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## Meeting Highlights ~ Board of Trustees

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

### MEETING WITH MINISTER AND DEPUTY MINISTER

The Board was pleased to meet with Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning Minister Altomare and Deputy Minister O'Leary. An overview of the Division was provided that included the Divisional Strategic Plan focus areas of Academics, Indigenous Way of Life and Wellness. Discussion arose on concerns faced by the Division including teacher recruitment and retention, housing and infrastructure / school needs, and supports for students, staff and schools. An invitation was conveyed to the Minister and Deputy Minister to visit Division school(s).

### STRATEGIC PLAN DIALOGUE

A recap of conversations held at recent Board meetings including the October 2023 meeting with the Superintendent Group; the November 2023 Professional Development activity, and Indigenous Way of Life programming. Conversations on these topics will continue at upcoming Board meetings which will include plans associated for the March 19, 2024 Board of Trustees meeting with the Superintendent Group.

### CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT SELECTION PROCESS

The Board discussed, in-camera, plans associated with the Chief Superintendent selection process.

### TRIPS APPROVED and RATIFIED

The Board ratified a number of higher care trips: Falcon Beach School, Stevenson Island School, Minegoziibe Anishinabe School, and Frontier Collegiate. The Board approved a number of higher care trips: Frontier Collegiate (5 trips), Frontier Mosakahiken School, Peonan Point School, Chan Kagha Otina Dakota Wayawa Tipi School, Gillam School (to Europe) and Duck Bay School.

### CONSTITUTION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE APPROVED

The Board approved a refinement to the Black River Anishinabe School Constitution and Terms of Reference document.

### RELIGIOUS EXERCISES APPROVED

The Board approved a request from the Waterhen School Committee for religious exercises (The Lord's Prayer) for the 2023-24 school year.

### PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Requests from Waterhen, Philomene Chartrand and Gypsumville Schools were discussed with direction to administration for response to the requests.

### DISCUSSION and DIRECTION

- A report was received from Chairperson Ballantyne and administration arising from the December 2023 F.S.D./F.T.A. Liaison Committee.
- The agenda for the 2024 Manitoba School Boards Association Annual Convention was reviewed.
- The January 2024 professional development agenda for all teachers was reviewed with Trustees confirming their attendance for the event.
- The final completed video for teacher recruitment was viewed.
- Information on the Division Recognition Awards program was shared. The program was adjusted to include 45-year long service recognition. Awards sheet information is now available on the Division's website.
- Information was shared regarding the 2024 Frontier Games activity and the 2024 Divisional Science Fair.
- An update was provided on the 30 Speers Road lease.
- Discussion on taxation of Status employees took place with administration provided direction for research and update at a future meeting.
- Area 5 Advisory Committee stipend review was discussed with administration provided direction for review and report back at a future meeting.
- Information on the "School and Community Working Together" 2024 Annual School Committee Conference was shared including confirmation of keynote speakers. Further planning discussions will resume at the February Board meeting.

The Frontier School Division Board of Trustees next meeting takes place in the Winnipeg office on February 12-13, 2024.

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