

Board Meeting Highlights

December 18, 2024



The Board

The Board met with MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk this month to continue its ongoing advocacy for BTPS. The Board shared the BTPS priorities; Hiring and Retention, Aging Facilities and Health and Wellness. The Board reviewed and approved, in principle, a request from Kitscoty Community Cabins 4 Kids Daycare to expand its daycare program by adding additional space. Design details will be required prior to any construction.

2025 Election

The Board passed three readings of its new Criminal Record Check Bylaw #03-2024. Section 21.1 of the *Local Authorities Election Act* allows an elected authority to require a person seeking to be nominated as a candidate to provide a criminal record check along with their nomination papers.

Student Engagement

The Board welcomed students from Amisk, Mannville and Vermilion Elementary schools to the student engagement. The theme for this month's engagement was Literacy and Numeracy. This month all the students were representatives of elementary grades. The students took turns sharing many examples of the books they are currently reading and what they enjoyed about them.

Superintendent's Department

The Superintendent shared highlights from the Leadership Team that included attending many BTPS School Christmas festivities, taking part in wellness activities and ongoing recruitment efforts to ensure positions are filled. The next Superintendent's Public Speaking competition will be held on April 15th, 2025. Trustees Cooper, Ford and Jackson volunteered to be judges. The remaining judges will be from the public. The Director of Technology joined the Board to provide an update on Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media since the changes in policy and procedures in September. Overall students and schools have adapted well to the changes. The Board passed a motion to approve the 2025-2026 proposed school calendar. The 2025-2026 calendar will be posted on the BTPS website.

Stakeholder Engagement - Education Plan

A key component of the Education Plan that is submitted to Alberta Education is stakeholder engagement with our BTPS communities. This year the online sessions will be on the following days; February 3, 11, 20 and 26th. All sessions will take place from 7:00pm to 7:30PM. Further details and a link to join will be posted on the BTPS website closer to the dates.

Try-a-Trade

The Try-a-Trade is an annual event hosted by the Lloydminster Construction Association since 2010. The Board of Trustees has provided ongoing support of this career expo for BTPS Grade 10 students to attend. At the December Board meeting the Board passed a motion to continue its support of the transportation costs for our Grade 10 students to attend this worthwhile experience.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2025

The Board of Trustees would like to wish our BTPS Staff, Students and Families a Wonderful Christmas and all the Best for a Happy, Healthy and Joyful New Year!

Upcoming Dates

*Next Board Meeting:
Wednesday January 15, 2025
at 9:30am*

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