



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

February 29, 2024

Regular Board Meeting

OVERVIEW OF DISCUSSION & INFORMATION ITEMS

- **Meeting Overview:** Chaired by Jim Ralph, the board meeting commenced with a prayer, land acknowledgment, and mission statement reading. Attendees included trustees and key administrative personnel.
- **Agenda & Previous Minutes:** The agenda was approved, and the January 25, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes were approved.
- **Reports:**
 - **Superintendent Report:** Included snippets from the most recent Principal, School Council, Student Engagement meetings, and other leadership initiatives.
 - **Director of Technology, Lyle Roberts,** provided updates on technology initiatives in the division, including security, Chromebook updates, and various initiatives the department is implementing to support student learning.
 - **Assistant Superintendent Todd Heggie** reported to the division's board on Academic Advising and Human Resources, including the work WWSD is doing with the University of Lethbridge to support student teachers.
 - **Director of Communication Rebecca Bultsma** shared the new division app with trustees and an initiative to support parent social media education.
- **Committees:**
 - Management, Student Engagement, Board ATA Liaison, and ASBA Zone 6 committees shared updates and scheduled meetings.
- **Policies & Procedures:** No changes were recommended after reviewing Board Policy 13.
- **Discussion & Information Items:**
 - **2024/25 Division Calendar:** The Board approved the calendar by motion.
 - **Collegiate Model:** Assistant Superintendent Rob Doig shared with trustees that Westwind, along with other southern Alberta school divisions, has received over \$6M in funding from Alberta Education to create the Southern Alberta Collegiate Institute in partnership with Lethbridge College and Career Transitions and will encourage students to find career pathways and build capacity in areas such as trades, agriculture and the medical profession.
 - **Generative AI Steering Committee:** The Superintendent discussed a WWSD initiative to explore implementing GenAI in Westwind through a steering committee comprised of teachers and administrators. The committee has their first meeting on Friday.
 - **Provincial Budget:** The Board discussed the provincial budget, which will be released after the meeting.
 - **Division Numeracy:** Carley Taylor showcased the Number Talks initiative. Watch the recording for more info.
- **Approvals:**
 - Approved a concert request from
- **Donations:** The Board passed a motion to approve the following donations and wishes to thank the following individuals and organizations for their generosity.
 - \$700 Stirling Wrestling Olsen & Co Professional Corp: Kendall Olsen
 - \$3300 Stirling Girls Basketball Uniforms: Sandra Nelson
- **In-Camera Session:** The board held a private session.
- **Board Meeting Dates:** The Board passed a motion to move the next board meeting to March 25, 2024, at 11 am in Calgary and the April board meeting to April 29, 2024, at 9 am in Cardston.

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Next Meeting: March 25, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.