

Board Meeting Highlights

January 24, 2024



BTPS 2024-2025 School Calendar

The Board approved next year's school calendar. The first day of school is after the Labour Day long weekend on September 3, 2024. The [2024-2025 school calendar](#) is now available on the BTPS website.

Superintendent's Highlights

Trustees were excited to hear that BTPS is starting its own Leadership Academy. Fifteen teachers from across the division applied to participate. The next BTPS Learning Day is January 31st. The theme of this learning is 'Fired up for Education' and the keynote speaker is Morgane Michael. The Superintendent and Sr. Leadership had a meeting with Alberta Education on the division's AERR. Some data changes have been made as the AERR is a living document. The AERR Dashboard has been updated with the changes. Senior Leadership at both BTPS and ECCS met recently to have a conversation about common celebrations and challenges and to build relationships. The Board also heard the positive news that enrollment in the division has increased by 25 students since the beginning of September.

Stakeholder Engagements

In February, BTPS is hosting the next series of Online Stakeholder Engagements to gather diverse perspectives from parents/guardians, students, staff, school council, and community members on its 4-Year Education Plan. The 2023-2027 Education Plan highlights 3 priorities; 1) Supporting Learning Success for All Students 2) Fostering Safe & Caring Learning Environments 3) Building Strong Collaborations. Please check out the dates and meeting link on our website [HERE](#).

Student Engagement

The Board Chair welcomed students from JR Robson, Kitscoty Elementary and Wainwright High Schools to the standing Student Engagement as part of the Regular Meeting. This month the topic was 'Diversity' and the students answered questions on how their schools promote and support diversity and how they have learned about First Nations/Metis and Inuit. The students shared a wide range of positive responses.

Transportation Services

At the December board meeting, the Board accepted a recommendation of the Superintendent to increase routes mid year. At the January board meeting, motions were passed to select two contractors, one for service in the Innisfree-Delnorte area and one for the Vermilion area effective February 5, 2024.

Policy and Procedures

The Policy Committee continues to review Administrative Procedures from Senior Leadership and its own Policies and bring items forward to the Board for information and support. In January, a new procedure was received for information 601.2AP External and Internal Audit Responsibilities.

Professional Development

It is both an expectation and responsibility of Board members to exemplify lifelong learning and to be aware of the latest developments in Board Governance and Education. In March, several Board members and the Superintendent will attend the Alberta Rural Education Symposium. The theme this year is 'Cultivating Relationships, Nurturing Connections, Harvesting Success.'

Upcoming Dates

PSBC:

February 8-10

Next Board Meeting:

*Wednesday, February 28,
2024 at 9:30am*

Alberta Rural Education

Symposium:

March 3-5

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