

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 June 21, 2023, and the public is welcome to attend. The following are updates from the May 17, 2023, meeting.

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PRIORITY #1 - SUCCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- The Board has approved the FMPSPD Education Plan for the 2023-2026 academic years.
- The Board received the School Education Plans and had the opportunity to ask questions before finally approving them.
- The updated plan focuses on growth and improvement in areas such as numeracy, literacy, mental health and wellness, stakeholder engagement and building capacity in staff.
- FMPSPD staff are deeply devoted to their students and demonstrate this through their commitment to professional learning; however, there is a critical need for additional professional support.
- Mental health and wellness is a crucial area of focus that requires greater resources and funding due to the complexities of student needs today.

PRIORITY #3 - EFFECTIVE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- The Board conducted a review of Policy 1, resulting in language edits, rewording some statements, and removal of other statements. The Board will further reference and discuss the older logo and brand guideline document at an upcoming meeting.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

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

- The Division has experienced rapid growth of 19.49% since 2018, outgrowing the provincial increase of 4.87%. Enrollment is projected to rise another 7% by Fall 2023. We have seen a pattern of increased numbers of students enrolling with significant needs. This creates a complex learning environment in a remote community, requiring more educational assistants, consultants and school-based supports. This demand has created a projected deficit of 5.4 million dollars in FMPSPD for the next school year.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS



Frank Spragins High School - Student Leaders & Role Models

Grade 11 students Chance Meeres and Katie Collins earned the spotlight at Frank Spragins' recent board presentation. Their exemplary engagement within the school's clubs and programs was commended by the staff. They are highly active in school activities, taking part in clubs, initiatives, and external extracurricular ventures representing their school. With their exceptional dedication and commitment, Chance and Katie are the epitome of student leaders and role models at Frank Spragins High School.



Westview Public School - Full Circle Mentorship

Westview Public School spotlighted the exciting Full Circle Mentorship Program. Developed in collaboration with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Wood Buffalo, it connects students with Indigenous Culture through various activities and workshops. Led by Ms. Rosetta, students meet after school to learn about crafts, storytelling, and sacred teachings, among other things. The program offers diverse activities, such as bannock making, fish scale art, dance classes, and more. Additionally, it features Elder-led sessions aimed at promoting cultural awareness.

DIVISION SHOWCASE

FMPSD TAFI WINNER

This month's TAFI (Twitter, Apps, Facebook, Instagram) Award went to Fort McMurray Christian School's Geoff Bishop. Not only posting as principal but as a promoter for local school events, Geoff had amazing coverage of ServeYMM, Christian School's 1st ever Christian youth conference. Thank you for sharing the story of FMPSD!

Congratulations Geoff!



DIVISION SHOWCASE



McEwen Family Teacher Recognition Award

Congratulations to Westwood teacher Said El Mejdani on receiving the McEwen Family Teacher Recognition Award. The award celebrates teachers who go above and beyond teaching the curriculum to ensure their students succeed not just academically but personally as well.



Honouring Spirit Indigenous Spirit Award


Congratulations to Timberlea Public School Grade 2 student Ava Pruden for being recognized and awarded the Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award at the Indigenous Student Awards ceremony at Government House in Edmonton.



Westwood Community High School's Italy 2023 Trip

Westwood High School's presentation tonight was about the travel club's recent trip to Italy. Students were lucky to experience authentic Italian food, visit historical areas and take pictures during a fantastic opportunity to experience culture overseas!

TRUSTEE ENGAGEMENT (APR 21 - MAY 24)

 FMPSD Trustee Engagement April 21- May 24, 2023	
Date	Event(s) Attended
April 21 - 23	Alberta School Council Association Spring conference (ASCA)
April 24 - 26	College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS) First Nation, Metis, Inuit Gathering
27-Apr-2023	David Irvine Webinar
28-Apr-2023	Submitted Board Chair message to The Advocate
1-May-2023	Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) zone 2-3 meeting
2-May-2023	Advocacy Committee meeting
4-May-2023	Employee Recognition
8-May-2023	Advocacy Committee meeting
9-May-2023	Christina Gordon School musical
9-May-2023	Committee of the Whole meeting (CoW)
10-May-2023	Student Advisory
10-May-2023	Suncor Community Reception
11-May-2023	Audit and Finance Committee meeting
16 + 17-May-2023	School Education Plan presentations
17-May-2023	Coffee Chat with ATA president
19-May-2023	ASBA ClaroVote Training for Spring General Meeting