

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 May 17, 2023, and the public is welcome to attend. The following are updates from the April 19, 2023, meeting.

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PRIORITY #1 - SUCCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- 17 new locally acquired courses have been submitted to Alberta Education to make courses available for FMPSD high school students for September 2023.

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

- Feedback from Stakeholders is currently being considered during the development of the new Education plan. Schools will be presenting to the Board in mid-May.
- The 2024-2025 academic year calendar is under development, and thoughtful consideration has been given to scheduling major breaks to provide ample notice to families and staff. Input from various stakeholders, including staff, parents and union members, has contributed to the formation of this proposed calendar. Instructional Days will be balanced when discussed next year.

PRIORITY #4 - STRENGTHEN QUALITY TEACHING & LEADING

- FMPSD continues to attend job fairs and conduct interviews for teaching positions for the 2023/2024 school year. Many of these students are currently completing practicums at FMPSD schools, and we have heard some great reviews about their work from the school administrators and mentor teachers.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

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

- In process of reviewing preliminary 2023/24 Budgets with schools and departments.
- FMPSD is actively looking to hire more Education Assistants to fill roles for the 2023/2024 school year.
- Local Authorities Pension Plan audit completed, no major discrepancies.



SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS



Walter and Gladys Hill Public School - PEAK & Enrichment

Walter and Gladys Hill Public School wowed the Board with their dynamic presentation on PEAK and enrichment programs. Student leaders demonstrated their enhanced physical literacy and skill development thanks to exposure to sports through PEAK. Alongside this, they shared how drama and mindfulness classes provide a relaxing and self-regulating environment, while Tynker, French as a second language, and guitar classes expand students' knowledge and skills in new and engaging ways.



Christian Gordon Public School - Leadership

Christina Gordon Public School students impressively presented the Board with their incorporation of leadership skills into daily academic programming. Students highlighted how they take charge of daily activities such as gardening, breakfast, assembly, recycling, hot lunch, and announcements. Moreover, they also produce monthly newsletters in multiple languages to ensure their entire school community can stay connected.

DIVISION SHOWCASE



FMPSD TAFI WINNER

This month's TAFI (Twitter, Apps, Facebook, Instagram) Award went to Timberlea Public School's Lezley Hiebert. She loves to show off all the amazing activities her classes participate in, including the unique MicroSociety program and Market Days Timberlea School regularly hosts. Thank you for sharing the story of FMPSD!

Congratulations Lezley!

Aspirations in Computing Educator Award



Congratulations to Grade 12 Westwood student Tochi Okoro on being honourably mentioned for the Aspirations in Computing award. Congratulations to Westwood teacher Said El Mejdani on receiving the Aspirations in Computing Educator Award.

RARA Winners



Congratulations to Grade 3 Walter & Gladys Hill Student Anna Mercredi and Grade 5 École Dickinsfield student Evander Loo on winning the Junior Achievement Award!

DIVISION SHOWCASE

Lincoln M. Alexander School Essay Winners

Topic Question - Grades 4-6

2nd Place: Abiha Anjum (Fort McMurray Islamic School - Grade 6)

3rd Place: Kai Tokkeli (École Dickinsfield - Grade 4)

Concession: Samara Jamal (École Dickinsfield - Grade 6)

Topic Question - Grades 7-9

1st Place: Amarachi Okoro (Fort McMurray Christian School - Grade 8)

2nd Place: Toyosi Adeleye (Westwood Community High School - Grade 8)

3rd Place: Taha Ahmad (Westwood Community High School - Grade 9)

Topic Question - Grades 10-12

1st Place: Afeefa Ahmad (Westwood Community High School - Grade 12)

Concession: Esther Okorie (Westwood Community High School - Grade 10)



Spelling Bee Winners


1st Place: Hiba Ali (Fort McMurray Islamic School - Grade 7)

2nd Place: Shreyosi Bairagi (Westwood Community High School - Grade 8)

3rd Place: Rayan Ahmad (Fort McMurray Islamic School - Grade 7)

1st Place: Ayaan Ahmad (Fort McMurray Islamic School - Grade 3)

TRUSTEE ENGAGEMENT (MAR 24 - APR 20)

 FMPSD Trustee Engagement March 24 - April 20, 2023	
Date	Event(s) Attended
27/3/23	Joint Networks Liaison Committee Meeting
27/3/23	Policy Advisory Committee Meeting
30-Mar-2023	Grade 7 Indigenous Wellness Conference
30-Mar-2023	Coffee Chat with ATA President
30-Mar-2023	David Irvine webinar
3-Apr-2023	Dene Handgames
4-Apr-2023	École Dickinsfield Trustee School Visit
4-Apr-2023	Committee of the Whole meeting (CoW)
4-Apr-2023	Networks Liaison Committee Meeting
4-Apr-2023	Dave McNeilly Literacy Week
5-Apr-2023	Dave McNeilly Literacy Week
7-Apr-2023	Good Friday - No School
10-Apr-2023	Stat - No School
11-14-Apr-2023	Spring Break - No School
17-April-2023	Board Governance Evaluation workshop with Chris Smeaton
13-14 Apr 2023	PSBC Meeting
31-March-2023	Markaz-UI-Islam annual Fast-A-Thon event