



# BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

September 18-19, 2017

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

## TABLE OFFICERS SELECTED

Trustee Linda Ballantyne was acclaimed as Chairperson and Trustee Marion Pearson was acclaimed as Vice-Chairperson. *The Public Schools Act* requires table officers annually be selected at the inaugural meeting of the Board.

## BOARD APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED

The following Board committees were confirmed:

- Finance – Trustees Imrie, Mosiondz and the Board Chairperson, Trustee Calvert (named in absentia),
- Policy Review – Trustees Montgomery, Pearson, Osborne, and the Board Chairperson,
- Employee Pension Committee – Trustees Sanderson, Pearson, and Imrie,
- Employee Benefits Committee – Trustee Friesen,
- Frontier Collegiate Institute Committee – Trustee Pearson,
- Nikanihk Ohci Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors – Area 1 Trustee Mosiondz, Area 2 Trustee Sanderson, Area 3 Trustee Friesen, Area 4 Trustee Calvert (named in absentia), and Area 5 Trustee Ettawacappo,
- Awards Panel – Friesen,
- Support Staff Liaison Committee – Trustee Montgomery (from Policy Review) and Trustee Imrie (from Finance).

## SCHOOL TRIPS

The Board ratified and approved a number of outdoor wilderness/cultural activity trips from Grand Rapids, Frontier Mosakahiken, F.C.I. Residence, Minegoziibe Anishinabe, Falcon Beach, and Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre. The Board also approved a request for blanket approval for sports activities from Frontier Collegiate Institute.

## SCHOOL and AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Board approved refinements to the Area 4 Advisory Committee Constitution and Terms of Reference document with most revisions to be mirrored in other Area documents. The Board also approved a recommendation from the Senior Elections Official to not hold Fall By-Elections in Division communities for the 2017-18 year. Vacancies on local school committees will remain as such for the term ending October 2018.

## RESERVE FUND

The Board approved a Reserve Fund, based upon requirements of *The Public Schools Act*. This Reserve Fund will assist with the needs for teacher housing (teacherages) in the Division.

## REPORTS and DISCUSSIONS

Discussions and reporting on a number of things took place including:

- review of comments received from the August Gathering and New Teacher Orientation,
- plans to host the Manitoba School Boards Association Region 4 meeting in Flin Flon and Cranberry Portage on October 20-21, 2017,
- review of the draft schedule of activities for October 2017 Board meeting and Joint meeting with the Superintendents' group, as well as plans for a presentation by Changemakers to the Board on October 23,
- a presentation on Area 2 schools by Area Superintendent Chartrand,
- discussion regarding Mathematics programming,
- discussion regarding Division policy and students trips and cell phone use,
- direction to administration to schedule PMH Insights presentation to the Board in January 2018.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 23, 2017 and their Joint meeting with the Superintendent group on October 24-25, 2017 taking place at Hecla Island.

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