

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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Board meetings take place in the Central Board room at the Division office (231 Hardin Street) starting at 2:00 pm. The next meeting is on November 23, 2022, and the public is welcome to attend. The following are updates from the October 26, 2022, meeting.

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PRIORITY #1 - SUCCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- Enrollment growth is sitting at 8.1% year over year. ECS has over 600 students for the first time.
- Assessments for mild/moderate/severe deadlines are due by the end of November so the numbers will change. The number of unfunded ECDP is down from last year due to the great work of those in student services.
- Every grade has increased in enrollment except for Grade 4.
- Applying modest growth to ECDP at a rate of 1 to 2% by catchment, the proposed enrollment for 2023-2024 is 3.98% for a total headcount of 7505 students.
- The Student Accountability report has not been received from the Provincial government. This will be reviewed with the Board upon receipt.

PRIORITY #2 - MAINTAIN SAFE AND CARING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AND SUPPORTS

- Christina Gordon is the number one school for expansion, and the site has room for three more modulars.
- Dave McNeilly is the number two school for expansion development, and the site has room for four modulars.
- École McTavish follows and has room for 12 modulars.
- Dr Clark is the number four school for expansion; however, the catchment is highly variable and is monitored annually.

October 2023

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS



Dave McNeilly - Drama-Learning Programs

Students from Dave McNeilly presented the benefits of being a part of the DM Drama Club and even played a drama-based game of improv with the Board. They described that exercises and games they play build improvisation skills, foster student confidence, and prepare them for auditioning and performing in a theatrical production. The Drama Club meets during lunchtime and has after-school opportunities like the school musical!

Thanks for sharing, Dave McNeilly!



Westwood - Pantomime, the Wizard of Oz

The Board of Trustees were given a presentation on pantomime performances, and even a sneak peek into Westwood's production of Pantomime, the Wizard of Oz! The Board was invited to attend any shows (December 8-10).

After a fantastic scene, students performed a live cover of Bryan Adams' Straight From The Heart!



Westwood - Jeff Landry, Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in STEM

The Board honoured the Westwood teacher Jeff Landry for winning the prestigious Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Manufacturing (STEM). Westwood will also receive a certificate signed by the Prime Minister, recognising their support of Mr Landry's achievement.

Congratulations on this prestigious award and always "Doing What's Best For Kids."



DIVISION SHOWCASE

This month's TAFI (Twitter, Apps, Facebook, Instagram) Award went to Islamic School's Terri Josey. She often posts her Grade 2/3 class's activities and uses the main FMIS social media to communicate to parents & students about events, alerts and reminders. Thank you for sharing the story of FMPSD!

Congratulations Terri!

PRIORITY #3 - EFFECTIVE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Partners in Education

- Partners in Education successfully celebrated 100+ partners. 13 awards with distinction were given out, with the award for Board Excellence being awarded to the Athabasca Tribal Council (ATC) for their involvement in assisting with land-based learning and holding numerous workshops for students.

Trustee Election Year Organizational Meeting

- Chair Mywaart expressed to the Board that although the election is three years away, it is never too soon to create awareness of the role of the Trustee. Chair Mywaart encouraged Trustees to start these conversations now.