

February 13, 2018



Meeting Highlights ~ Board of Trustees

Trustees Ballantyne, Pearson, Calvert, Friesen, Imrie, Montgomery, Mosiondz, Osborne, Sanderson

STRATEGIC PLAN DIALOGUE

At every Board meeting dialogue and discussions take place regarding the Strategic Plan and the Focus Areas. Topics included the “TeacherMatch” online tool to support recruitment; agenda for the April Board and Superintendent Joint Meeting focusing on our “Why”, and ways to track and monitor the Strategic Plan. To that end, the Board agreed to contract with pmh Insights, a company specializing in tracking, monitoring and aligning Divisional and school plans. Details on the implementation of this tool to support strategic planning will continue at future Board meetings.

40th ANNUAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE

As part of their 40th anniversary celebrations the Board was pleased to unveil their new logo and positioning statement “Excellence and Experience in Education”. Information regarding the new logo including brand standards as well as with links to social media have been shared with staff. You can follow Frontier School Division on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FrontierSchoolDivision> and Twitter at <https://twitter.com/@FrontierSD>

MILL RATE

The Public Schools Act requires school boards annually by March 15 to set Special Levy mill rates. The Board approved a mill rate of 12.865 mills to be used for the calculation of the 2018 Special Levy. The Board was pleased to note that this reduction in levy amounts to a five percent decrease from prior years.

BOARD MEETING CALENDAR and SCHOOL VISITS

The Board confirmed their meeting calendar for 2018-19 as follows: September 20-21, 2018; October 17-19, 2018 (includes Joint Meeting with Superintendent Group); November 8-9, 2018; December 10-11, 2018; January 17-18, 2019; February 12, 2019 (February 13-15 – 41st Annual School Committee Conference); March 12-13, 2019; April 15-16, 2019 (includes Joint Meeting with Superintendent Group); May 14-15, 2019 (School visit - location to be determined), and June 13-14, 2019. The Board also confirmed plans for visiting a few schools in Area 2 on May 15, 2018.

SCHOOL TRIPS

The Board ratified and approved outdoor wilderness/cultural activity trips from Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre and Jack River School. The Board also approved students from Frontier Mosakahiken and Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre to participate in the Encounters with Canada Program in Ottawa, and educational trips for Waterhen and Minegoziibe Anishinabe Schools for travel within Canada.

SPECIAL LEAVE / SABBATICAL LEAVE

The Board approved seventeen (17) applications for Special Leave for 2018/19. The Board denied one (1) request for Sabbatical Leave.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and DISCUSSIONS

The Board received a report from the Finance, Support Staff Liaison, Employee Pension, and Divisional P.E.N.T. committees. Discussion took place regarding the 2018 Manitoba School Boards Convention; and the processes and plans for an evaluation of the Chief Superintendent. The Board reviewed a request from the Camperville Community Council; and a request from the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils with direction provided to administration for response to both requests.

The next meeting of the Board takes place on Tuesday, March 13 and Wednesday, March 14, 2018 in the Winnipeg Office.

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