

Board Meeting Highlights

November 27, 2024



Ward/Boundary Update - New Electoral Wards Bylaw

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 November 27th meeting the Board passed THIRD and final reading of Bylaw 01-2024 Electoral 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.

Superintendent Leadership and Celebration Highlights

The Superintendent's Reports area saw motions passed for the approval of the Annual Education Results Report 2023-2024, approval of the Audited Financial Statements for 2023-2024, the Annual School Review was received for information as well as the 2024-2025 Final Fall Budget.

The Superintendent shared the celebrations from BTPS schools that included the exciting 2A Girls Volleyball Provincials that were hosted by Wainwright High School in collaboration with Irma School, and Marwayne Jubilee School who worked with Dewberry school to host the 1A Volleyball Zones. November 18-22, 2024 was Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week and each school found ways to raise awareness and encourage students and staff to stand up against discrimination. BTPS was proud to be featured in a [CASS Connection Article](#) that highlighted our post-secondary partnership with Lakeland College.

Council of School Councils

The Board and Superintendent received positive feedback from the survey that was sent to school council chairs. Overall, the engagement was well received. Since the meeting additional resources have been set up for School Councils and another meeting will be planned for spring.

Student Engagement

The Board welcomed students from JR Robson and Dewberry schools to the student engagement. The theme for this month's engagement was Technology for Learning. Students representing Jr and Sr. High shared many examples of how they are using technology in their classrooms to enhance and showcase their work.

The Board

The Board continued its advocacy this month and met with Drumheller-Stettler, Constituency Manager, Michele Toews this month to share the BTPS priorities; Hiring and Retention, Aging Facilities and Health and Wellness as well as the Four Year Education Plan Priorities.

Trustees and the Superintendent attended the Alberta School Boards Association Fall General Meeting and the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards Fall Meeting in November. ASBA member school boards [passed position motions](#) at the FGM.

The Board completed these policy reviews in November: [100BP Board Mission, Vision, Values Guiding Principles](#), [101BP Board Operations](#), [101.01BP Board Operations- Role of the Superintendent](#), [101.03BP Board Operations - Trustee Code of Conduct](#) and [802BP School Review/Closure](#).



Upcoming Dates

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

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