



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

December 11-12, 2017

Trustees: Ballantyne, Ettawacappo, Friesen, Imrie, Mosiondz, Osborne, Pearson, Sanderson

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW AND DIALOGUE

Since the spring of 2017 the Board have held discussions on various aspects of the three focus goals of literacy and numeracy; way of life, and well-being. At the December meeting the Board measured Division programs and initiatives relative to impact on student learning and in relation to costs for programming. Activities such as “investment versus impact” and “critical pathways” have focused on leadership, communication and excellence. The Board continues to hold conversations at their monthly meetings focusing on supports for students and schools.

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

The Board began a review of their communication strategies in the fall of 2016. As a result of that review the company Changemakers was contracted to support the Division’s communications strategies. One aspect of that support focused on the Division’s logo and positioning statement. The Board began work in the fall, with review and discussion of a design that would capture the essence of Frontier School Division. This work culminated into an historic event at their December meeting.

The Frontier School Division Board of Trustees were pleased to unanimously approve a new logo and positioning statement. A plan to unveil the new logo and positioning statement will be reviewed by the Board at their January 2018 meeting.

ACCESSIBILITY PLAN FOR FRONTIER SCHOOL DIVISION

The Board were presented with the Accessibility Plan for Frontier School Division. The presentation included an explanation of the requirements of *The Accessibility for Manitobans Act* for public institutions, such as school divisions and schools, and five aspects required by legislation leading up to provincial compliance in 2023.

The first aspect of provincial legislation focuses on “Accessible Customer Service”. Trustees and staff at the Board meeting fulfilled legislative requirements by participating in three training videos on customer service.

Communication on the Accessibility Plan as well as plans for training of all Division staff and volunteers, such as school committee members is currently being finalized.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The Board approved a recommendation from their Finance Committee and appointed the auditing firm Deloitte as Division Auditor for 2017/18. As outlined in *The Public Schools Act*, the Minister of Education and Training will be notified of this appointment.

SCHOOL TRIPS

The Board approved three outdoor wilderness/cultural activity trips from Frontier Collegiate Institute.

AWARDS

The Board approved the recommendations of their Awards Panel for the 2018 Outstanding Contribution Award – School Committee Members, and the 2018 Frontier Achievement Award. Award recipients were notified by the Board Chairperson and the Chief Superintendent with awards being presented at the 40th Annual School Committee Conference in February 2018 in Winnipeg.

REQUEST FOR RELIGIOUS EXERCISES

The Board approved a request from the Gypsumville School Committee to hold religious exercises at Gypsumville School for the 2017/18 school year. The school fulfilled the requirements of *The Public Schools Act* including providing signed petitions by the majority of parents.

REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS and DIRECTION

- As part of the Board’s discussions supporting the Strategic Plan, direction was provided to administration supporting literacy with plans to work with Pearson Canada re Fountas and Pinnell Inquiry.
- Reports were received from the Finance Committee, the F.S.D./F.T.A. Liaison Committee, and the N.O.F.I. Board of Directors.
- Correspondence from the Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) regarding their 2018 convention were reviewed and discussed.
- Assistant Superintendent Hampson provided a report on Technology in the Division.

ANNUAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE 2018 “Flourishing School Communities”

The Board confirmed the conference theme “Flourishing School Communities” and approved a draft conference logo. They also confirmed topics and presentations for the two-day conference in February 2018 in Winnipeg.

The next meeting of the Board takes place on Monday, January 15 and Tuesday, January 16, 2018 in the Winnipeg office.

The Frontier School Board of Trustees and Division Office staff wishes everyone a happy, healthy and safe Christmas, and prosperous New Year.

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