

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Westwind School Division Board of Trustees



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Next Regular Board Meeting

October 10, 2019

Board Highlights are a summary of agenda items from meetings of the Board of Trustees of Westwind School Division. These highlights are designed to capture the key decisions made by trustees at these meetings and should not be considered the official meeting minutes.

Board Organizational Meeting

An Organizational Meeting of the Board is held annually at the beginning of each school year.

During the Organizational Meeting, the Board elected **Jim Ralph** as Board Chair and **Doug Smith** as Vice-Chair. The Board also set their meeting dates for the 2019/2020 school year. These dates can be found on the Westwind school calendar on our website, [HERE](#).



Committee structure was also reviewed during the meeting and trustees were given committee assignments for the 2019/2020 school year. Please visit our website to view individual trustee profiles and contact your local trustee [HERE](#).

Regular Board Meeting

Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day will be observed in Westwind schools on Monday, September 30. Orange Shirt Day recognizes and honours the experiences of survivors of residential schools and shows a collective commitment to ensure that Every Child Matters. It is an opportunity to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. The Board is encouraging all Westwind students and staff to wear an orange shirt to school on September 30 to show their commitment to the principle that every child matters.

Minister of Education Visits Westwind School Division

The Board of Trustees discussed the grand opening celebration of Stirling School, which will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at 6:00pm. **Minister of Education Adriana LaGrange** and **Minister of Infrastructure Prasad Panda**, along with several other local dignitaries, will be joining Westwind in this celebration. The Board also has a scheduled meeting with the Minister on September 19, and during the board meeting they narrowed down a list of several priorities they would like to discuss with the Minister LaGrange during her visit.

Westwind Teachers

The Board discussed plans to recognize World Teacher Day (October 5) by visiting schools on October 3, 2019. A motion was also passed by the Board to ratify the **Memorandum of Agreement** between Westwind School Division and the Alberta Teachers' Association dated June 27, 2019.

HOPE SQUAD



Assistant Superintendent Austin Nunn gave a presentation to the Board about Hope Squad, school-based programs made up of students who are trained to watch for at-risk students—provide friendship, identify warning signs, and seek help from adults. The goal of Hope Squad is to seek to reduce self-destructive behaviour and youth suicide by training, building, and creating change in schools and communities. Westwind currently has several Hope Squads at various schools in the Division. To learn more about Hope Squad visit [their website](#).

Board Policies and Administrative Procedures

Our Board Policies and Administrative Procedures are living documents and occasionally need to be revised and updated to keep them relevant and to reflect new legislation and information as it becomes available. Revisions to Board Policies always require a motion by the Board. The Superintendent is responsible for making decisions regarding changes to Administrative Procedures and will ensure the Board is aware of any updates. Changes to AP's do not require a Board Motion.

All updates to Board Policies and Administrative Procedures are posted on our website [HERE](#) once they have been approved. You can search the full Board Policy and Administrative Procedure Manuals on our website [HERE](#).

UPDATES

The Board made a decision at the meeting to review three board policies each month in detail to keep them current. Next month the Board will review policies 4, 5, and 6.

A motion was passed to update and clarify board and administration's roles surrounding Hutterite Colony Education in the policy and procedure manual. Administrative Procedure 201 has been created to better meet the needs of our Colony Schools.



Technology Report

The Board heard a presentation by Lyle Roberts, Westwind's new director of technology. Mr. Roberts discussed the projects that the technology team has been working

Calendar

September 17 - Stirling School Grand Opening

September 27 - School PD Day

September 30 - Orange Shirt Day

October 3 - World Teacher Day

October 14 - Thanksgiving

To view Board Meeting recordings, please visit [the Westwind School Division YouTube channel](#).

