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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 November 29, 2023, and the public is welcome to attend. The following are updates from the October 25, 2023, meeting.

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

- The Alberta Education Modular Classroom expansion submission was successful, with 2 portables coming to FMPSD; Christina Gordon and Dave McNeilly will each receive one.

PRIORITY #3 - EFFECTIVE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- At the November Networks meeting, the School Council Annual Report feedback will be reviewed.
- Trustee O'Hara was elected to the PSBAA Executive Board as Director for a 1 year fixed term.
- FMPSD is looking forward to a November in-person meeting with the Minister of Education; these meetings have always contained great discussions with the elected government and allows FMPSD to showcase the good work that occurs Division-wide, but more importantly, it provides an opportunity to voice local concerns of the Board and its stakeholders.

PRIORITY 4 - STRENGTHEN QUALITY TEACHING AND LEADING

- Board Chair and Vice-Chair are to conclude the review of the Superintendent's contract
- The Education Plan was well received by Alberta Education; Alberta Ed was noted as saying it was very well put together, easy to read, used precise language and was incredibly visually pleasing.
- Preliminary Enrollment is up and estimated 7.21% over last year and is up 1.89% over the enrollment forecast for 2023/2024

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DIVISION SHOWCASE



Student Council - Westwood Community High School

Westwood Community High School passionately showcased the Student Council and its many initiatives to engage students beyond the classroom. These include hosting regularly scheduled festive events such as holiday-related dances and wake-a-thons but also extended towards creating representation groups to create inclusive, safe spaces for all students. Beyond providing inclusivity options for all, Westwood is actively donating funds to numerous causes as a result of student engagement derived from events hosted by the Student Council.



Skills Canada - École McTavish High School

École McTavish High School presented a recap presentation about the recent Skills Canada competition; five students represented the school and region at the provincial level, with one going on to receive recognition at the National Skills competition. Beyond showcasing the numerous areas of Skills that students can compete in, École McTavish also promoted the competition as a way for students to hone their own skills and explore alternative career paths in the trades.

DIVISION SHOWCASE



International Aloha Competition - Sniti Shah

The Board of Trustees celebrated Sniti Shah, from Dave McNeilly Public School, who won her category for grade three at the International Aloha Math Competition in Malaysia. Representing Canada, she won the Grand Champion trophy, the Grade 3 category medal, and two certificates at the annual event on July 30, 2023.

Congratulations Sniti!



Teachers Building Leaders Award

The Board of Trustees honoured Westwood Community High School teachers Jeff Landry and Said El Mejdani for becoming recent recipients of the Loran Teachers Building Leaders Award. Westwood alumnus and Loran Scholar Dhruv Patel nominated both teachers for the inspiration and guidance they provide to students.

