

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 September 25, 2024, and the public is welcome to attend. The following are updates from the June 19, 2024, meeting.

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PRIORITY 3: EFFECTIVE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

- The Board of Trustees has set the schedule for Board Meetings and school visits for the 2024/2025 school year.
- Board Organizational positions were determined for the 2024/25 school year.
- Trustee Mywaart has been re-elected as Board Chairperson and Trustee Spargo has been elected Vice-Chair for the 2024/2025 school year.

PRIORITY 4: STRENGTHEN QUALITY TEACHING & LEADING

- The Board received school review reports on Timberlea Public School, Westview Public School and Westwood Community High School.
- The Board has approved the Superintendent Evaluation from June 1st 2023, to June 19th 2024.

FINANCIAL UPDATES FROM THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

- The Division is slightly below the budgeted deficit but will post a deficit this year. The Division has until November 2024 to submit a letter to the Ministry if a request is necessary to carry forward reserves based on the current 3% reserve cap. For next year this is increasing to 6%, the current year forecast based on 3% cap suggests a carry forward request will be necessary.
- The risk register was reviewed, and an update was made on flood mitigation. The Division does not do a full set-up of tiger dams as they substantially interfere with the operations of the Schools and/or Division Office. Operations and Maintenance is capable of erecting the tiger dams within normal notice of imminent flood. The tiger dams are a secondary defence if the RMWB preparations fail. The division practices drills on a limited setup and monitors the flood reports and communications from RMWB regarding the need for a full deployment.

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DIVISION SHOWCASE



Visual Art Award Recipient - Shanzey Adnan

Congratulations to École McTavish Public High School's Shanzey Adnan for receiving the Visual Art Award! This award is given to an outstanding FMPSD Art 30 student artist whose submitted artwork will be displayed at Division Office; the award recipient can agree to sell the piece to the Board. Shanzey's artwork, named "Torn With Love", was created in the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation and depicts the painful separation between a mother and her child. The artwork and an accompanying description will be displayed in the Division Office hallways.



Canada Wide Science Fair Winners

The Board honoured Westwood Community High School students who excelled at the Canada-Wide Science Fair (CWSF), held in Ottawa, Ontario, from May 26 to 31st. Their innovative projects garnered medals, special awards, and scholarships, showcasing their exceptional talent and dedication to scientific research. Congratulations to Riley Saha Halder, Shayan Awan, Tanya Jivani and Lalithya Raavi on an impressive representation of FMPSD as they collectively took home over 6 national awards and recognitions.



Westwood Track & Field Provincial Gold Medalist

The Board of Trustees showcased Westwood Community High School Student Zalita Knoetze, a grade 11 student who received gold medals for discus and shot put at this year's Provincial Track & Field tournament. Zalita is impressively ranked #3 nationally for discus and avidly trains with the St. Albert Mustangs Club team in the Under 20 Division. She will represent Alberta in the Western Canadian Team Challenge at the Tri-Provincial Championships in Winnipeg. Congratulations Zalita!

