

Board Meeting Highlights

June 19, 2024



Cell Phone Policy

At its June meeting the Board reviewed the June 17th announcement from the Minister of Education "Limiting Distractions in Alberta's Classrooms". Our BTPS Board Policy [304BP, Personal Electronic Devices](#) is already closely aligned with the new standards from the government. In the coming months the Board has directed Senior Administration to review BTPS Administrative Procedure [303/304.1 AP Use of Division and Personal Technology](#) and bring information back to the Board in August.

Alberta School Councils' Association Memberships

The Board had an opportunity to discuss the ASCA membership renewals for the upcoming school year. Although the Board has always supported any BTPS school councils who joined by reimbursing their memberships, this year the Board passed a motion to support ASCA memberships for all BTPS School Councils. The Alberta School Councils' Association is a great resource for school councils and represents parents on school councils to engage with Alberta's Education Ministry.

Amisk-Hughenden School Success Review - Value Scoping

Part of the [2024-2025 Capital Plan](#) included a value-scoping project for the Amisk and Hughenden Schools. Value-scoping for school success is a collaborative process involving stakeholder engagement when the Board makes decisions about school projects. Group2 Architecture and Interior Design has an extensive portfolio for facilitating projects of this nature and will be the Board's consultants starting in the fall.

Ward Review

The Board is continuing its work on the ward review process and will look for viable options for wards with seven trustees.

Superintendent Highlights

The Superintendent shared information with the Board that included planning for the 2024-2025 school year, new administrator professional learning and the BTPS start up Learning Day, scheduled for August. The Superintendent also shared several celebrations with the Board that included the [ASBA Lieutenant Governor Award](#) for EH Walter student Gavin Checkosis, many BTPS schools attending track and field provincials, the WISEST Summer Research Project for Irma and JR Robson as well as the Inventures Canada trip for Dewberry students.

Student Engagement

The Board Chair welcomed students from Irma, Dewberry, and Provost schools to the student engagement. This month the topic was 'Dream/Next'. The Trustees asked the students these questions; 1) What have you appreciated most about the school year? 2) What are you looking forward to next year? Many positive examples of what students did and are looking forward to were shared with the Board.

Have a Great SUMMER

The Board wishes all the students, staff, and families of Buffalo Trail Public Schools a very safe and enjoyable summer. Thank you again to everyone who supported learning in BTPS this year!

Upcoming Dates

****NEW*** Next Board Meeting:*

*Thursday, August 29, 2024 at
9:30am*

Organizational Meeting:

Thursday August 29, 2024

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