February 16-17, 2023



Meeting Highlights ~ Board of Trustees

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

STRATEGIC PLAN DIALOGUE

Feedback on the January 20, 2023, Wellness Professional Development for teachers was provided. Direction was provided to administration to plan for a Board and Superintendent meeting on April 24, 2023. Residential Schools curriculum was discussed with further discussion taking place at the March Board meeting.

SPECIAL LEAVE

The Board approved twenty-two (22) applications for Special Leave for 2023/24.

AWARDS

The Board approved recommendations from their Awards Panel for the 2023 Frontier Achievement Award and the 2023 Award for Outstanding Contribution – School Committee Members. Recipients will be formally announced as part of the Annual School Committee Conference proceedings.

ANNUAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE 2023

Discussion on suggestions for conference theme and potential speakers / presentations took place. Discussions will resume at the March 2023 Board meeting including a preview of the Board address to delegates.

SCHOOL TRIPS APPROVED and RATIFIED

The Board approved higher care school trip requests from Skownan, Brochet, Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre, Gillam and Area 3 Schools. The Board ratified higher care school trips from Gillam, West Lynn Heights, Skownan, Falcon Beach, Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre (3), Jack River and D.R. Hamilton.

FRONTIER TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION REQUEST

The Board reviewed a letter of request from the Frontier Teachers' Association Collective Bargaining Chair to meet and discuss Frontier-unique items relative to the Collective Agreement with teachers. Administration have been directed to respond accordingly.

RECRUITMENT

The Board approved the incentive payment to new teachers hired, to include all new teachers for the 2022-23 academic year who meet eligibility requirements.

DISCUSSION and DIRECTION

- Area Advisory Committee meeting reports were provided by Trustees from Areas 4 and 2. A request for delegation from the Area 2 Advisory Committee was discussed with direction for senior administration (Klassen and Critchley) to meet with the Committee in April.
- Reports were provided by the Finance Committee, the N.O.F.I. Board of Directors, the Support Staff Liaison Committee, the F.S.D./F.T.A. Liaison Committee, and the Divisional P.E.N.T. Hiring Committee.
- Trustees confirmed participation in the March 2023 Manitoba School Boards.
- Topics were broached with discussions continuing at the March 2023 Board meeting on Manitoba Physical Activity Safety in Schools (MPASS), and Technology – Software Applications.
- Concerns surrounding Vaping was discussed.

The Frontier School Division Board of Trustees next meeting takes place in the Winnipeg office on March 14-15, 2023.

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