



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 19, 2023

Regular Board Meeting

OVERVIEW OF DISCUSSION & INFORMATION ITEMS

- **Superintendent Darren Mazutinec** reported to the Board on his work over the past month. He presented his admin team's work on *Draft AP 260, Travel Outside Alberta*, including updated AP language, appendices, and a new application form for individuals wishing to plan national or international trips.
- **Superintendent Mazutinec** presented updated language to [AP130: School Year/Division Calendar](#), which now reads, "*When Labour Day falls on September 1, 2, 3, or 4, the first day for students may be after Labour Day; when Labour Day falls on September 5, 6, or 7, students may start before Labour Day.*"
- Cardston-Siksika **MLA Joseph Schow** attended the meeting and presented superintendent Darren Mazutinec with the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal. During his presentation, Schow explained that he selected Mr. Mazutinec as a nominee in recognition of his outstanding leadership and dedication to students throughout his career. Schow and Mazutinec have worked closely in their leadership roles, most recently to ensure extra-curricular activities could continue safely for Westwind students during a period when many other jurisdictions placed programs on hold.
- **Transportation Supervisor Mike Cahoon** shared a transportation update with the Trustees. He discussed a recent bus accident and expressed his gratitude for the safety of all involved. He also discussed the challenges of hiring route and substitute bus drivers due to rigorous training requirements. The training to qualify as a Bus Operator is rigorous and takes several hours. Westwind finally has a MELT driver trainer, which will help us train more drivers locally. The Board discussed bus driver training challenges with Minister LaGrange last year and brought it up with MLA Schow again at today's meeting.
- **Rebecca Bultsma, Communication Officer**, discussed a decline in the efficacy of social media in communicating with parents. She will spend this month researching the traffic on school social media channels and websites. The Board suggested creating more engaging content showcasing the division's human side instead of purely informational pieces.
- The Board discussed the draft calendar for the 2023/24 school year. Division administration passed along feedback from Principals and school councils, and suggested changes were brought to the Board. The Board approved the 23/24 calendar. It will be posted to the division website and shared with stakeholders.
- The Board Reviewed Policy 5: Role of the Board Chair and Policy 6: Role of the Vice Chair as part of their annual policy review. Policy 5 was tabled until the next meeting, pending a review of language in the Education Act.

OVERVIEW OF DISCUSSION & INFORMATION ITEMS: CONTINUED

- **Assistant Superintendent Rob Doig** reviewed the division's Annual Education Results Report with the Board, including results from the parent, student, and staff engagement surveys and PAT and diploma exam results. The Board passed a motion to approve the AERR as presented.
- The Board approved the ATA Local's president's release time grant, typically approved annually and permits the individual serving as president time to perform their duties within their current role.

DONATIONS

The Board passed a motion to approve the following donations and wishes to thank the following individuals and organizations for their generosity.

- \$250 from Jenex for Stirling Europe Trip
- \$300 from Dr. Matthew Secretan, Prof. Corp. for RJHS Gr 9 Boys Basketball
- \$250 from Fidelity Investments for MHS athletics
- \$100 to Stirling student programs from Wilde Brothers Engineering Ltd
- \$500 from Wesley & Lorraine Balderson for MHS Athletics
- \$500 from Vincent & Heather Harker for MHS Athletics
- \$1,000 from Jenex Builders Inc for MHS Athletics
- \$500 - Family Medical Centre Ltd. Stirling Wrestling Program
- \$2500 from Solar Seeker Inc. Stirling Wrestling Program
- \$1000 from Brad Cornish Pro. Corp. Stirling Wrestling Program
- \$200 from Brad Cornish Prof. Corp. Stirling Basketball
- \$2000 Scholarship for CJHS to be paid out over ten years in the amt of \$200 each, from Debra Yanota, in memory of Kath Hnidan
- \$4,000 from The Lion's Club of Raymond