students.
- Priority #2: Maintain Safe and Caring Learning Environment and Supports.
- Priority #3: Effective Stakeholder Engagement.
- Priority #4: Strengthen Quality Teaching and Leading

The complete plan can be found online here.

Financial Updates

PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2022-2023 APPROVED

The 2022-23 budget has been planned for a normal operating school year. It has a projected deficit of \$4.4 million due to a reduction in provincial grants among other factors.

The budget includes a focus on mental health across the division and support for an increasing number of students requiring additional assistance to be successful; while balancing priorities for a projected 4% increase enrollment for the fall that is not funded.

Spotlight on Students

SPELLING BEE OF CANADA - WOOD BUFFALO REGION WINNERS

Congratulations to our incredible students - 7 out of 9 winners at the spelling bee were from FMPD! The competition was held earlier this month, and our students, staff, parents/guardians came together for another exciting event.

Primary category

Second Place: **Ayaan Ahmad**, Fort McMurray Islamic School

Third place: **Abdullah Mohammed**, Dave McNeilly Public School

Junior Category

First place: **Hiba Ali**, Christina Gordon Public School

Second Place: **Naisha Junnuru**, Christina Gordon Public School

Intermediate Category

1st place: **Ali Usman**, Westwood Community High School

2nd Place: **Shreyosi Bairagi**, Westwood Community High School

3rd Place: **Lalithya Raavi**, Westwood Community High School

Congratulations all!

Frank Spragins School - Words in Motion Poetry Program Winners

Frank Spragins student leaders, Harnoor Gill, and Lilith McDermid shared their poems published by the Wood Buffalo Regional Library's Words in Motion poetry program. Both students are active members of our only outreach school, which allows students to complete curriculum at their own pace. Congratulations Harnoor and Lilith!

École Dickinsfield School - French Play Performers

It was an evening of the arts as Dickinsfield's grade one and two & four and five, French immersion students took to the Board stage and performed two plays in French. The first graders performed "La Poule Maboule." It's about a chicken, Poule Maboule, who thinks the sky is going to fall onto her. The second play was "Les trois boucs et le troll," about a troll who tries to eat goats. Excellent travail tous!



George Decker Memorial Leadership Award

Congratulations to Dave Hurley, VP, École McTavish High School, who won the coveted FMPD George Decker Memorial Leadership Award. Dave has always been front and centre with school and sports events, and has been an invaluable Division member for eight years now.

Congratulations Dave!

Priority #3 – Effective Stakeholder Engagement

Advocacy Committee

Traffic Safety Ad Hoc
Committee Created:

1. Purpose: To assist the Board of Trustees, through the Advocacy Committee, by identifying traffic issues within the community which impact our students and staff and propose solutions or actions.
2. Powers and Duties - 2.1 Liaise with school councils and school admin to create a list of traffic safety concerns for students at school grounds and enroute to and from school.

Spirit Bear Award Winner

Congratulations to our Thickwood Heights Public School's teachers Shirley-Ann Oldnall, and Katie Giles, and their K-6 students on once again winning the 2022 Spirit Bear Award.

Given by the First Nations Child & Family Caring Society, "The Spirit Bear Award recognizes groups of young people who demonstrate a commitment to reconciliation and the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action."

Congratulations all!

Policy Advisory Committee

The Board approved an amendment to Policy 8 providing clarification on the duration of Ad Hoc committees: "Ad hoc committees may be established at any meeting of the Board for the purpose of studying, investigating or acting on specific matters; they cease to exist as soon as they have completed the specified task or at the end of the school year in which they were established unless extended by motion of the Board."