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Board meetings take place in the Central Board room at the Division Office (231 Hardin Street) starting at 2:00 pm. The next meeting is on February 21, 2024, and the public is welcome to attend. The following are updates from the January 24, 2024, meeting.

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SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

- The following field trips were approved as out of the country travel:
 - Ecole McTavish Northern Italy
 - Westwood Dublin, London, and Paris
 - Fort McMurray Christian School San Francisco and Medesto
 - Westwood Honolulu

CHRISTINA GORDON & DAVE MCNEILLY CATCHMENT AREA

- With Christina Gordon School now at capacity, with a growing enrollment and limited space on the school site to expand, the senior staff is recommending adjusting boundaries to allow more families access to Dave McNeilly School.
- It was proposed to transfer the areas in and surrounding Walnut Crescent, Firewood Crescent and Trillium Road to Dave McNeilly School catchment to meet students' needs.
- The currently affected students attending Christina Gordon will not be required to switch schools; they can remain at Christiana Gordon.
- The Board has approved the proposed changes to the catchment areas for the upcoming 2024/2025 school year.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

As presented by Allan Kallal,
Associate Superintendent of
Business & Finance;

- With the current growth of Westwood High School the squash court area will be converted into classrooms. Design is currently underway with expectations to go to market in February and have work complete by September 2024.
- The Technology Department is currently experiencing a backlog for some projects due to logistical issues from manufacturers. This has led to projects being planned with some delays. Pricing has risen on average to 20%-40% for core infrastructure projects.

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SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS



Leadership Opportunities - Walter & Gladys Hill Public School

Thank you to Walter & Gladys Hill Public School students for presenting about the numerous leadership opportunities available at the school. Students explained how student leadership has contributed to a positive learning environment for all students and allowed students to give back to their school community through volunteering initiatives such as Lighthouse Leaders, the Leader in Me program, and Assembly Leaders.



Inclusive Initiatives - Dr. K.A Clark Elementary School

The Board hosted Dr K.A Clark Elementary School; the Dinos showcased the outstanding inclusive initiatives the school has been working on and incorporating for all students. Not only have Skill VIP classrooms benefited from the vast number of inclusive programs and opportunities, but the school has become a beacon in the community, highlighting student successes in a safe and caring learning environment. The school was also excited to announce that they have become a Jays Care Affiliate School via the Jays Care Foundation.

DIVISION SHOWCASE



Gary McPherson Leadership Award

The Board honoured Christina Gordon School's Music Teacher, Karla Power, who was recently awarded the Gary McPherson Leadership Award from the Premier's Council. The award is given to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership or achievement in enriching the lives of persons with disabilities.

Congratulations Karla, and thank you for DOING WHAT'S BEST FOR KIDS!



Newcomer Kiosk Pilot

The Board has unveiled the pilot of FMPSD's Newcomer Kiosk. The kiosk is a fully interactive screen detailing general information about FMPSD, programs, and the 16 schools, as well as providing information translated into over 40 languages. The kiosk is set to debut at the upcoming FMPSD Booth on February 3rd at the Multicultural Association of Wood Buffalo's Multicultural Expo (hosted at MacIsland). The Newcomer Resource Centre featured in the kiosk is currently live and will be piloted at Composite High School and Dr. K.A Clark School starting February 5th, 2024.

