

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 December 21 2022, and the public is welcome to attend. The following are updates from the November 23, 2022, meeting.

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FINANCIAL UPDATES

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

- The Budget was updated to include the impact of increased enrollment on revenue and expenses, the addition of new growth grants, higher interest rates and current staffing costs.
- The projected cash deficit, including all one-time expenditures and all budgets being utilized is \$6,181,475.00.

PRIORITY #1 - SUCCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- Each November, the Ministry requests enrollment forecasts for the upcoming school year. Business & Finance rolled the grades forward and added modest growth to ECDP by 1 - 2%. This gives a forecasted enrollment for 2023-2024 of 3.98% higher for a total count of 7,505 students.
- It was also noted that this year's Kindergarten enrollment was the highest in the history of FMPSPD.

PRIORITY #4 - STRENGTHEN QUALITY TEACHING & LEADING

- Assistant Superintendent Mitsopoulous also highlighted that she recently completed a presentation at Keyano college with third & fourth-year Bachelor of Education students, Ambrose University and an online job fair, all regarding recruiting.



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SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS



Dr. Clark - Roots of Empathy

Grade five Students from Dr. Clark highlighted their “Roots of Empathy” program. Children are coached to recognize and connect with the vulnerability of a baby who visits their classroom with their parents throughout the school year. Students learn about brain development and that babies learn through their senses. Students also develop emotional literacy by being able to identify and label the baby’s feelings, reflect on and understand their feelings and finally bridge to understand the feelings of others.



Thickwood Heights - "Where Arts Come Alive"

Thickwood Heights spotlighted how the “Arts Come Alive” at their school. Students can access various venues, including music, drama and art. Since September, the students have participated in the following:

- The Secret Path & virtual artist, Jacqueline Travers
- Grade 3&4 Art Club
- Plasticine Workshop
- Theatre Production
- Holiday Concert is scheduled for December 21st.

Thank you, Thickwood Thunderbirds!



DIVISION SHOWCASE

This month’s TAFI (Twitter, Apps, Facebook, Instagram) Award went to Ms. Gayle Neil from Greely Road Public School for winning November’s TAFI Award! Not only does she promote her class activities, but she helps to promote the school at large!

Thank you for always Doing What's Best For Kids!

Congratulations Gayle!

PRIORITY #3 - EFFECTIVE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

PSBAA & ASBA RESULTS

The various Boards discussed their priorities and narrowed them down to five, which the Political Relations Committee will develop a plan to be discussed at the February meeting. These five priorities are:

- Cross - Ministries (working together for students)
 - Funding
 - Mental Health (staff & students)
 - Public School education is best for Alberta communities
 - Transportation.
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- Trustee Spargo shared her notes from the last Zone 2/3 meeting and stated that ASBA is looking for best practices from Alberta school boards. One example was how boards handle Indigenous learning. FMPSPD Board decided to share the Ad Hoc Traffic Safety Committee and also enquire if any other boards have something similar and their best practices.