

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 March 22, 2023, and the public is welcome to attend. The following are updates from the February 15, 2023, meeting.

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FINANCIAL UPDATES

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

- Yellow bus annual fees are increasing from \$41 to \$51.25 to match RMWB bus transit fees starting September 2023; Yellow Bus services run a deficit each year, taking \$700,000 of funding from other Division Operations. The \$10 increase will reduce the deficit by an estimated \$70,000 per year.
- PEAK has a new program for Elite Volley Ball, \$400 dollars per term - all other PEAK fees remain unchanged.

PRIORITY #1 - SUCCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- Westwood High School's 2023 graduation has been changed from June 23, 2023, to June 30, 2023, as the venue hall was booked for the 23rd.

PRIORITY #3 - EFFECTIVE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- FMPSD ThoughtExchange has concluded with 493 thoughts, 732 participants and 17,892 ratings; programs & learning, support for students and class sizes were consistently the top 3 thought-themes from total accumulated results. Next steps will be determined as part of the planning process for the Education planning.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- A proposal for a Sports School within FMPSD was presented to the board. Further information on the proposal has been requested before any decision will be made.

TRUSTEE ENGAGEMENT (JAN 27-FEB 16)

Date	Event(s) Attended
2/3/2023	PD Day Greetings from the Board
2/3/2023	Student Advisory Liaison Committee Meeting
2/7/2023	Committee of Whole
2/7/2023	Networks Committee Meeting
2/10/2023	Westwood Value Analysis Meeting
2/14/2023	Networks Liaison Committee Meeting
2/15/2023	Policy Advisory Committee Meeting
2/15/2023	Board of Trustees Meeting

February 2023

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS



Greely Road and Islamic School - Spotlight on Education
Greely Road and Fort McMurray Islamic School presented a range of exciting initiatives to the Board, including Student Government, Sports teams, Sustainable Art Club and Space Academy. The Board was also presented with Rec N' Tech; an enrichment program where FMIS junior high leaders partner up with Greely Road Students to nurture long lasting collaborative efforts while providing great leadership opportunities for those involved. 3d printed projects were also on display as well VEX robots models plus solar powered miniature homes!

FMPSPD AWARD RECIPIENTS



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal FMPSPD Recipients
The Board of Trustees paid tribute to two exceptional individuals, Said El Mejdani and Linda Mywaart, who were honoured with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal. This medal was introduced by Alberta as a way to recognize The Queen's remarkable 70-year reign on the throne while celebrating outstanding achievements made by local residents. Their distinguished accomplishments provide an inspirational example for their community!

PRIORITY #3 - EFFECTIVE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT 2023/2024 BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS

- To prepare the preliminary budget, the Division engaged in gathering feedback through a transparent public stakeholder process the results of which are used to identify and inform system priorities and assumptions for review by the board:
 - Budget allocations from Alberta Education will not be released until after the February 28, 2023 budget.
 - The budget includes the bridge funding is the same.
 - Funding under a weighted moving average (WMA) model will continue.
 - That teacher settlement grant will be increased to offset September 2023 increment.
 - The Fort McMurray Allowance will continue to be funded, this supports the cost of living allowance paid to all employees.
 - Enrollment: 6.5% increase in funded enrollment as submitted to Alberta Education in January 2023.
 - Preliminary allocations to schools will be based on 95 to 97% of estimated enrollment to allow for fluctuation, which will be updated with a Fall Budget review.
 - The reserves would support the proposed deficit being stepped down over 3-4 years.
 - ECDP will be offered to match programming at FMRCSSD.
 - No changes to unfunded bussing services are provided from 1 to 2.399 km. All riders with the exception of little buses pay bus fees.
 - Bus Fees are to be increased to match transit fees.
 - Student fees will remain unchanged.
 - The final calendar will impact operating costs and be adjusted for when the calendar is approved.
 - Cost escalation and inflation adjustments have been made in areas where cost overruns for the same service are happening.
 - Small schools are reviewed to ensure allocations meet operational requirements.
 - Preliminary Class sizes for staffing are unchanged.