

## WARD 5 TRUSTEE'S REPORT FOR FEB/MAR 2024

**FOOTHILLS FOOTNOTES** for January/February... with a focus on the 2024-2025 Calendar with some of the commitments and considerations the division must be mindful of when building its academic calendar. Check it out on the FSD website or the new FSD APP!

### System-Based Delegations & Presentations:

- The admin teams from Ecole Foothills Composite High School (February 14<sup>th</sup>) and Doctor Morris Gibson School (March 6<sup>th</sup>) presented their Education Plans that highlighted the great things that are happening in their respective schools to support students, their learning and wellbeing, and their school communities.
- Employee Services Annual report – Angie Zimmer, Manager of Human Resources
- Director of Student Learning JK-6 – Dinah Van Donzel
- Staff and Wellness Learning presentation by Director Chase Ellis
- Communications & Community Engagement update with Sara Fox – Manager of Communications and Community Engagement

N.B. The common theme and focus of **Engagement-Support-Success** found in the school division's 5-year Education Plan was evident and celebrated in each of the presentations.

### Information / Discussion Items:

- Administrative Procedures are designed to operationalize Board policies. APs 224, 250, 430, 417, and 309 were reviewed during the two Board meetings in January.
- The Policy Review Committee met on February 15, 2024, to review the Appendixes of Policy 2 – *Role of the Board*, ensuring the most 'up to date' documents are located on the Division website as the Board moves closer to its first evaluation using the new Board of Trustee Governance Quality Standards.
- The Board met with CTR on Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss areas of concern, cooperation, and celebration.
- The provincial budget was announced on March 1<sup>st</sup> and the determination of the implications and impact to the division are pending further study and investigation.
- The new high school has moved to the design stage of funding in the March 1<sup>st</sup> budget.
- **A short six question survey related to Policy 14: A Place for All was sent out to school council chairs. Due to a minimal response, the deadline has been extended until Easter Break. Please complete this so that your voice is heard re: admin procedures related to the policy.**

### Board Committee Reports:

- The Board continued its work on Governance Learning relating to its focus on the importance of "system-ness" and how that is demonstrated and implemented within Foothills S.D.
- The Policy Review Committee met and, in consultation with Caroline Roberts, have set in motion the use of AERR and the division's parallel survey to help guide budget decisions based on identified needs and areas for growth as a result of these two surveys.
- Trustee Irwin and Evans attended the Alberta Rural Education Symposium in Edmonton.

### Division Highlights:

- In February and March, the Board conducted local tours of the four High River schools in addition to Highwood's two rural feeder schools – Cayley and Blackie.

Respectfully submitted,

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