

## Board Meeting Highlights

August 29, 2024



### Upcoming Dates

*Next Board Meeting: Wednesday  
September 18, 2024 at 9:30am*

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### Organizational Meeting Update

The Board held its Organizational meeting on August 29th. Trustee Jackson was nominated and accepted the position of Board Chair and Trustee Ford was nominated and accepted the position of Board Vice Chair for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Board meetings will continue as the third Wednesdays with the exception of the following; October and November the fourth Wednesday, and May the fifth Thursday. Meetings will continue to start at 9:30AM in person at the Central Office in Wainwright.

### Personal Electronic Devices

At its August meeting the Board reviewed the new Administrative Procedure [303.1AP, Use of Personal Electronic Devices](#). The new procedure supports the June 17th announcement from the Minister of Education "Limiting Distractions in Alberta's Classrooms". Our BTPS Board Policy [304BP, Personal Electronic Devices](#) was already closely aligned with the new standards and had minor edits. All updates are posted on the BTPS website.

### Divisional Learning Day

The Board was very pleased to see the entire BTPS staff come together for the start of the 2024-2025 school year with a divisional learning day focused on wellness. In the morning the staff heard from keynote speaker and wellness advocate Dr. Greg Wells. He shared messages from his book "The Ripple Effect, Sleep Better, Eat Better, Move Better, Think Better". Many resources were shared throughout the day to recharge staff and get everyone ready for a new school year.

### School Success Collaborations - Value Scoping

Trustees including Chair Jackson, Vice Chair Ford and Trustee Spornitz volunteered to represent the Board of Trustees at the School Success Collaborations (South West) engagement sessions. Invitations will be coming to stakeholders soon with additional details on the engagement process.

### Superintendent Highlights - Mental Health Grant Continuation

Assistant Superintendent Trodden told the Board that the Mental Health in Schools pilot project was a program that had supports available in Edgerton, Amisk, Hughenden, Chauvin and Provost schools that was to end in December 2024. He shared the good news that the division will have funding in place until the end of this school year due to Alberta Education extending the previous grant.

### Trustee Livingston

The Board regretfully accepted the resignation of Trustee Barry Livingston at the August meeting. Trustee Livingston was first elected in October 2017. In his resignation letter Trustee Livingston shared 'with a heavy heart I write this letter of resignation to the Board of Trustees'. Due to personal reasons Trustee Livingston is taking a step back to restructure his work load. The Board shared its gratitude for all of Trustee Livingston's contributions over the years.

At this time the Board will not hold a by-election. Trustee Spornitz volunteered to attend Provost School events and Trustee Ford volunteered to attend Amisk and Hughenden School events. All trustees will provide additional support as needed.

**Have a Great 2024-2025 School Year!**