

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 February 15, 2023, and the public is welcome to attend. The following are updates from the January 25, 2023, meeting.

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FINANCIAL UPDATES

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

- Modular projects for schools remain on track and all occupancy permits have been provided
- A value analysis of Westwood High School, including the former YMCA facilities, is in progress and in the community engagement phase.
- Notice was sent to parents through the parent portal encouraging yellow bus parents/guardians to sign up for the GPS bus tracking.

PRIORITY #1 - SUCCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- FMPSD ThoughtExchange went out January 23rd and has seen tremendous participation so far, with 459 responses as of Jan 25th; the ThoughtExchange is planned to end Feb 3rd. The ThoughtExchange is continuously being maintained, and questions are being answered as they arrive in a public forum.
- The Board of Trustees supports school council parents to attend the Alberta School's Councils Association's Annual Conference by providing funding for two registrations per school or up to one thousand and eighty dollars (\$1080.00) per school.
- A staff wellness check survey with 302 respondents has shown a decrease in workplace-related stress from 5.9 to 5.4 out of 10 from Jan-Dec 2022. Personal stress has also been reduced from 5 in Jan 2022 to 4.34 out of 10 in Dec 2022.
- FMPSD Space Academy, led by the Director of Technology Ali Syed, has seen significant progress after being put on hiatus due to the global pandemic. The academy provides many STEM programming opportunities with the goal of students being able to send an FMPSD satellite into space.
- 5 Parent Engagement sessions have been released on the FMPSD youtube channel and received views ranging from 70-154. Links were sent previously to Network committees but will be resent to principals.

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SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS



Beacon Hill - Robotics Program

The Board received a visit from Beacon Hill Schools' Robotics Program participants from the 2021/2022 school year; Beacon Hill School was awarded 1st and 2nd overall last year in a Division-wide tournament that saw grades 4-6 in schools competing. After showcasing a highlight reel of their program, students shared how robotics has allowed them to develop teamwork, strategizing, and problem-solving skills. Principal Abbott and students look forward to competing in the upcoming 2022/2023 school year tournament and becoming back-to-back champions.



Composite High School - esports

Composite High School just stepped into the esports universe! Teacher Jeremy Hiscock and Composite High School's program members revealed custom-made games while highlighting the advantages of this new form of sport. With more schools turning to esports, Composite is setting itself up for success by providing an alternative to traditional sports programs. Who knows where it will take them?



DIVISION SHOWCASE

This month's TAFI (Twitter, Apps, Facebook, Instagram) Award went to Ms. Amanda Closson. Amanda does an amazing job keeping the Westwood community constantly in the loop with updates that range from graphics to videos!

Congratulations Amanda!

FMPSD AWARD RECIPIENTS



Congratulations to Seham Ahmed, from Westwood Community High School, who was awarded the 2022 RMWB Council's Excellence Award, in the Youth category!



Congratulations to Mellanie Fraser for being awarded CMHA's Professional Care Award. We are proud to have Mellanie as our Supervisor of Mental Health for FMPSD!



Congratulations to Westwood Community High School for being honoured with the Female Diversity Award for STEM & AP Computer Science.