

# BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

BOARD MEETING: JANUARY 7, 2021



## BOARD POLICY REVIEW

The Board reviewed **Board Policy 15: School Closures** and made a motion to approve changes. The updated policy has been posted to the division website.

## SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Mazutinec discussed an employee code of conduct administrative procedure that division administration is currently developing with principals' input. He also discussed the division's current engagement initiative that invites parents and students to share their feedback about their most recent online learning experience. He pointed out that many students struggle with technology issues, competing priorities, stress about assessment, and a general lack of motivation. Still, most students and parents believe this most recent online learning experience was better than the March-June 2020 experience. The Superintendent believes that students benefit most while in classes learning from their teachers.

## TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Corey McCarthy, Transportation Supervisor, made his annual report to the board. He explained that his department has made several adjustments to deal with COVID guidelines & rules per Alberta Education's instructions. Bus Operators are keeping seating charts available if AHS requires data for contact tracing.

## CHANGES TO WESTWIND ALTERNATE SCHOOL (WAS) FUNDING

WAS sent a letter to members of their school community earlier this month that outlined changes to the Funding Manual for School Authorities. These changes will impact funding for the Personalized Education Program (PEP) within Westwind Alternate School. The division administration continues to work with Principal Mike Devuyst to implement changes within WAS.

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## COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

The board was introduced to Bang the Table, a system the division will be using to engage with the school community and gather feedback and input from staff, students, and parents. A survey will be sent out to parents later this week.

## 2020/2021 DIVISION BUDGET

Peter Wright, Secretary-Treasurer, explained to the board that the division budget should be approved by May 31, 2021. This budget makes the assumption that WAS students would return to their original school in the 2021/22 school year, funding will remain stable in the 2021/2022 school year, and COVID-19 will no longer be an issue in September. Mr. Wright acknowledged that the division would need to budget for some larger tech purchases in the upcoming year. The board will be provided with updated information at a future meeting and can give input over the next few months.

## DONATIONS

The Board wishes to recognize and thank the following individuals and organizations for their donations.

**The Bandstand Ltd.** \$450 donation in-kind to the Cardston High School band program

**Jeremy Payne** \$1350 donation in-kind to the Cardston Junior High band program

**P.A. Rental & Leasing** \$44,172 donation in-kind to the Cardston High School band program

**Jesse W. Harker Professional Corporation** \$2000 to Raymond Elementary School

**Next Meeting: February 10, 2021**