

# Board Meeting Highlights

## April 17, 2024



### Advocating for Wainwright Elementary School

The Board continues to advocate for its number one capital plan priority, the replacement of Wainwright Elementary School. The Board was encouraged this week when it received copies of letters sent by the Town of Wainwright and the M.D. of Wainwright who are also advocating to the government and MLA on behalf of Buffalo Trail Public Schools for the new school in Wainwright.

### Cellphones in Schools Surveys

The Board encourages stakeholders to participate in the Government of Alberta survey to provide input regarding student use of cellphones in schools. The survey is [here](#) and closed May 3, 2024.

## Upcoming Dates

*Next Board Meeting: Wednesday,  
May 29, 2024 at 9:30am*

*PSBAA SGM: May 30th - June 1st  
ASBA SGM: June 2nd - 4th*

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### Superintendent Highlights

The Superintendent shared school celebrations with the Board that included the WHS Art Academy, Dewberry School Council radio ads featuring students, and an EH Walter student recommended for the Lieutenant Governor Award. Superintendent Webb also shared the collaborative efforts of the many schools participating in badminton throughout the division and how they came together to share resources. The Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services provided a list of locally developed courses that were approved by the Board to be taught in BTPS schools. The list included Academic Achievement Through English Language Development, ESL Introduction to Canadian Studies and Yoga. The Assistant Superintendent also provided an update to Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs). Grade 6 English Language Arts and Literature and Mathematics PATs will not be administered in the 2023/24 school year, they will however take part in a pilot assessment.

### Student Engagement

The Board Chair welcomed students from Vermilion Elementary, JR Robson and Kitscoty High schools to the student engagement. This month the topic was 'Supporting Your School'. The Trustees asked the students these questions; 1) How have you helped make your school a better place? 2) How could students be used to help build success in the school? Many positive examples of leadership, volunteering and kindness were shared with the Board.

### Policy Updates

The Board of Trustees passed third and final readings for amendments to two policies; 701BP, Student Transportation Services was updated in the area of Cross Jurisdictional Boundary Transportation and 101BP, Board Operations was updated to include a new section on electronic attendance at meetings.

### Ward Review

The stakeholder consultation meetings have now concluded. The Board is appreciative of the stakeholders that participated in this opportunity and the M.D.s and Counties that provided population data to their consultant Mr. David Steele. The ward review process is outlined in the Board Policy [104BP Establishment of Wards](#) and is only about electoral boundaries. The Board will now take time to discuss what was shared and make a decision on wards before December 31, 2024. No ward changes would result until the 2025 school board elections.