



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST 18, 2023

Regular Board Meeting

OVERVIEW OF DISCUSSION & INFORMATION ITEMS

- **Superintendent Darren Mazutinec** led a discussion on a mandate letter sent from **Premier Danielle Smith** to the new Minister of Education, **The Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides** outlining his mandate. The Premier emphasizes a commitment to improving education, offering diverse choices, and addressing mental health challenges in Alberta's schools.
- Several members of the public presented to the board and requested space in Westwind Schools to provide Francophone education to a small group of students.
- The Board discussed the **Raymond Project Capital Plan** and plans to award a contract on October 31, 2023. The goal is a 26-month build.
- Several out-of-province trip requests from Raymond High School were approved by motion.
- The Board discussed the use of cell phones in the classroom. Several schools have policies in place. Division Administration will raise the issue with principals to gather any additional information.
- **Students First, Inspiring Excellence.** After much consultation and deliberation, the Board has finalized the division tagline/motto and approved it by motion. It will be launched as part of the division branding in September.
- The Board approved a motion to donate \$500 towards the memorial project at the Magrath Schools.
- Several motions were passed to authorize locally developed courses connected to religious studies.

DONATIONS

The Board passed a motion to approve the following donations and wishes to thank the following individuals and organizations for their generosity.

- **\$10,000 to CHS** - Anonymous donation to assist graduating students in need
- **\$1500 to MHS** - Scholarship from Robert & Maureen Rasmussen
- **\$2000 to MES** - Donation from Matthew & Jessica Alston to go towards the Burns Alston Kids Triathlon 30th Anniversary T-Shirts.

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Next Meeting: August 21, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.