



# 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. One of his areas of focus has been holding leadership succession planning/training to prepare interested teachers for administration roles in the future. He has also been meeting with leaders from towns in Westwind to develop joint-use planning agreements.
- **Assistant Superintendent Todd Heggie** discussed the division's human resources activities with the Board. He has visited the classrooms of each new teacher and continues to oversee hiring for teacher and EA openings as they arise. He is currently working with the superintendent to develop an ad to hire a new principal for Cardston High School.
- **Lyle Roberts, Director of Technology**, presented to the Board the technology initiatives the department has implemented over the past several months, including multi-factor authentication on staff devices to increase security.
- **Communications Officer Rebecca Bultsma** discussed efforts to develop paperless permission slips and forms for school use.
- The Board Reviewed [Policy 7: Board Operations](#) as part of their annual policy review and made a minor change to section 6 to align with current practices.
- The Board heard a presentation from community member **Cheri Gilbert**, who requested that the Board reconsider scheduling the last day of classes on June 21 moving forward to better observe National Indigenous Peoples Day. She also asked that the Board increase awareness and education of other meaningful days recognizing and celebrating Indigenous Peoples.
- The Board discussed a request from Cardston and the District Chamber of Commerce to use the Cardston High School gymnasium for an upcoming event where alcohol will be served. The Board approved the request. *UPDATE February 17: This will now be a no-alcohol event.*
- The Board approved a travel request from the Cardston High School boys' baseball team.
- Superintendent Darren Mazutinec led a discussion surrounding ongoing sportsmanship issues with coaches and fans across the division, particularly in junior high schools. As a result, he has developed plans to address the problems, which he will implement over the next month.



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## DONATIONS

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

- \$500 from Dunlop Truck Centres Lethbridge for Stirling School Europe Trip
- \$300 from Sunrise Transport Inc (Cranbrook, BC) for Stirling School Europe Trip

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**Next Meeting: March 13, 2023**