



Meeting Highlights ~ Board of Trustees

Trustees Ballantyne, Pearson, Calvert, Ettawacappo, Friesen, Osborne, Sanderson

STRATEGIC PLAN DIALOGUE

At every meeting dialogue and discussion takes place regarding the Strategic Plan and our three focused areas. Discussion on the theme and focus for their April 16 joint meeting with the Superintendent group was confirmed. The Board continues to receive regular updates on implementation of the new logo and brand standards. The Board received a presentation from Assistant Superintendent Krahn on the “Way of Life” focus. Recommendations for improvements included cultural competency, human resource onboarding strategies for recruitment, communications and sharing Divisional resources, cross-curricular ties for Indigenous education, and policy creation to support Indigenous way of life and programming. The Board also continued discussions on supporting educational leadership. Plans for interested teaching staff to participate in the 2018-2019 Manitoba Association of School Superintendents Field Led Course were reviewed. An update on work progressing with PMH Insights to align Divisional and school plans using their “Envisio” software program was provided. An opportunity for students in senior years to participate with students across Canada via the Vimy Legacy Project was approved. Plans and processes for applications are underway and will be distributed to schools later this spring.

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

The Board met with Dr. John Wiens and discussed plans to begin a 360-evaluation of the Chief Superintendent. A summative report is expected to be provided to the Board and the Chief Superintendent in June 2018.

40th ANNUAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE

The Board reviewed comments from delegates and discussed ways to increase participation in the social evening event.

POLICIES

The Board approved the following policies for implementation:

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

The Board also approved the distribution of draft revised Policy F.1.M – Healthy Foods in Schools for comment. Correspondence on approved or revised policies has been forwarded to staff and school committees. Policies in Section F.2 - Entrance Age Requirements were approved as reviewed with refinements not required.

SCHOOL TRIPS

The Board approved outdoor wilderness/cultural activity trip requests from Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre, Frontier Mosakahiken School, and the F.C.I. Residence. They also ratified an outdoor wilderness/cultural activity trip from Jack River School. The Mountain View School’s educational trip request to travel to various locations in Saskatchewan in June was approved pending clarification.

REQUEST FOR RELIGIOUS EXERCISES

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS and DISCUSSIONS

The Board received a report from the following committees: Finance, Policy Review, F.S.D./F.T.A. Liaison, and Collective Bargaining.

Discussion took place regarding the Board’s visit to a number of schools in Area 2 on May 15, 2018. Schools scheduled to visit are Duck Bay, Minegoziibe Anishinabe, Philomene Chartrand, Waterhen, Skownan, and Rorketon.

The Board also reviewed a request from the Philomene Chartrand School Committee and directed administration to reply including an invitation to meet during their visit to that school community.

Reports of recent Area Advisory Committee meetings and a report on the F.C.I. School Committee meetings were provided. General discussion arose on ways to support schools dealing with pediculosis (head lice).

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The next meeting of the Frontier School Division Board of Trustees takes place on April 16-17, 2018 with April 16 designated as their joint meeting with the Superintendent Group. These meetings will be held in the Winnipeg office.

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