

Board Meeting Highlights

September 18, 2024



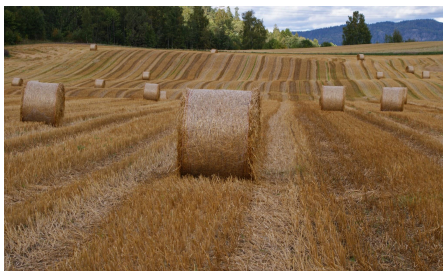
Upcoming Dates

*Next Board Meeting: Wednesday
October 23, 2024 at 9:30am*

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Wainwright Elementary Replacement School

The Board is pleased to share the good news that the Wainwright Elementary School Replacement project was part of the latest government announcement and will be funded for the new replacement school. The Wainwright Elementary School has been on the BTPS Capital Plan for 10 years and the number one capital plan priority for 5 years.

BTPS Learning Day and Support Staff Conference Feedback

Highlights of the BTPS Division Learning Day and Support Staff Conference were shared with the Board. The Learning Day was held on August 28th, 2024 and the Support Staff Conference was on August 30th prior to students returning to school. Survey results from these days indicated that overall the learning was positive. The keynote speaker, Dr. Greg Wells with his messages on wellness was particularly well received. All other sessions over these two days received positive comments.

Student Engagement

The Board welcomed students from Kitscoty Elementary, Irma and EH Walter schools to the first student engagement of the new school year. The theme for the first engagement was School Start Up. The students were positive about the start of school and are looking forward to the many events, classes, clubs, sport opportunities and field trips coming up for 2024-2025.

School Success Collaborations - Value Scoping

Planning for the School Success Collaboration sessions for Amisk and Hughenden Schools is well underway. The engagement process for October 3rd and 4th will bring together invited representatives from the communities/municipalities, schools, the Board, Senior Leadership, school councils, school principals and government to have in-depth conversations and learning opportunities on the process, objectives and evaluations.

Board Advocacy

The Board passed motions to write letters to the division's MLAs which include Garth Rowsell for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville and Nate Horner for Drumheller-Stettler. The Board is asking for a time to meet with MLAs to have the opportunity to discuss celebrations and challenges within our jurisdiction. The Board also wrote a letter of gratitude to the Minister of Education for the announcement of the new replacement school for Wainwright Elementary.

Electoral Wards

The Board has been working and consulting on a ward review since January 2023. The process has been comprehensive and included hiring an outside consultant, having 3 public engagement sessions and reviewing at many meetings. At the September 2024 meeting the Board passed a motion to approve a seven-trustee framework and refer the matter to the Policy Committee to continue the next phase.

Council of School Councils

The Board will host the School Council Chair and an additional representative from each of the division school councils in early November. The purpose of the Council of School Councils is to work together, share information, discuss concerns, plan for the future and to enhance communications among individual school councils. Details on the engagement will be coming out soon.