

# BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 4, 2021



## BOARD POLICY REVIEW

The Board approved a slight change to the wording in **Board Policy 17: Student Transportation** and forwarded the review of **Board Policy 16: Recruitment and Selection of Personnel** to the next meeting. All board policies and administrative procedures are available on the [Westwind School Division website](#).

## SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Darren Mazutinec reported to the board on multiple division topics and events. He discussed Hapara, a tool the division is considering to assist Westwind in offering summer school programming. He also discussed various meetings he has attended over the month, including visits with principals, leaders at Westwind's colony schools, local FNMI leaders, and discussions with the Cardston and Raymond Town Councils.

## TOWN OF RAYMOND PRESENTATION

Representatives from the Town of Raymond attended the meeting and shared a presentation with the board. The town seeks to leverage a drive-in model as a key tourism driver and is requesting permission to utilize the old RHS football field for events. A final decision was not made at this meeting.

## CHS/CJHS BAND PRESENTATION

Barrett Swensden presented to the board his plan to introduce a steel pan ensemble at CJHS and CHS. He believes this plan will help students get excited about making music with-in the school, expose our students and community to a different culture's music and help them grow appreciation. He has applied for several grants and is requesting additional financial support from the board. The board will discuss the request.

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## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Westwind Administration is making arrangements to safely meet with high school student councils and gather feedback in the coming month.

## OH&S PRESENTATION

Brad Sommerfeldt, Director of Westwind O&M, reported to the board and discussed the department's changes and challenges over the past year connected to COVID-19. Mr. Sommerfeldt pointed out that since February 2020, the department has completed 1300 service requests and is currently working on projects in every school. The Board expressed their appreciation for the O&M team and their efforts in keeping schools sanitized and safe.

## SPRING BREAK DISCUSSION

Superintendent Mazutinec reported to the board that earlier this month, school principals discussed the possibility of moving spring break to later in the spring, similar to last year during COVID-19 lockdowns. Ultimately the decision was made not to move forward with this plan, as there is not enough time to allow parents to make arrangements and change existing plans. Spring break 2021 will remain unchanged.

## APPROVAL OF SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Board passed a motion approving the 2021/2022 school year calendar. The calendar and related information will be available on the Westwind website later this week.

## MEETING WITH MLA'S

MLA's Grant Hunter and Joseph Schow met with the Board and each trustee prepared a question to discuss with MLA's. The group discussed the impact of COVID-19 restrictions on staff and students, mental health, local autonomy for school boards, teacher pensions, school athletics, and relationship building with government officials.

## BOARD MEETING RECORDINGS

The Board passed a motion to discontinue recording board meetings, citing a lack of public interest. During the meeting, this motion was passed; however, following the meeting, the Board Chair rescinded the motion due to a procedural error. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

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

**Next Meeting: April 1, 2021**