

News from the Board: October 2022



MEETING DATES:

NEXT BOARD
MEETING

TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 22ND
STARTING AT
5:00PM



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 October meeting the following motions were passed;

- ♦ *To approve the Teacher Retirement Transition Strategy for the 2022-2023 school year.*
- ♦ *To send a survey to stakeholders to gather feedback regarding creation of the 2023-2024 school calendar.*
- ♦ *To accept the evaluation of Superintendent Holoien as having met the acceptable standard of practice for the 2021-2022 school year.*

OTHER NEWS

- ♦ **The Board** passed a motion to approve the Joint Use and Planning Agreement with the M.D. of Wainwright No. 61. Several members of the Board along with Superintendent Holoien attended a regional meeting on September 29th with Honourable Adrienne LaGrange, Minister of Education. They reported it was a good discussion and the Minister was engaged in listening to the educational challenges that are of high priority for the Board. Several members of the Board recently attended the Public School Board of Alberta (PSBAA) Fall General Meeting. The attendees reported that there were good professional development sessions.
- ♦ **Superintendent Holoien** updated the Board on the media releases sent out from the division and several new episodes of the BTPS Learning on the Trail Podcast. The most recent podcast episodes are; Learn about Project Managers and Learn about Motivational Speakers. All the podcast episodes are found [here](#). The Board was pleased to celebrate the BTPS Years of Service recipients and retirees at its first combined celebration. All the new releases can be accessed [here](#). The Board was also pleased to hear about the Irma, Mannville, WHS, KHS, PPS, and HPS student achievements in BTJHAA Golf and Cross Country competitions. Some students will move on to provincials. In preparation for the next 4-Year Education Plan, in-person evening stakeholder engagements will be held in locations throughout the division on January 18th, 19th, 25th and 26th with one online engagement to be held February 1st. The Superintendent also reported that the September 30th enrolment count was 3748 students.

Student Engagement

The Board and Superintendent welcomed Ava Herbert from Wainwright High School to the student engagement. Ava is a member of the Minister's Youth Council for the 2022-2023 school year. At the meeting she reported on her work on the council and gave the presentation on funding which was the topic her group reported on to the Minister. The Board congratulated Ava on her great work.

