February 14, 2024 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



2024-25 School Calendar

Trustees reviewed feedback received from school councils, parents and staff on the two draft versions of the 2024-2025 school calendar. Trustees approved Calendar B as presented with the following amendments:

- The first day of school will be moved to after the September long weekend
- Professional Learning Days scheduled for November 8 and December 2 will be changed to instructional days

The 2024-25 school calendar can be viewed <u>here</u>.

Alberta School Council Association Annual Conference

The ASCA Annual Conference will be hosted in Edmonton on April 26-28, 2024. Trustees approved a motion to sponsor the cost of registration and accommodations for two members of school councils who would like to attend. Those who are interested are asked to contact their school trustee by March 10, 2024.

FNMI Trustee

The Board approved a motion to extend the current FNMI trustee term from the end of May 2024 to the end of June 2024. A letter regarding the extension will be shared with all relevant stakeholders.

Mallaig School Daycare

Division representatives met with the County of St. Paul to discuss the potential of including a daycare in the design of the new school planned for Mallaig. We extend our gratitude to the County of St. Paul for their commitment to sponsor up to \$300,000 to support a portion of the costs associated with adding this space. The Division is also working with other stakeholders to explore options for covering the remaining costs.

Two Hills School Grant

Congratulations to Two Hills School for receiving the N:OW for Net-Zero Foundation for Environmental Stewardship Grant. The school will use the \$14,400 grant to upgrade their lights to LED lights. We look forward to hearing more about this project as it develops.

Financial Report

The Province is expected to release its budget at the end of February. Trustees and stakeholders will be engaged in budget development in the coming months including the setting of priorities. Trustees reviewed the Division's five year financial profile. As requested by the Province, the Division has reduced their reserves and is not in a position to draw them down any further.

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