

Board Meeting Highlights

January 15, 2025



Upcoming Dates

*Next Board Meeting:
Wednesday February 19,
2025 at 9:30am*

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The Board

The Board was pleased to receive a new Ministerial Order to officially reduce the number of trustees to be nominated to the board from nine to seven for the 2025 School Board Election. This recognizes the work done by the Board to review wards that began in February 2023 that included an in-depth review with a professional consultant and multiple public engagement opportunities. The new ward maps can be found [HERE](#). Several Trustees will attend the upcoming Alberta Rural Education Symposium in March. This year's theme is "Ensuring Equitable Outcomes for Rural Students".

Student Engagement

The Board welcomed students from Delnorte, Dewberry and Kitscoty Jr/Sr High schools to the student engagement. The theme for this month's engagement was Innovation. The students were invited to share their comments on the questions 1) Can you show and share some of the unique or innovative ways you are learning in your school? 2) What unique ways do you wish you could learn in school? The students shared many examples of the unique learnings happening in our rural schools that included such things as hatching chicks, greenhouse program, podcast program and partnerships within their communities with local businesses.

Superintendent's Department

The Superintendent shared highlights from the Leadership Team that included the new Math Diploma Review Program, the ongoing recruitment strategy and the new 'BTPS BUZZ' newsletter that will be sent monthly to families. The BTPS BUZZ is a newsletter meant to connect with BTPS families and keep them informed on important dates and events happening within the Division. The Board has already heard positive feedback from stakeholders on this new newsletter.

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. Please take this opportunity to engage and learn about the Education Plan priorities.

2025 Election - Monday October 20, 2025

Interested in becoming a school board trustee? School board trustees are local politicians elected by and accountable to the communities they serve. The school board has many responsibilities. Nomination Forms and resources and information can be found on the BTPS website - [HERE](#). The nomination period began January 1, 2025 and nominations along with a current criminal record check and \$200.00 deposit can be submitted in person at the Central Office in Wainwright during business hours from now until noon on Nomination Day, September 22, 2025. The Returning Officer for Buffalo Trail Public Schools is Peter Neale and the Substitute Returning Officer is Faye Dunne. Any questions regarding the process can be sent in to buffalotrail@btps.ca.

Happy New Year 2025

The Board of Trustees would like to wish our BTPS Staff, Students and Families all the best for 2025!