



# BOARD

October 26, 2023

# highlights

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

## Attendance Boundary Review

The Board's Attendance Boundary Review meetings with parents and families held at ÉCCHS, New Norway, Ryley and Daysland schools from Oct. 12 to 18 went well.

The Board provided information and answered questions. Meetings were well attended, and a significant amount of in person and online feedback was gathered. A survey was available from Oct. 19 to 28 to gather additional feedback.

The next step for the Board is to have the consultant review and analyze feedback. Recommendations will be submitted at the end of Nov., at which time the Board will explore options for potential boundary and/or bus route adjustments to best accommodate our BRSD families and everchanging student demographics. Information will be shared with the public.

## Awards Ceremonies

In Oct., Bawlf, Sedgewick, Daysland, Tofield and Viking hosted awards ceremonies. Board members attended to help celebrate student successes. During Nov., ceremonies will be hosted in Bashaw, ÉCCHS, Forestburg, Hay Lakes and New Norway.

## Council of School Council Meetings

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.

The first meeting will be held on Nov. 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Daysland. The next meeting dates are Feb. 27 and May 21.

## Strategic Plan

The Board is currently updating its three-year strategic plan, which focuses on Board governance work.

Strategies around the Board's goals work in alignment with BRSD's mission and priorities. The Board continues this work and updates its strategic plan to achieve BRSD's vision: *Every Student, Every Day, a Success.*

## ASBA Fall General Meeting

At the end of Nov., the Trustees will be attending the fall general meeting for Alberta School Boards Association. The Board advocates for rural education on a provincial level, and promotes rural education by sharing the great work happening in BRSD. This is a great networking opportunity for Board members to connect with other divisions and review new professional learning options.

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## Assurance Measures Review

The Alberta government has a system for schools and school authorities to consistently assess progress and demonstrate success called the Assurance Framework.

BRSD's planning and results reporting is a continuous improvement cycle which involves setting priorities; then reviewing, measuring, analyzing and reporting results.

The Board has reviewed division parent, teacher, and student assurance survey results from spring of 2023. Completing these annual surveys are important to provide the division stakeholder feedback into our planning.

## Accountability Pillar Summary Results

### Key successes from 2022-23

The Board reviewed achievement results from the 2022-23 school year for this month's Assurance Framework. Many key successes stood out for our schools and students.

Noteworthy celebrations are that 89 percent of our students feel that our schools are safe and caring, and 83 percent of parents feel that our parents are satisfied with the overall quality of education.

Our grade one and two literacy results show that our students are performing well in their primary years. We will continue to support our students' achievements throughout each grade; as Literacy and Numeracy is priority number one in BRSD's *Three-Year Education Plan*.

## Board Policy Work

Boards across Alberta have a governance role in school divisions. Creating and reviewing policies to align with current regulations and legislation, ensuring that our students receive the best potential service and care, is a critical part of this work.

This month the Board reviewed:

Policy 1: Division Foundational Statements;

Policy 2: Electoral Subdivisions and Ward Boundaries

## Fiscal Monitoring Report

This financial review and regular monitor report goes to the Board throughout the year. This overview is part of the Board's fiduciary role and is timely since Nov. is when the Board approves the Annual Audited Financial Report.

## Student Success

During this month's student success session, the Board had the privilege of listening to a presentation by Bashaw students: Lucas, Kobe, Oscar, Ryker and Valeria.

The students, joined by Bashaw School principal, Craig Dimond, supported the first annual Sgt. Holliday XC Run on Oct. 12 at Bashaw School. Over 900 runners and around 400 spectators and team supporters attended this memorial event in honour of Sergeant Holliday, who passed away in Jan. 2023.



Shown above, left to right: Lyle Albrecht, Dwight Dibben, Karen Belich, Lucas, Kobe, Oscar, Ryker, Doug Algar, Valeria and Patrick McFeely

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