

October 17-19, 2018



Meeting Highlights ~ Board of Trustees

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

STRATEGIC PLAN DIALOGUE

On October 17-18, the Board met with the Divisional senior leadership team to review and discuss how data is informing progress for the three focus areas: academics, way of life, and wellness. Reports including student suspensions, attendance (students and staff), provincial assessment results, school surveys (student safety and wellness) and the 2017-18 Annual Report were discussed at length. Area Superintendents reported upon their successes and challenges in each of the three focus areas. The session ended with a sharing circle and discussion on ways to move forward in support of all students.

RETIREMENT PLAN

The Board approved recommendations from their Employee Pension Committee regarding the Retirement Plan for Employees of the Frontier School Division:

- Actuarial Report as at December 31, 2017,
- Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures updates, including changes to the Asset Mix,
- Trez Capital selected as Private Debt Manager.

SCHOOL TRIPS

The Board ratified a number of outdoor wilderness/cultural activity trip requests that took place in October: Falcon Beach School (1), Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre (3). The Board also approved a request from Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre for blanket sports travel to towns inside the Saskatchewan border for the 2018-19 year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and DISCUSSIONS

The Board received a report from the F.S.D/F.T.A Liaison committee.

Discussion arose on a number of items:

- correspondence from The Manitoba School Boards Association regarding their communication strategy, water quality testing, and three question/poll survey,
- the legalization of non-medical use of cannabis, policies pertaining to illegal substances, and communication to parents and staff on the topic,
- recruitment of teachers,
- Preparation for the 41st Annual School Committee Conference; workshops on roles and responsibilities of school committees (such as recruitment, confidentiality, conflict of interest, social media), and presentations focusing on the Strategic Plan.

The next meeting of the Frontier School Division Board of Trustees takes place in Winnipeg on Thursday, November 8 and Friday, November 9, 2018. This will be the inaugural meeting of the Board for the four-year term 2018-2022.

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