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December 14-15, 2023

## Meeting Highlights ~ Board of Trustees

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

### **STRATEGIC PLAN DIALOGUE**

The Board continued discussions that arose in November regarding their meeting with senior administration in October; the November 1, 2023, Professional Development activity for all staff, and Indigenous Way of Life programming. The Board participated in a virtual Celebration Activity with Schools involved in the Educational Prosperity Program and The Learning Bar. Success stories were shared on literacy programming to support students learning to read.

### **MEETING WITH THE MANITOBA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION**

The Board met with the President and the Executive Director of the Manitoba School Boards Association and shared concerns regarding housing, recruitment and insurance programming effecting curricular objectives identified in the Indigenous Way of Life teachings. An invitation to visit Divisional schools was shared with the President and the Executive.

### **PREPARATION FOR MEETING WITH MANITOBA EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING**

The Board discussed plans to meet with Minister Altomare and Deputy Minister O'Leary scheduled for January 18, 2024.

### **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

The Board approved a recommendation from the Finance Committee and appointed the auditing firm of Deloitte as Division Auditor for 2023-24. As outlined in *The Public Schools Act*, the Minister of Education will be notified of this appointment.

### **ANNUAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE 2024**

The Board continued discussion regarding their 2024 annual conference as plans for the event begin to take shape. Reports from administration will continue in the new year.

### **SCHOOL TRIPS RATIFIED and APPROVED**

The Board ratified higher care trips for Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre, Grand Rapids and Cold Lake schools. They approved higher care trips for Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre (6 trips), Jack River School (2 trips), and Peonan Point School.

### **DISCUSSION and DIRECTION**

- A request for refinement to the Black River School Committee Constitution and Terms of Reference was referred to their January 2024 meeting.
- Reports were provided by Board committees: Finance, Support Staff Liaison Committee (continued from their November meeting), and the Divisional P.E.N.T. Hiring Committee. Direction was provided to administration and to the Policy Review Committee regarding a policy item discussed during the Support Staff Liaison Committee meeting report.
- The 2024 Manitoba School Boards Association annual convention was discussed with direction to administration on registration, student awards, long service recognition, and other convention items.
- Information was shared regarding the January 19, 2024, Professional Development activity for All Teachers with Trustees considering attendance at that activity.
- Information was shared regarding the 50th Anniversary of the Frontier Games Divisionals to be held in Area 5.
- Area 4 Vice-Chairperson Pearson provided a report on her attendance at the Frontier Area Games held in Cormorant, and the Frontier Collegiate holiday concert.

The next meeting of the Frontier School Division Board of Trustees takes place in the Winnipeg office on Thursday, January 18, 2024, and possibly on January 19, 2024, depending on attendance at the All Teachers Professional Development activity taking place virtually and in-person at Canad Inns Polo Park.

**The Frontier School Division Board of Trustees are wishing everyone a healthy and safe Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

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