

# Board Meeting Highlights

April 16, 2025



## Upcoming Dates

*Next Board Meeting:  
Thursday, May 29, 2025, at  
9:30am*

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## The Board

The Board was happy to approve the recommendation from the Superintendent for continuation and support of the Council of School Councils initiative for the 2025-2026 school year. The two sessions held this year have worked to strengthen collaboration, enhance communication and build stronger school communities. The Board passed a motion to update Municipalities in the school jurisdiction on the recently submitted Capital Plan. The Board passed a motion to approve the BTPS Division Fees for the upcoming school year. Once again there will be no increase to these fees for families.

## Student Engagement

The Board welcomed students from Irma, JR Robson and Kitscoty High Schools to the student engagement. The theme for this month's engagement was CTS at Lakeland College. The students were invited to share their thoughts on the questions: 1) Please share some of your experiences with CTS at Lakeland? 2) How has this facility and the instructor helped create great learning? 3) What advice would you give to future students considering taking these courses? The students from each school shared examples from a wide range of dual credit courses they have taken this year. Overall they felt their experiences at Lakeland College have been welcoming and supportive and a great introduction into post-secondary.

## Superintendent's Department

The Superintendent shared the leadership highlights that included the collaborative work on staffing and budgets that have been ongoing with school Principals. She shared recent celebrations from schools that included Vermilion Elementary Choral Speech receiving a superior rating and moving on to provincials, Irma School hosting junior high athletes in the southern area for badminton and the JR Robson successful Career Fair that welcomed 21 post-secondary institutions for students in the division. The Career Fair was a valuable opportunity for students to learn more about the application processes, entrance requirements and financial aid opportunities. Assistant Superintendent Trodden provided the 'Stakeholder Engagement - What We Heard' report to the Board which was a compilation of information gathered through the stakeholder engagement sessions. The purpose of the report is to find the priorities to focus on for the education plan. The Board passed a motion to receive the report for information.

## 2025 Election - Monday, October 20, 2025 - Be a Leader in Your Community

**School board trustees are local politicians and accountable to the communities they serve. The provincial government delegates to school boards the responsibility for conducting the affairs of the school jurisdiction.** Trustees bring a range of skills, experience, knowledge, values, beliefs and opinions to their role. This diversity can support democratic processes and contribute to good decision-making. Nomination Forms, resources, and information can be found on the BTPS website - [HERE](#). The deadline for submitting a nomination package is 12 noon on September 22, 2025. The package will include Form 4, Nomination Paper and Candidates Acceptance Form 5, Candidates Financial Information, Form 11, Proof of Identification for section 52 Access and Form 29, Notice of Intent as well as a recent criminal record check and a \$200.00 cash deposit. Any questions regarding the process can be sent to [buffalotrail@btps.ca](mailto:buffalotrail@btps.ca).