



BATTLE RIVER
SCHOOL DIVISION 31
5402-48th AVENUE



BOARD

September 28, 2023

highlights

Board of Trustees (shown above, left to right): Doug Algar, Dwight Dibben, Karen Belich, Lyle Albrecht, Patrick McFeely

Thank You

The Board of Trustees acknowledged and thanked all division office staff for their hard work and tremendous efforts for starting up the 2023-24 school year. BRSD started the school year with an enthusiastic start—thanks to everyone's diligent support!

International Trip

The Board approved an international student trip for a group of students from Tofield to go to Greece during spring break, 2024.

International travel provides students an opportunity to explore ancient historical sights, make connections with the roots of democracy, and embrace a new culture.

Our BRSD AP 261 International and National Travel Study indicates our Board's support for these valuable learning experiences for students, providing they are related to the curriculum.

Council of School Council Meetings

The Board shared the dates of the three Council of School Council meetings. The meetings will be held in Daysland from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 28, Feb. 27 and May 21. Please note that the Oct. meeting has been moved to Nov. 28.

Annual Report to the Community

BRSD's Annual Community Report for the 2022-23 academic year was received for the Board's approval. This comprehensive document, printed as a wrap to include front and back pages of *The Camrose Booster*, is a celebration of our students' remarkable achievements and successes throughout the 2022-23 school year.

After publication on Oct. 3, it will find its way into over 8,000 mailboxes across the division, bringing our communities together in recognition of our students' outstanding accomplishments.

An electronic version of the report is accessible to view on our website. We are pleased to share this report as a way to celebrate the excellence of our students and the strength of our educational community!

Awards Ceremonies

Our schools are hosting awards ceremonies during the fall. The Board of Trustees will be supporting these events and visiting schools to celebrate our BRSD students. The Board appreciates that our schools recognize and honor the accomplishments of our students.

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Engagement Committee Report

The Board's engagement committee reported back to the Board about valuable opportunities to connect with communities and parents across BRSD.

The Board is completing an Attendance Boundary Review and has invited parents and families to one of four opportunities to provide feedback:

The meetings will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the following locations:

Oct. 12, École Camrose Composite High School

Oct. 16, New Norway School

Oct. 17, Ryley School

Oct. 18, Daysland School

The Board also hosts three Council of School Council meetings throughout the year. These meetings are an opportunity for the Board to hear about the work of the individual school councils, and for the school councils to have an opportunity to share and learn from each other.

Student Success

During this month's student success session, the Board had the privilege of listening to insights and experiences from two talented Indigenous dancers from École Camrose Composite High School. Shane and Madison are purposeful in fostering a deeper understanding of the rich, cultural contributions within our school community.

Participation of Mr. Gau, ÉCCHS principal, and BRSD's equity coordinator, Eric Jensen, further emphasizes BRSD's commitment to promoting diversity and inclusivity in our educational institution.

Board Policy Work

The Board has developed a Board Policy Handbook to highlight and support the critical governance function of the Board. The Board diligently updates and revises its policy framework for several critical reasons.

Firstly, it serves to provide foundational statements for effective governance, providing guidance and direction for division activities.

Secondly, it fosters transparency and accountability by outlining Board functionality and conduct, including function of trustees, committees, and appeals processes.

Lastly, it delineates non-delegable matters and specific issues retained by the Board, reinforcing the Board's unique role.

This Board Policy Handbook, complemented by BRSD's administrative procedures, underscores the Board's unwavering commitment to responsible governance and administrative governance Board function.

The Board's Policy Committee regularly reviews and updates policies, so they best align with our mission and guide in serving our students. Updated policies are available on our website.



Shown above, left to right: Mr. Gau, Karen Belich, Lyle Albrecht, Madison, Shane, Dwight Dibben, Eric Jensen, Doug Algar, Rhae-Ann Holoien and Patrick McFeely

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