

Meeting Highlights ~ Board of Trustees

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

STRATEGIC PLAN 2025/26

The Board approved their strategic plan focus areas for 2025/26: Academics, Indigenous Way of Life, and Student Services and Wellness. The focus area documents will be available on our website. Administration shared a revisioning of the strategic plan that will be a focal point for discussion with senior leadership (Superintendents) at the October 20-21, 2025 meeting.

The Board also participated briefly in a virtual celebration with Areas 2, 4 and 5 Principals and representatives of The Learning Bar.

Administration shared plans regarding the August 2025 virtual sessions for administrators, and the All-Teachers Professional Development event scheduled for September 25-26, 2025 in Winnipeg. The event will focus on trauma-informed practice and Treaty Education training.

POLICIES

The Board approved recommendations from their Policy Review Committee to:

- immediately implement C.1.A – Governance and Leadership Chart; and Regulation C.2.N-R – Cell Phones and Smart Device Use in Schools,
- implement for September 1, 2025: A.1.D.1 – Building Attendance Through Engagement; C.2.Q – Use of Fire; E.5.A.1 – Respectful Workplaces: Violence Prevention; and G.1.G – Search of Students and Search and Seizure of Student Property,
- distribute on September 1, 2025 for feedback: A.1.D.2 – Family/Community Engagement.

Approved policy documents will be available on the Divisions website.

HIGHER CARE TRIPS

The Board ratified higher care school trips for a few schools noting these trips were scheduled before the higher care trip suspension was enacted by the Chief Superintendent: Wanipigow School (2) and Jack River School.

The Board accepted the cancellation of the Grand Rapids School higher care trip to Toronto in June.

Administration shared information on a press release from the Province regarding “Manitoba High School Students to Visit Historic World War Battlefields” involving students from Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre.

REPORTS and DISCUSSION

- Employees from the Winnipeg/Area 3 office attended service award presentations to four long-serving employees followed by a staff appreciation lunch with the Board.
- Committee reports were provided by Finance and Policy Review.
- Correspondence from the Manitoba School Boards Association was discussed including an update from the Canadian School Board Association re Annual General Meeting in-person event reverting to online; and a request to host the Region 4 meeting in October. Administration was directed to respond to this request.
- Discussion took place on the financial remuneration to school committee members for supporting school programs, relative to the Constitution and Terms of Reference template for school committees.
- Brief April 2025 Area Advisory Committee reports were provided by Trustees. Vice-Chairperson Pearson provided a brief report of the May meeting of the Frontier Collegiate Advisory Committee.
- September 5, 2025 was identified as the date for the Board’s Orientation with the Chief Superintendent and the Secretary-Treasurer.

The next meeting of the Frontier School Division Board of Trustees takes place on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 in the boardroom of the Winnipeg office.

The Frontier School Division Board of Trustees wishes everyone a safe, healthy and rejuvenating summer!

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