



**FRONTIER**  
SCHOOL DIVISION  
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September 26-27, 2024

## Meeting Highlights ~ Board of Trustees

Trustees Ballantyne, Pearson, Calvert, Friesen, Imrie, Montgomery, Mosiondz, Muswagon, 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 their meeting with senior leadership (Superintendent Group) planned for October 21-22, 2024. The Board received information on the Professional Development activity planned for all Employees on November 1, 2024, focusing on the Division's Strategic Plan.

### BOARD COMMITTEES and APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED

- Finance: Imrie, Calvert and Mosiondz, and Board Chairperson Ballantyne,
- Policy Review: Montgomery, Throop and Sanderson, and Board Chairperson Ballantyne,
- Lobbying: Chair, Vice-Chair, Finance Committee Chair, Chief Superintendent, Secretary-Treasurer,
- Employee Pension: Pearson and Sanderson, and Finance Committee Chairperson Imrie,
- Support Staff Liaison Committee: Montgomery from Policy Review and Imrie from Finance,
- Employee Benefits: Friesen,
- Frontier Collegiate Advisory Committee: Vice-Chairperson Pearson,
- Nikanihk Ohci Foundation Inc. Board of Directors: Area 1 Trustee Montgomery, 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,
- Special Leave: Montgomery and Muswagon,
- Divisional Hiring Committee for P.E.N.T.: Friesen and Throop.

### BY-LAWS, PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board approved refinements to their Handbook initially discussed and reviewed at their September 9-10, 2024 orientation with Mac Gillivray and Critchley.

### BIRDTAIL SIOUX DAKOTA NATION

The Board approved a request from the Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation to terminate the Education Partnership Agreement for services provided at Chan Kagha Otina Dakota Wayawa Tipi School. The termination of the Education Agreement is effective June 30, 2025. Administration was directed to meet with the First Nation to begin the process for this transition.

### SCHOOL TRIPS RATIFIED

The Board ratified higher care trip requests from the following schools: Cranberry Portage Elementary, Frontier Collegiate (6), Grand Rapids, Helen Betty Osborne Ininiw Education Resource Centre (11), Jack River, Matheson Island, Minegoziibe Anishinabe (3), Thicket Portage, Thunderbird, Wanipigow, Engaged Learners, Gillam.

### FALL 2024 BY-ELECTIONS

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

### MGEU LOCAL 446 COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

The Board ratified the Agreement Reached-in-Committee between Frontier School Division and the Manitoba Government Employees' Union (MGEU) Local 446 (Churchill) for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025.

### POLICIES

The Board approved recommendations from their Policy Review Committee on the following:

- New draft policy titled "Cell Phone Use" be distributed for comment with a reduced time frame for feedback,
- Revised draft policy titled "Use of Social Media" for feedback with regular time frame for feedback,
- New policy "Staff Interactions with Students" for implementation.

In addition, the Board approved a recommendation from their Finance Committee for an adjustment to mileage rates as identified in Policy D.3.D – Travel Expenses Regulation. Approved policies are accessible in the Policy Manual section on the Division's website.

### DISCUSSION and DIRECTION

- Reports from the Policy Review, Finance and N.O.F.I. Board of Directors was provided.
- A report of the Teacher Collective Agreement took place with further presentations scheduled for upcoming Board meetings. Based upon one aspect of this review and due to its time-sensitive nature, Vice-Chairperson Pearson, Trustee Throop and Trustee Imrie (alternate) were named to the Isolation Allowance sub-committee. Administration will be reaching out to other potential committee members to begin this review.
- Standing items (September Board Orientation, Division Office Needs Assessment) were reviewed with discussion on these topics to continue.
- Sample templates to update the Division's Mission Statement were provided for discussion at the October Board meeting.
- Feedback was provided to administration to assist in planning the 2025 Annual School Committee Conference with further discussions taking place at upcoming Board meetings.

The next meeting of the Frontier School Division Board of Trustees takes place in Scanterbury on October 21-23, 2024. This meeting includes a two-day session with senior administration (Superintendent Group) scheduled for October 21-22.

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