

## News from the Board: January 2022



### MEETING DATES:

#### NEXT BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 16,  
2022  
MEETINGS ARE  
VIRTUAL AT THIS  
TIME

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BOARD AGENDA  
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### Mission:

Buffalo Trail Public Schools is committed to maximizing student learning, in a safe and caring environment, supported by a highly effective team.

### Communication Strategy:

**At the January meeting the following motions were passed;**

- **To send out the communication plan as developed at the Audit Committee Meeting**
- **That the Board support the updated back to school plan 2021-2022 as amended.**
- **That the Board receive the 2022-2023 school calendar as presented using the calendar guidelines developed with the committee.**

### OTHER NEWS

- ♦ **Assistant Superintendent Trodden shared an overview of the new curriculum implementation plans with the Board. At this time the subjects being implemented in September are ELA, Math, PE (which includes Financial Literacy). No list of resources for the curriculum is available at this time. The Assistant Superintendent also shared that currently teachers in the division are doing a lot of work around numeracy and literacy with the grant provided by Alberta Education.**
- ♦ **At the January meeting the Board met students from Dr. Folkins, Mannville and Wainwright High schools who participated in the Student Engagement. This month the topic was 'Use of Technology to Support Learning'. The students took turns answering the questions posed; 1) How is technology supporting your learning 2) How does Seesaw and Hapara support your learning 3) What else would you like to see to support your learning. As always the students were eager to share their thoughts and ideas with the Board. They did not have any trouble thinking of things to add to their 'wish list', for example computer studies, coding at a more advanced level, robotics and photo editing.**
- ♦ **The Secretary Treasurer shared a budget information session with the Board. The Board learned more about the new funding formula and weighted moving average. The Board heard an explanation of the funding categories and how funds are distributed to the schools. The budget guidelines for the upcoming school year are currently under review.**

**Superintendent Holoien introduced the new Director of Transportation to the Board. As meetings continue to be virtual a video introduction was shared.**

**Welcome to Transportation Director Garth Rapson— View the video [HERE](#) Good luck in your new role!**

