

News from the Board: November 2023



MEETING DATES:

NEXT BOARD MEETING

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 20TH
STARTING AT
9:30 AM**



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 November meeting the following motions were passed;

- ◆ To accept the Annual School Review 2023-2024 for information as presented.
- ◆ To approve the Annual Education Results Report 2022-2023 to be submitted to Alberta Education.
- ◆ To approve the Audited Financial Statements as at August 31, 2023 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year end.
- ◆ To request 1 modular classroom for Irma School in the 2023-2024 school year due to increasing student population.
- ◆ To receive for information the report from the Secretary Treasurer for the additional bus contractor route being implemented for the Town of Vermilion.

OTHER NEWS

- * The Board was happy to host students from Amisk, Irma and EH Walter Schools for the Student Engagement. The topic for this engagement was Literacy and Numeracy which aligns with Priority One: Supporting Learning Success for All Students. . The local Trustees took turns asking the students from their schools these three questions 1) How does your school help support literacy and numeracy? 2) What do you enjoy most about reading? and 3) How do you see these skills supporting your future? The students representing elementary, junior and senior high were happy to share their thoughts with the Board.
- * Several members of the Board attended the Alberta School Boards Association Fall General Meeting and Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards AGM in November. At this meeting the attendees were able to meet with MLAs and hear from the Minister of Education and Premier Smith. The Board heard a synopsis of the resolutions adopted at the ASBA Fall General Meeting.
- * Superintendent Webb shared leadership highlights with the Board that included Superintendent and Trustee school visits. The Trustees that have participated so far were very appreciative of the opportunity for this experience. At the College of Alberta School Superintendents FGM, Superintendent Webb reported that Assistant Superintendent Trodden was part of a presentation to peers titled "Collaboration: The Key to Solving Common Problems of Practice." The third full week of November was Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week in Alberta schools. Individual BTPS schools coordinated their own events throughout the week.
- * The BTPS Auditors MNP LLP were very appreciative of the work of the entire Finance Team at BTPS for their diligence and excellent work on the audit.

The Board sends its ongoing thanks and appreciation to the Provost School staff, Central Services staff, St. Thomas Aquinas staff and the Town of Provost staff for all of their hard work and support since the October 19th fire incident at the school.

