



# BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 15-16, 2018

Trustees: Ballantyne, Calvert, Ettawacappo, Friesen, Imrie, Montgomery, Osborne, Pearson, Sanderson

## **STRATEGIC PLAN DIALOGUE**

The Board continues to hold conversations at their monthly meetings focusing on the strategic plan, three focus areas and supports for students and schools. They discussed their philosophy on “retention” as it relates to Policy F.3.F. – Promotion, Placement and Retention of Students and will continue their conversation at the Board table and Policy Review Committee meetings. They also discussed leadership and communication relative to their commitment for excellence. The Board confirmed the topic of “Finding Your Why” based on a Simon Sinek book for their April 2018 Joint meeting and discussions with the Superintendent group.

## **COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY**

The Board reviewed plans to unveil the new Division logo and positioning statement at the Annual School Committee Conference in February. They also discussed plans to communicate the new logo across the Division.

Unveiling of the new logo and positioning statement was confirmed for Wednesday, February 14 as part of the “Conference Opening and Celebrations of Achievements” and Thursday, February 15 during the Conference Opening.

## **SCHOOL TRIPS**

The Board approved a number of outdoor wilderness/cultural activity trip requests from Jack River School, Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre, and Frontier Collegiate Institute. These trips are taking place in January and February.

## **SPECIAL LEAVE / SABBATICAL LEAVE**

Trustees Pearson and Montgomery, and Alternate Trustee Imrie were named to the Special Leave sub-committee and the Sabbatical Leave sub-committee. The role of these committees are outlined in policy (Special Leave) and Collective Agreement (Sabbatical Leave).

## **POLICIES**

The Board approved three revised policies for implementation:

- E.1.B – Recruitment of Personnel (Policy and Regulation),
- E.5.D – Progressive Discipline – Support Staff (Policy and Regulation),
- F.1.B – Appropriate Educational Programming (Policy and Regulation).

The Board approved the distribution of a number of policies for comment:

- F.1.G.A – Language Instruction (Policy),
- F.1.D – Home Placement Program (Policy and Regulation),
- F.1.F – Adult Education (Policy),
- F.1.H – Locally Developed High School Curricula (Policy and Regulation),
- F.1.L-R – Use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) – Students (Regulation),
- New Policy C.2.J – Accessibility (Policy and Regulation).

Correspondence regarding policies will be forwarded soon.

An initial review of the “By-Laws, Procedures and Protocols for Board of Trustees, Frontier School Division” handbook took place with further review planned at future meetings.

## **PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS and DISCUSSIONS**

- The Board received a presentation from pmh Insights on “Envisio”, a web-based tool that assists school divisions to track, monitor and report upon strategic and operational plans. Further discussions will take place at their February meeting.
- Reports were received from the Policy Review and Finance committees, and the N.O.F.I. Board of Directors.
- The Board discussed TeacherMatch, an online tool supporting teacher recruitment, with discussions continuing at their February meeting.
- The Board discussed a request from the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils with discussions to continue at their February meeting.

## **ANNUAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE 2018 “Flourishing School Communities”**

The Board reviewed their draft state of the address to delegates of the conference. Plans to finalize events for the conference agenda including the unveiling of the new Division logo were confirmed.

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