

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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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 March 27, 2024, and the public is welcome to attend. The following are updates from the February 21, 2024, meeting.

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PRIORITY 1: PROMOTE GROWTH AND SUCCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- The Board approved the requisition of LDCOM: Hide Preparation and Tanning for use by Ecole McTavish, Westwood Community High School, Composite High School and Frank Spragins High School for the 2023/2024 school year. The material and resources for each course will be as per each course outline.

BUDGET 2024-25 PREPARATION

- The Board approved Annual Fees for Instructional Resources, Transportation and Tuition
 - Preliminary grant estimate from the Ministry about what the Bus grant would be: up to \$300,000.
 - There is growth - we will hold fees as status quo; we are forecasted for growth at 5% for the 2024/2025 school year.
 - No proposed bus fee changes for next year.
 - No changes to ECDP/Reggio fees.
 - Due to no fee changes, the Board reaffirms the fees and tuition for the 2024/2025 school year.
- The Board is in consultation with School Leaders, ATA & CUPE; the draft calendar will go to networks, and feedback from comments and questions will be presented to the Board at the March Board Meeting.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

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

- The Funding Manual will not be released the same day as the budget; the Budget is being released on February 29th.
- The Board of Trustees appointed the firm of Meyers Norris Penny (MNP) as the Division's Auditors for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the 2024 Pension Audit, and the winter 2025 School Audits.

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SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS



Life-Skills - Composite High School

Thank you to Composite High School for showcasing its outstanding Life-Skills program and class. This vital program equips students with essential abilities for navigating the complexities of adult life, including financial literacy, effective communication, problem-solving, and emotional intelligence. By integrating these fundamental skills into the curriculum, Composite High School is preparing its students not just academically but also ensuring they are ready to make informed decisions and contribute positively to society.



Take Me Outside Club - Dave McNeilly Public School

Dave McNeilly School's Take Me Outside Club showcased their innovative program to immerse students in nature through guided walks, hikes, and environmental conservation projects. Through hands-on activities and explorations, students learn about the significance of protecting natural habitats and also experience the physical and mental health advantages of spending time outdoors. The Board was impressed by the club's commitment to fostering an educational environment that extends beyond the classroom, encouraging a lifelong connection with nature.

DIVISION SHOWCASE



Land-Based Learning PD - Dave McNeilly Public School

Dave McNeilly presented to the Board about the exceptional Land-Based Learning Professional Development Day held on June 3rd last year, emphasizing its foundational role in honouring indigenous knowledge and traditions. Highlighting the collaborative efforts with community partners, Elders, and Knowledge Keepers, students, and staff shed light on this initiative's profound impact on FMPSD staff, nurturing a deeper understanding and respect for land-based teachings.

