

Board of Trustees
Battle River School Division

Meeting Highlights



Every Student, Every Day, A Success.

BRSD celebrates its Friends



Each spring, Battle River School Division is pleased to be able to say “thanks” to some of the many individuals and organizations who have gone above and beyond in supporting our schools this year.

At the June 14 meeting of the BRSD Board of Trustees, four *Friends of Battle River* awards were presented. Each of the nominations was submitted by people who work within the school division.

Two individuals and two organizations were selected as award recipients this year. Susan Hepburn, a retired teacher who volunteers regularly, was acknowledged for her outstanding work in support of both students and staff of New Norway School, while Tammy Richard, of the AHS Addictions and Mental Health Program, was celebrated for her guidance, care and support in building resiliency and mental wellbeing. In addition, the Camrose Rotary Club was recognized for their years-long commitment to the Youth Leadership Canoe trip with students of Camrose Outreach School and Flagstaff Family and Community Services received accolades for all of the ways in which they support local schools to make presentations and events available.

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BRSD Board approves 2019-2020 budget

On June 20, the BRSD Board of Trustees approved a budget for the 2019-2020 school year. The budget must be submitted to Alberta Education by the end of June.

No specific financial information has been made available to support school divisions in their planning for next year, so the budget is based on the assumption that base funding will be similar to the current year, with the elimination of such things as the Classroom Improvement Fund (CIF) grant and the Nutrition grant. BRSD will also be experiencing a decline in student numbers, so is preparing for a decline in funding. There are staffing changes being made in many areas, such as Administration, Facilities, Technology and division-wide services, in order to offset the reduction.

In conjunction with passing the budget, several other motions were approved, including setting next year's fees for everything from Pre-K children to Adult Students, Transportation, expense reimbursements and more.

Attendance boundaries made more flexible

The Board also passed a motion to make attendance boundaries for three elementary schools in Camrose, which have been closed for several years, more flexible next school year. The intent is still for families to send their child to their neighbourhood school, but to also provide additional opportunities for parents who feel their children would be better served at a different location.

International travel trips approved

Spring Break 2020 International Travel trip were approved for students from schools in Viking, Hay Lakes, Tofield and Ecole Camrose Composite High School. Students will travel to a variety of destinations, including the countries of Austria, England, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Peru.

Education Act changes could impact ward review

The Board of Trustees agreed to table discussion of the ward review that's been underway in Battle River this spring, as there is the potential that changes brought about by the approval of a new Education Act could impact decisions about next steps. No further work will be done on the ward review process until the Education Act is brought in next fall. Trustees and senior staff will be participating in a variety of webinars with Alberta Education staff over the summer, to learn more about upcoming changes.

- from the BRSD Board of Trustees meeting of June 2019

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