

Board Meeting Highlights

October 23, 2024



Upcoming Dates

*Next Board Meeting: Wednesday
November 27, 2024 at 9:30am*

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Council of School Councils

The Board will host the Council of School Councils November 4th, 2024 starting at 6:30 PM at the Wainwright High School. The School Council Chairs and an additional representative from each school have been invited to the event. The purpose of the Council of School Councils is to work together, share information, discuss concerns, plan for the future and to enhance communications among individual school councils.

Superintendent Leadership and Celebration Highlights

The Superintendent shared feedback from the Board-Leadership Workshop with the Board. All principals, assistant principals, department directors and six trustees attended the workshop and sessions focused on understanding and implementing our mission, vision and values in our work, learning innovative ideas from peers, highlighting school success, AI to support pedagogy, Psychological Health and Safety in K-12 Education as well as a session for Truth and Reconciliation. Some celebrations noted this month were Dewberry School receiving the ATCO Community Energy Fund for \$15,000 to support student learning about nature, sustainability and Indigenous practices. JR Robson and Learning Hub students have high school teams heading to provincials. Marwayne had a student in golf provincials and a student in cross-country provincials while WHS Sr. Boys Golf team was a silver medalist at the 2024 ASAA 1A/2A Provincials.

Student Engagement

The Board welcomed students from Provost, Edgerton and Marwayne Jubilee schools to the student engagement. The theme for this month's engagement was Student Wellness. Students representing Elementary, Jr and Sr. High took turns sharing the many ways they are learning to take care of their wellness. Examples of positive impacts on their wellness included having good role models, healthy snacks, a good sleep schedule and getting outdoors for exercise. The Board was impressed with the student maturity and ownership of their own mental health and wellness at all grade levels.

Ward/Boundary Update

The Board has been working and consulting on a ward review since January 2023. The process has been comprehensive and included hiring an outside consultant, having 3 public engagement sessions and reviewing at many meetings. At the October 2024 meeting the Board passed motions for first and second reading of a new Bylaw 01-2024 and revised board policy 104BP Establishment of Wards. The new bylaw will see the Board decrease in the number of trustees from nine to seven for the 2025 school board election in October 2025. Any questions can be directed to buffalotrail@btps.ca.

The Board

Six trustees will continue their learning journey and advocacy while attending the Alberta School Board Associations Fall General Meeting and the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards meetings in November. The Board was pleased to recognize so many BTPS staff at its Celebration and Retirement evening this past week. At the October meeting the Board also supported a motion for three modulars for Irma School in accordance with the approved three-year capital plan and to address increased enrolment in the school.