



● Celebrating 50 Years

Frontier School Division School Committee Newsletter

Message from Frontier School Board



As you are aware, Frontier School Division turns 50 years old this year. We are excited about celebrating the past 50 years of development in education, especially given

the changes and growth the Frontier family has encountered during these five decades. It is our goal to celebrate this milestone in each community where Frontier has the privilege to serve in education. To that end, the Frontier School Board of Trustees is encouraging each school committee to work with their school in highlighting this **50th anniversary** throughout the school year.

As a kick off for this special anniversary, each school committee in collaboration with their local school were

asked to hold a small celebration at the beginning of the school year to announce to students, staff and community the start of Frontier's 50th year.

A flag that prominently displays the **50th anniversary** logo has been ordered for each school and building in the Division and should be arriving soon. Clothing with the **50th Anniversary** logo is now available for orders, information has been sent to the schools and school committees.

As well, the Board will be releasing a short video later this year that will give an account of the past fifty years.

ROLE OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The purpose of the school committee within the legal framework as outlined in the Public Schools Act is to work with the Area Superintendent and the Principal on issues which concern the operation of the local school. The school committees of Frontier School Division are involved in the operation of their schools in:

- ⇒ making recommendations with respect to the hiring of all school staff personnel;
- ⇒ making recommendations respecting the need to evaluate the performance of any person employed by the Division;

⇒ reviewing and making recommendations respecting proposed capital construction projects, the proposed annual budget and monthly expenditures;

⇒ reviewing and making recommendations respecting changes in school policies, procedures, programs and approving school trips & tours;

⇒ reviewing and making recommendations annually respecting the short and long term priorities and;

⇒ making recommendations respecting the transportation needs of students."

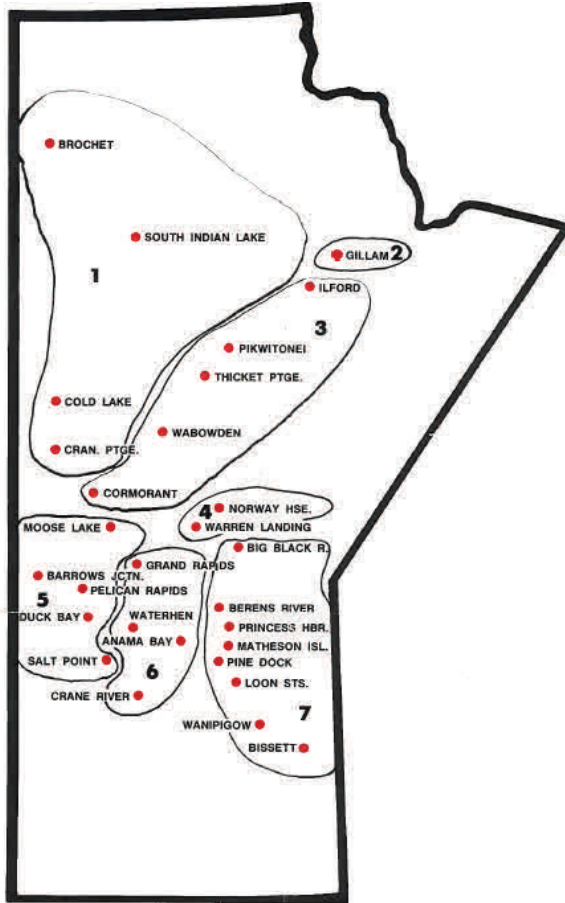
Public Schools Act, Section 17(6)

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- **Collectively, school committee members as whole are responsible for providing support, guidance and advise to the principal.**
- **The principal is the educational leader in the school and is responsible for staff organization, management and instruction and student discipline.**

History of School Committees



In July 1965, Frontier School Division was established to include 43 isolated communities scattered across the province of Manitoba. An official trustee was appointed, the Minister of Education appointed a Central Advisory Committee to advise and assist the Official Trustee. The committee included representatives from Frontier School Division communities, as well as representatives from other government departments.

In 1970 the Frontier School Division Central Advisory Committee was formally established. Regional elections were organized and the elected members were then formally appointed by the Minister of Education. The original Center Advisory Committee included:

Region 1 Rep: Mrs. Corrine Perrin, Cranberry Portage, MB

Region 2 Rep: Mrs. Doreen Beaupre, Gillam, MB

Region 3 Rep: Mrs. M. Thompson, Ilford, MB

Region 4 Rep: Mrs. Ida Mowat, Norway House, MB

Region 5 Rep: Mr. Abe Ledoux, Duck Bay, MB

Region 6 Rep: Mr. Roy Adam, Waterhen, MB

Region 7 Rep: Mrs. Brenda Anderson, Princess Harbour, MB

Manitoba Metis Federation, Mr. A. Chartrand

Manitoba Indian Brotherhood, Miss Verna Kirkness

In June 1991, changes were made to the Public Schools Act to formally establish the election process of local school committees, area advisory committees and school trustees in Frontier School Division.

Becoming Family, Living and Learning at Frontier Collegiate

by Jerry Storie

"**Becoming Family** entails the creation of Frontier Collegiate Institute and traces the lives of some of its graduates from their home communities to life at Frontier Collegiate and beyond. **Becoming Family** shares the stories of some of Manitoba's most well-known Aboriginal and future leaders as they leave their homes seeking a chance to attend a high school with a well-respected academic program unavailable in their home communities. While **Becoming Family** is in part about the history of the school, it is primarily about the day-to-day struggles of students living, learning and growing up away from home."

"The story of FCI is compelling because of how and why it was established but also because of whom it served and how successful it was."

To purchase your copy of **Becoming Family**, you can order through McNally Robinson in Winnipeg by calling (204) 475-0483. All proceeds from sales will go towards "**Friends of Frontier Collegiate Institute Scholarship Awards Fund.**"

There are currently 41 School Committees in Frontier School Division

- **Area 1:** 11 School Committees
- **Area 2:** 13 School Committees
- **Area 3:** 10 School Committees
- **Area 4:** 6 School Committees
- **Area 5:** 1 School Committee

174 Elected

50 Appointed

224 School Committees Members

School Committee Recognition Awards Program

The contribution of long-term school committee members is valued and recognized by the Frontier School Board of Trustees. In recognition of this contribution, the Board has established an awards program for long-term service and outstanding service

LONG TERM-SERVICE AWARDS FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEES

The Governance Support Officers have compiled records of service for school committee members. The names of those individuals who are eligible for service awards will be forwarded to the Chief Superintendent's office.

Recipients of awards will be provided with instructions on how to select their award from a website.

School committee members who are eligible to receive an award will be presented with their award at the Annual School Committee Conference held in Winnipeg in February 2016 if they are in attendance.

If you are eligible for a long service award, please contact your Governance Support Officer or if you need more information.

Deadline date for submission is November 30, 2015.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AWARD FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEES

The award recognizes school committee members who have demonstrated:

- ◆ Active participation on a school committee
- ◆ Participation in Area & Division Wide Activities
- ◆ Willingness to take on executive duties
- ◆ Willingness to take training
- ◆ Good attendance
- ◆ Responsive to community concerns
- ◆ Long-term service

Criteria for Nomination:

- ◆ All school committee members may be nominated
- ◆ Nominations must be made by a school committee member or by a Frontier School Division employee
- ◆ Nominations must have written support of the committee member
- ◆ The nomination must include supporting documentation, including testimonials from other members and other relevant parties

Nomination forms for this award are available from your Governance Support Officer.

Nominations and documentations must be received **on or before December 1, 2015.** at the office of the Chief Superintendent

FRONTIER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Frontier School Division established the Frontier Achievement Award in January 1998 to recognize and honor the achievements of Frontier's graduates as well as those who attended a Frontier School.

The award is presented annually to former Frontier students or graduates (including Home Placement Program) demonstrating:

- Positive role-modeling

- Outstanding contributions to the benefit of others

The award is presented at the Annual School Committee Conference held every February in Winnipeg.

For information on the award or to receive a nomination package please contact the Chief Superintendent's Office at (204) 775-9741 or visit the website: www.frontiersd.mb.ca

Deadline date for submission is November 30, 2015.

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Nominations were received during the nomination process held September 23-29, 2015 to fill vacancies in the following communities:

- Gillam School
- Thicket Portage
- Lynn Lake
- Pikwitonei
- Gypsumville
- Crane River
- Barrows
- Peonan Point
- Camperville
- God's Lake Narrows
- Stevenson Island
- Wanipigow—Ward-Seymourville
- Norway House

Those individuals that filed nomination papers in the following communities have been elected by acclamation for the remainder of term ending October 2018:

- Thicket Portage
- Gypsumville
- Camperville
- Pikwitonei
- Crane River

All other committees on this list have been given direction to fill vacancies by appointments from the community for the remainder of term ending 2018, as there were no nominations filed.

There will be no by-elections held this fall.



Introducing Reg Klassen, Chief Superintendent

We would like to introduce Mr. Reg Klassen. Reg and his wife Karyn have five children, two sons, two daughters in-law and a daughter.

Reg has worked as Resource/Guidance Teacher, Teaching Vice-Principal and Principal/CEO at Westgate Mennonite Collegiate. He was the Superintendent of Garden Valley School Division, Development Director for Mennonite Collegiate Institute, Principal at W.C. Miller Collegiate and seven years as the Superintendent/CEO of Rolling River School Division in the Minnedosa region.

Reg believes that the student is the most important person in education, and that everything we do, everything we plan, every initiative we take needs to be designed to improve their chances of educational success.

