

January 17, 2024

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Parent Session

The Division has booked Ariel Haubrich to facilitate a free session for parents on social media use and mental health in youth. There are two options for attending: January 30 in Two Hills or January 31 in St. Paul. The session timeframe is 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. on both evenings. Registration is not required; however, those who wish to join us for pizza are asked to RSVP by completing this [form](#). More information about the session is available [here](#).

2024-25 School Calendar

Surveys have been sent to staff and parents regarding the 2024-25 Learning Calendar. The surveys will close on January 19, and the Board will review the results in February.

Educational Technology

Associate Superintendent of Learning Keith Gamblin provided an overview of the Division's educational technology goals for 2023-24. These goals include developing a technology evergreening plan, implementing the Go FMX program for technology requests, updating the Division's data retention plan, and examining ways in which artificial intelligence can support student learning.

Jordan's Principle Contribution Agreement

The Board approved a motion that the Division submit an application for support through Jordan's Principle as a group application according to the requirements of Indigenous Services Canada.

Education Assistant Internship Pilot

The Division has been chosen to participate in an educational opportunity that provides professional development to educational assistants through online modules and coaching, as well as Community of Practice sessions.

Doug Yeo Youth in Action Award

Congratulations to New Myrnam School for being the recipient of the Doug Yeo - Youth in Action Award for 2023-24. This annual award recognizes student participation in class/group projects in areas of community service, character development and healthy lifestyles. The school will use the \$500 scholarship to support innovative projects being led by students in the area of environmental sustainability.

Financial Report

Budget planning for 2024-25 has started with the Division submitting enrolment projections to Alberta Education, focusing solely on provincial numbers. The anticipated enrolments are slightly lower than the current numbers. These projections and subsequent actual enrolment play a pivotal role in shaping the budget allocated by the province.

Alberta Education Satisfaction Surveys

The Ministry of Education will conduct its annual satisfaction telephone and online surveys to collect public and participant perceptions of Alberta's education system. These surveys gather responses from a random sample of parents, the public, high school students, teachers, principals, and school board trustees, as well as employers of recent high school graduates. Advanis Inc. will begin survey administration of the telephone/online surveys on January 15, 2024, with an expected conclusion in May 2024.

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