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SCHOOL DIVISION  
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September 20-21, 2023

## Meeting Highlights ~ Board of Trustees

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

### TABLE OFFICERS ACCLAIMED

The *Public Schools Act* requires the Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson be elected at the inaugural meeting of the Board each year. Trustee Linda Ballantyne was acclaimed as Chairperson and Trustee Marion Pearson was acclaimed as Vice-Chairperson.

### STRATEGIC PLAN DIALOGUE

The Board discussed and provided direction to administration regarding topics for discussion with the Superintendent Group, which will be planned for October 19-20, 2023. In addition, the Board reviewed and discussed the Province's Poverty and Education Task Force executive findings as well as the Division's submission to the Task Force.

### BOARD COMMITTEES and APPOINTMENTS

Appointments to the following Board committees were confirmed:

- Finance: Trustees Imrie, Calvert and Mosiondz, and Board Chairperson Ballantyne,
- Policy Review: Trustees Montgomery, Throop and Sanderson, and Board Chairperson Ballantyne,
- Employee Pension: Trustees Pearson and Sanderson. Finance Committee Chairperson (chair of this committee) to be confirmed at the next meeting of that committee,
- Support Staff Liaison Committee: Trustees from Policy Review and Finance to be confirmed at their next committee meeting,
- Employee Benefits: Trustee Friesen,
- Frontier Collegiate Advisory Committee: Trustee Pearson,
- Nikanihk Ohci Foundation Inc. Board of Directors: Area 1 Trustee Mosiondz, Area 2 Trustee Sanderson, Area 3 Trustee Friesen, Area 4 Trustee Calvert, Area 5 Trustee Throop,
- Awards Panel: Board Chairperson Ballantyne, Vice-Chairperson Pearson and Trustee Muswagon (to be confirmed),
- Special Leave: Trustee Montgomery and Trustee Muswagon (to be confirmed),
- Divisional Hiring Committee for P.E.N.T.: Trustees Friesen and Throop.

The Board's Lobbying Committee was also confirmed: Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, Finance Committee Chairperson (pending their first meeting), Chief Superintendent and Interim Secretary-Treasurer.

### SCHOOL TRIPS RATIFIED and APPROVED

The Board ratified higher care trip requests from the following schools: Cormorant Lake, Cold Lake (4), Cranberry Portage Elementary, Frontier Collegiate (3), Stevenson Island, Falcon Beach, Wanipigow (3), Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre (5), Jack River, and Black River. The Board approved higher care trips from Julie Lindal School and the Engaged Learners Program (4).

### CONSTITUTION and TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Board tabled the approval of the draft Norway House School Authority Constitution and Terms to their October meeting.

### FALL 2023 BY-ELECTIONS

The Board approved a request from the Senior Elections Official to not hold Fall By-Elections for School Committees.

### DISCUSSION and DIRECTION

- Reports from the Policy Review Committee and the F.S.D./F.T.A. Liaison Committee. Policy topics were discussed and referred back to the Policy Review Committee.
- Discussion and direction arose on items related to the Manitoba School Boards Association (Strategic Plan feedback, Election Materials, October 18 Bargaining Workshop),
- Review and discussion of the Manitoba School Library Association Toolkit for Diverse Collection Development and Intellectual Freedoms in Manitoba Schools took place with direction provided to administration,
- Feedback was provided to administration to assist in planning the 2024 Annual School Committee Conference, with further discussions taking place at upcoming Board meetings.
- Area meeting reports were provided by Area 4 Trustees. Trustee Throop provided a report on Area 5 meetings.

The next meeting of the Frontier School Division Board of Trustees takes place in Winnipeg on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, followed by a meeting with senior administration (Superintendent Group) on Thursday, October 19 and Friday, October 20, 2023.

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