

Board Meeting Highlights

March 19, 2025



Upcoming Dates

*Next Board Meeting:
Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at
9:30am*

The Board

The Board was pleased to accept the Edwin Parr Selection Committee's recommendation to nominate Morgan Jarvie from Edgerton Public School as the BTPS nominee for the ASBA Edwin Parr Award. The Board approved its Three Year Capital Plan priorities as follows: 1) Amisk and Hughenden School Replacement 2) Irma Classroom Expansion 3) Provost Replacement School 4) Value-Scoping NE Blackfoot; Kitscoty 5) Value-Scoping or Modernization Vermilion - VES; JRR 6) Value-Scoping Central-East - Chauvin; Edgerton. The Board will write a letter to support the advocacy request letter from Pediatric Physicians to Minister Nicolaides to support Program Unit Funding (PUF). Trustee King will represent BTPS at the Canadian School Board Association Congress 2025. The Board continued its policy review this month, endeavouring to complete all sections by the end of the term.

This month, the Board met with the Public School Board Association of Alberta, PSBAA's President Dennis MacNeil and Executive Director Troy Tait. They met to build on relationships and share several celebrations including its 'Promote, Elevate and Protect (PEP) Program' that focuses on advocacy for public schools.



Student Engagement

The Board welcomed students from Irma, WES and WHS to the student engagement. The theme for this month's engagement was Community Connections. The students were invited to share their thoughts on the questions: 1) What are some ways your school connects to their community? 2) What do you enjoy most about living in rural Alberta? 3) How do you wish you could get involved in the community? The students from each school shared numerous examples of community connection and the positive aspects of living in rural Alberta. Their wishes for the future were well thought out and included suggestions for various volunteer opportunities and how to build deeper relationships with younger students and seniors as well as overall citizenship.

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Superintendent's Department

The Superintendent shared the leadership highlights that included the Alberta Rural Education Symposium and BTPS Learning Day with guest speaker Greg Wells. She also highlighted upcoming events, including the CASS Annual Learning Conference, Council of School Councils second meeting of the year (March 31st) and the Superintendent's Public Speaking Competition (April 15th), which is always a highlight of the Division. Celebration information was shared highlighting Marwayne Jubilee, Wainwright High, Provost, Kitscoty High, Irma and E.H. Walter Schools.

2025 Election - Monday, October 20, 2025

Interested in becoming a school board trustee? School board trustees are a member of the Board and do not act unilaterally. Trustees bring a range of skills, experience, knowledge, values, beliefs and opinions to their role. This diversity can support democratic processes and contribute to good decision-making. Nomination Forms, resources, and information can be found on the BTPS website - [HERE](#). The deadline for submitting a nomination package is 12 noon on September 22, 2025. The package will include Form 4, Nomination Paper and Candidates Acceptance Form 5, Candidates Financial Information, Form 11, Proof of Identification for section 52 Access and Form 29, Notice of Intent as well as a recent criminal record check and a \$200.00 cash deposit. Any questions regarding the process can be sent to buffalotrail@btps.ca.