



Meeting Highlights ~ Board of Trustees

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

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW AND DIALOGUE

The Board continued discussion from their November meeting on the Way of Life focus goal and the draft “Knowledge Keepers” document. They also discussed the selection of members to this focus group and will continue that discussion at their January 2019 meeting.

The Board received a report from Area Superintendent McCaskill on Area 1 Schools successes and challenges. The strategic plan reporting tool (Envisio) was used to show individual schools’ progress supporting the Division’s three focus goals of literacy and numeracy; way of life, and well-being. Discussion on the Envisio reporting content (graphics) was discussed in detail and will continue at the January 2019 meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The Board approved a recommendation from their Finance Committee and appointed the auditing firm of Deloitte as Division Auditor for 2018/19. As outlined in *The Public Schools Act*, the Minister of Education and Training will be notified of this appointment.

AWARDS

The Board approved the recommendation of their Awards Panel for the 2019 Frontier Achievement Award. The award recipient was notified by the Board Chairperson. This award will be formally announced and presented at the 41st Annual School Committee Conference in February 2019 in Winnipeg. The Awards Panel informed the Board that nominations were not received for the Award for Outstanding Contribution – School Committee Members.

CONSTITUTIONS AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Board approved Constitution and Terms of Reference documents for the Area 2 Advisory Committee and the following School Committees: Barrows Junction, Dauphin River, Lakefront, Peonan Point. Committees used refined templates approved by the Board at their May 2018 meeting.

SCHOOL TRIPS

The Board ratified two outdoor wilderness/cultural activity trips (Frontier Collegiate Dormitory, Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre), approved one outdoor wilderness/cultural activity trip (Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre), and approved the Gillam School educational trip to Europe in the spring. The Leaf Rapids Education Centre educational trip to the Maritimes in the spring was referred to their January 2019 meeting pending clarification of items contained in the trip request.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

The Board received training on surface tablets which are provided to better support the Board.

REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS and DIRECTION

- Reports were received from the Finance Committee, Policy Review Committee, F.S.D./F.T.A. Liaison Committee, and Collective Bargaining. The Policy Review Committee confirmed Trustee Montgomery as their representative to the Support Staff Liaison Committee.
- Correspondence from the Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) regarding their 2019 convention were reviewed and discussed.
- A report on the November 26, 2018 Grand Opening of the Dauphin River School was provided.
- Reports from the November 2018 Area 1 Advisory Committee and the Area 4 Advisory Committee was provided.
- Area 3 Trustees reported on their successful Area Fiddle Jamboree.

ANNUAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE 2019

The Board confirmed the overall theme of the conference (way of life and well being). Confirmation of agenda and related activities will take place at the January 2019 meeting.

EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP RENEWED

The Board approved an updated Education Agreement with the Birdtail Sioux First Nation. After their meeting adjourned they met with the Chief and Council and shared comments on the continued partnership culminating in the signing of the Education Agreement.

The next meeting of the Frontier School Division Board of Trustees takes place in Winnipeg on Thursday, January 17 and Friday, January 18, 2019.

The Frontier School Board of Trustees and Division Office staff wishes everyone a happy, healthy and safe Christmas and prosperous New Year.

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