

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2022/2023



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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 April 19, 2023, and the public is welcome to attend. The following are updates from the March 22, 2023, meeting.

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PRIORITY #1 - SUCCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- The Board met with representatives of staff unions (CUPE & ATA) for a consultation on the 2023/2024 Academic Calendar; the Networks group provided the Board feedback as well. Principals were asked to share with school staff and provide feedback at the leader's meeting last Thursday (March 16th). Feedback received was inconclusive; staff had split decisions between Version #1 and #2 of the calendar. The Board approved the 2023/2024 Academic Calendar as presented in Version #2.

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

- \$88,000 in grant funds have been put towards Grade 1 learning supports
- The Board of Trustees approved the 2023 Master Facility and Capital Plan as presented and with amendments.

PRIORITY #4 - STRENGTHEN QUALITY TEACHING & LEADING

- The Board has nominated Vyomi Vashea for the 2023 ASBA Zone 2/3 Edwin Parr Award. Vyomi is the recipient of the Divisions 2023 Edwin Parr Award.
- FMPSD has been able to hire 10 new teachers for the 2023/2024 academic year from recent efforts to hire additional staff

SPECIAL PRESENTATION UPDATE

- A proposal for a Sports School within FMPSD was presented to the Board at the February meeting. The Board has asked for more information and a business model for the proposed structure of the Sports School. They are still awaiting this information.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

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

- Westwood Community High School and École Dickinsfield School are being recommended as priorities for modernization to Alberta Education as part of the Master Facility and Capital.
- FMPSD staff turnover is averaging 36% over the last 5 years.
- The enrolment growth as of September 2022 is 7.6%; future anticipated increase in enrollment over the next 5 years is projected to 8,346 FMPSD students by 2027/2028

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS



Timberlea School and Fort McMurray Christian School - Morning Multi-Sports Program

Timberlea School and Fort McMurray Christian School students presented to the Board their Morning Multi-Sports Program that is held before school starts each morning. The students highlighted how this unique programming not only hones athletic abilities but also empowers character growth through leadership development - an exciting chance to start strong before school begins!



Fort McMurray Christian School - World Water Day

In celebration of World Water Day, Fort McMurray Christian School students made an impact by presenting facts about the day to the Board. Not only did they creatively create individualized information brochures about the event, but their efforts also enabled them to raise a staggering \$11,000 towards building water wells in Africa over the past four years! The presentation was powerful and eye-opening as it highlighted that not everyone has access to clean drinking water; with 1 billion people worldwide facing this hardship, they presented ideas to conserve water.

TRUSTEE ENGAGEMENT (FEB 16-MAR 22)

| Date | Event(s) Attended |
|-------------|--|
| 16-Feb-2023 | Board Planning Session |
| 16-Feb-2023 | ATA Teacher Induction Ceremony |
| 7-Mar-2023 | School visits: Dr Clark and Thickwood |
| 7-Mar-2023 | Committee of the Whole meeting |
| 7-Mar-2023 | Joint Networks meeting |
| 9-Mar-2023 | Dave McNeilly Science Fair judging |
| 10-Mar-2023 | PD session at Christian School |
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| 13-Mar-2023 | Advocacy Committee meeting |
| 15-Mar-2023 | Student Advisory Committee meetings: a.m. Grades 7 - 12; p.m. Grades 4 - 6 |
| 15-Mar-2023 | Dickinsfield musical: The Rainbow Fish |
| 16-Mar-2023 | Leader in Me webinar |
| 17 Mar 23 | Zone 2/3 Meeting |
| 18 Mar 23 | Girls Inc: Women of Inspiration Celebration |
| 20-Mar-2023 | Elders Council |
| 20-Mar-2023 | ASBA Election Advocacy online meeting |
| 20-Mar-2023 | Townhall w/ Minister La Grange and AB Educ re: New Curriculum |
| 21-Mar-2023 | Art Collaboration Unveiling at Westwood |
| 22-Mar-2023 | YMM Chamber Networking Lunch - Economic Forecast |