



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

May 11, 2023

Regular Board Meeting

OVERVIEW OF DISCUSSION & INFORMATION ITEMS

- **Board Chair Jim Ralph** acknowledged the loss of **Trustee Colin Paterson** and expressed his condolences to Collin's family.
- Trustees discussed upcoming calendar items, including graduations, to ensure trustee representation at all events.
- **Transportation Supervisor Mike Cahoon** spoke about changes to training bus drivers that were announced by the province in April, specifically the elimination of the MELT program, and how these changes are impacting the division. He also discussed changes to bussing distances that the division will implement in the 2024/2025 school year. These changes will mean that an additional 600-800 students will qualify for bussing, and more bus routes, and even busses, may be used. The transportation department will continue to plan for these changes over the next year.
- **Carly Taylor, Division Learning Coach**, reported to the Board about her literacy and numeracy efforts within the division, including the development and expansion of a staff website and the results of the recent division-wide Lego challenge.
- The CHS and MHS ESports teams presented to the Board with teachers/coaches **Aric Wutzke, & Scott Quinton**, who explained the valuable skills students gain from participating in Esports.
- Following a discussion with **Secretary-Treasurer Peter Wright**, the Board passed a motion to approve the 2024-2027 3-year capital plan. The plan will be available on the division website shortly.
- **Secretary-Treasurer Peter Wright** led the Board in a discussion about the legislation surrounding a potential by-election to fill Trustee Paterson's vacant seat. The Board decided to leave the seat vacant until the next election.
- The Board passed a motion to authorize several locally developed courses with resources and materials as identified in the course outlines for use in Westwind School Division starting in the 2023-2024 school year.
- The Board approved several requests for travel outside of Alberta for Raymond High School for the upcoming school year.
- The Board passed a motion to accept the recommendations of the management committee regarding negotiations with various employee groups.

DONATIONS

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

- \$2000 - **David Jeffery** to Cardston High School

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Next Meeting: June 1, 2023