

News from the Board: October 2023



MEETING DATES:

NEXT BOARD MEETING

**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 29TH
STARTING AT
9:30 AM**

**ASBA AGM
NOVEMBER 19-21**



Mission:

Buffalo Trail Public Schools is committed to maximizing student learning, in a safe and caring environment, supported by a highly effective team.

Communication Strategy:

At the October meeting the following motions were passed:

- ◆ To approve the Teacher Retirement Transition Strategy to continue for the 2023-2024 school year.
- ◆ To receive the staffing report for information.
- ◆ To accept the 2023-2024 Board Work Plan as amended and presented.
- ◆ To receive multiple amended administrative procedures for information as well as new 302.8AP Exhibit 5 Field Trip Permission Form. The new form will provide consistency across the division with all schools following the same format.

OTHER NEWS

- * The Board was happy to host students from Mannville, Edgerton and Vermilion Elementary Schools for the first Student Engagement of the new school year. The topic for the first engagement was School Start Up. The local Trustees took turns asking the students from their schools these three questions 1) How were you welcomed back to school? 2) What are you looking forward to most this school year? and 3) How do you wish your school would make you feel welcome? The students were happy to share the fun activities that welcomed them back to school and a large variety of things they were looking forward to this year.
- * The Board Chair and Superintendent attended a meeting with the Minister hosted by ASBA. The following week Education Minister Nicolaides and MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk met virtually with the Board and Superintendent and the Board had an opportunity to share celebrations and challenges from across the division. It was a wonderful first opportunity for engaging with the Minister.
- * Several members of the Board are in Edmonton at the Public School Board's Association of Alberta Fall Conference and AGM. The Board welcomes these opportunities for ongoing professional learning and collaboration with its colleagues from across the Province.
- * Superintendent Webb shared information from the recent Leadership Highlights which included recognition of Keaton Xu from WHS for being selected as one of 40 junior and senior high students across the province for the Minister's Youth Council 2023-2024. The Minister's Youth Council gives students opportunities to share input and perspectives on Provincial programs and initiatives and participate in engagement initiatives. The Superintendent also told the Board that we are so proud of Shelley Sinclair from Irma School for being recognized with the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence—Certificate of Achievement. A colleague wrote "Shelley strives to lead with competence and expertise while providing a learning environment that is reinforced with compassion, acceptance and unabated encouragement."

Celebration and Retirement Event

The Board of Trustees is looking forward to welcoming staff on October 25th. Employees will be recognized for their service to BTPS from 5 years to 50 years. Several other awards will be presented throughout the evening.