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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 19, 2024, and the public is welcome to attend. The following are updates from the May 22, 2024, meeting.

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PRIORITY 1: PROMOTE GROWTH AND SUCCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- The Board has approved the renewal and/or acquisition of Locally Developed Courses for the 2024/2025 school year.

PRIORITY 4: STRENGTHEN QUALITY TEACHING & LEADING

- The Board has reviewed and approved version 1 of the Two Years Out Calendar for Start, End, & Major Holidays for the 2025-26 school year.
- The Advocacy Committee is working on their Yearly Plan, which will be discussed at the June 6th Committee of the Whole meeting.
- The Board will conduct the Superintendent of Schools Evaluation as per Board Policy 12 next month as well as hiring a consultant to complete the Board evaluation.
- The Board has approved the Annual Division Education Plan which will be submitted to Alberta Education and posted on the website May 31st.

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FINANCIAL UPDATES

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

- To balance the budget, annual reductions of \$1.75 million per year for three (3) more years will be required. This funding framework has put the Division into deficit budgeting. The lack of severe funding compared to the growth in severe enrollment is unsustainable.
- The framework utilizes Weighted Moving Average (WMA) enrollment, which results in 378 students being unfunded in this budget. This equates to the total enrollment, whereas the operating deficit is 6.1% of Alberta Education Funding. The WMA is not supporting the students of the FMPSD. Without the elimination of WMA, increased severe and operations and maintenance funding, the Division will deplete its operating reserves and capital reserves to a minimum by August 2027. Reductions to the budget to balance the budget over the next 4 years will impact every department, program and school. Without increased overall funding per pupil, rising costs are increasing the Division's deficit

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS



AMA Safety Patrol - École Dickinsfield

The Board was presented with École Dickinsfield's AMA Safety Patrol program, which empowers students to contribute meaningfully to their school community by serving as crosswalk guides and managing traffic around the bustling Ecole Dickinsfield area. By participating, students develop valuable confidence and leadership skills, making a tangible difference in ensuring the safety of their peers. This initiative enhances student safety and fosters a sense of responsibility and community spirit among participants.



Celebrating Success - Frank Spragins High School

At the recent Board meeting, Frank Spragins shared the inspiring success stories of three graduating students, highlighting how a safe, encouraging learning environment was crucial to their achievements. Though often labelled as an Outreach school, Frank Spragins is more accurately described as a connection school, where the bonds between students, teachers, and support staff create a nurturing atmosphere conducive to student success. We eagerly anticipate celebrating even more incredible stories at the upcoming FHS Graduation!

DIVISION SHOWCASE



Westwood Community High School's Travel Club

Westwood Community High School's Travel Club recently embarked on an enriching journey, visiting numerous European landmarks, Paris, and Dublin. As students explored these historic sites, they reflected on the lessons they've absorbed over the years, appreciating the connection between their education and real-world experiences. For many, this trip was their first venture abroad, providing them the exhilarating opportunity to immerse themselves in new cultures and locations. Where will Mr. Bowie go next year?



FMPSD Innovative Leadership Award

The FMPSD Innovative Leadership Award is given to a staff member who leads an innovation which results in higher achievement or production. This year's recipients are Communication Coordinator Momin Syed and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Coordinator Kehinde Saka for their work on the FMPSD Newcomer Kiosk. The Kiosks, available at all FMPSD school front offices, translate registration information, documents, and more into over 80 languages across mediums, such as text, video, and non-verbal guides. Congrats!

