

Meeting Highlights ~ Board of Trustees

Trustees Ballantyne, Pearson, Calvert, Friesen, Imrie, Montgomery, Muswagon, Sanderson, Throop

BOARD and SENIOR ADMINISTRATION MEETING

The Board met with senior administration to review the Division's Strategic Plan focus areas of Academics, Indigenous Way of Life, and Student Services and Wellness, as well as a revisit of discussions arising from their fall meeting with senior leadership on school planning, community voice and paths for future goals.

2025/26 BUDGET

The Board approved the Division's Budget for 2025/26. The Budget is based upon the Division's Strategic Plan and provides continued emphasis on the three focus areas.

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2025/26

The Board approved the School Year calendar for 2025/26:

- School begins: Tuesday, September 2, 2025,
- First day of classes for students: Wednesday, September 3, 2025,
- Last day of School before Christmas Break: Friday, December 19, 2025,
- First day of School after Christmas Break: Monday, January 5, 2026,
- Last day of classes for students: Monday, June 29, 2026.
- Closing date of Schools for 2025/26: Tuesday, June 30, 2026.

BOARD MEETING DATES 2025/26

The Board approved their meeting dates for 2025/26:

- September 24, 2025,
- October 20-22, 2025 (October 20-21 meeting with Superintendent Group),
- November 17-18, 2025,
- December 15-16, 2025,
- January 12-13, 2026,
- February 9-10, 2026,
- March 25-26, 2026 (March 26 meeting with Superintendent Group),
- April 21, 2026 (April 22-24 - 47th Annual School Committee Conference),
- May 25-27, 2026 (School visits, Area/location to be determined),
- June 22-23, 2026.

In addition, administration was provided direction in order to plan a Board visit with representatives from Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning scheduled for September 15-17, 2025.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES

The Board approved a request from the Waterhen School Committee for religious exercises (The Lord's Prayer) for Waterhen School for the 2024/25 school year. Processes for religious exercises are identified in *The Public Schools Act*.

ANNUAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE 2025 – "Building Community Engagement, One Connection at a Time"

The 2025 Annual School Committee Conference draft agenda was reviewed with direction provided to administration for refinements.

TRIPS RATIFIED

The Board ratified a number of higher care school trips: Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre (4 Trips), Stevenson Island, Cold Lake, Cranberry Portage Elementary (2 Trips), Frontier Collegiate (2 Trips), Duke of Marlborough, Wanipigow School (2 Trips), Philomene Chartrand, Matheson Island, Jack River (5 Trips), Black River Anishinabe.

REPORTS, DISCUSSION and DIRECTION

- Committee reports were provided by the Board sub-committees; the N.O.F.I. Board of Directors and Finance. Based on Board discussion, administration was provided direction to begin a school review of San Antonio School including planning for a community consultation meeting. A school review report will be provided to the Board at their April meeting.
- The 2025 Manitoba School Boards Association Annual (MSBA) Convention agenda was reviewed.
- Area Advisory Committee reports provided by Trustees in Areas 2, 3 and 5.
- Administration was provided direction for planning the May 12-14, 2025 Board meeting / visit of various Area 1 schools (on May 13).

The next meeting of the Frontier School Division Board of Trustees takes place on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at Canad Inns Destination Centre Polo Park (1405 St. Matthews Avenue) followed by the 46th Annual School Committee Conference taking place at that venue.

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