

February 9, 2021



Meeting Highlights ~ Board of Trustees

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

PANDEMIC PLANNING

Chief Superintendent Klassen and Secretary-Treasurer Spurrill provided an update on COVID-19 impacts and effects on schools/communities.

STRATEGIC PLAN DIALOGUE

The Board received a report on the continued and ongoing work of staff to support literacy efforts in the Division. Updates on literacy initiatives and reports to the Board will continue.

BOARD MEETINGS 2021-22

The Board determined that blocks of weeks for the 2021-22 meetings be held for future Board meetings. This will allow them time to determine Pandemic restrictions such as meeting in-person, limits to numbers for in-person meetings, travel restrictions, and airline carrier schedules. They also noted that in-person meetings as well as Board visit to Areas/Schools are dependent upon then-current provincial Pandemic restrictions. Their calendar will be reviewed later this spring or early summer to determine meeting dates.

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2021-22

The Board previewed a draft 2021-22 School Year Calendar and tabled the topic to a future meeting for confirmation. The deadline for submission of the approved calendar to the Province is April 30.

SCHOOL TRIPS

The Board ratified higher care trip requests from Falcon Beach School, Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre, and Frontier Collegiate; and approved requests from Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre, Frontier Collegiate and Jack River School. Administration was directed to ensure land-based learning activities adhere to requirements for Manitoba Health safety and protocols.

SPECIAL LEAVE

The Board approved seventeen (17) applications for Special Leave for 2021/22.

RETIREMENT PLAN

The Board approved a recommendation from their Employee Pension Committee for an amendment to The Retirement Plan for Employees of Frontier School Division (new Section 5.4 Buy Back).

DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL

The Board approved a recommendation from their Finance Committee regarding the transfer of a parcel of land to the Town of Churchill. They were pleased to note this final step brings conclusion to the project (demolition of former Canada Post building/Duke of Marlborough School building and related transfer of land) which had been under review and for completion since the School joined the Division in 2002.

SPRING BY-ELECTIONS

The Board approved the recommendation from the Senior Election Official on the cancellation of Spring 2021 By-Elections for School Committee members, with vacancies to be appointed at the local level.

MANITOBA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

The Board met with staff from the Manitoba School Boards Association to discuss provincial bargaining processes and the future of education in the province.

DISCUSSION and/or DIRECTION

- A report on Area 1 schools' successes and challenges was presented online by the Area 1 Superintendent.
- Discussion on the 43rd Annual School Committee Conference took place with the Board confirming the conference theme "**Nourishing Hearts and Minds**". Administration was directed to seek feedback from Area Advisory Committees at their upcoming meetings. Further discussion will take place in March for planning purposes.

The next meeting of the Frontier School Division Board of Trustees takes place online on March 9-10, 2021.

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