



Foothills School Board Ward 4 Trustees- Sharon Nichols and Lisa Penzo

Board of Trustee Highlights to School Councils – February 2022

We honour the spirit, life, and lessons this land and its ancestors teach us. We acknowledge the traditional territories of the Siksika, Piikani, Kainai, Tsuut’ina, and Îyârhe Nakoda and the Métis Nation Region 3.

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ENGAGEMENT	SUPPORT	SUCCESS
BOARD HIGHLIGHTS		

- Thank you for continuing to support our students and staff as we continue to mitigate the impact of COVID-19. As a Board, we continue to address the new challenges as a result of the COVID -19 Omicron variant. The Board sent a letter of gratitude to the whole staff recognizing that their work has positive impacts on the well-being and learning of our students.
- The [updated COVID – 19 information](#) is found here on the FSD Website.
- The Board of Trustees passed a motion to approve increasing custodial hours to pre-Christmas levels which would ensure daytime custodial in Foothills Schools through to the end of March 2022. Additionally, the Division has sourced and ordered KN95 masks for our employees - providing 5 masks per staff member.
- As we continue to plan forward to meet set a budget for the coming year, we will be to engaging with our staff team, families, and the public to decide on a course of action that will be best for our students and community. Watch for Ideas That Make Cents! on the FSD website.
- Alberta Education announced more information on the draft K-6 curriculum. As part of the announcement, new details were provided to offer the community options to receive information and provide feedback. As always, we encourage you to participate in this process. Virtual [engagement sessions](#) will run from January 31 to February 28 to collect additional feedback on the curriculum. Each session will focus on a draft subject area or the new Social Studies Blueprint. Registration information is here.
- [Registration for kindergarten](#) programs are open, and information is available on the website.
- The Division is undertaking a feasibility study to assess the practicality of a proposed FSD before-and-after school child care program for registered JK-6 students. More details about how to share your opinion will be coming soon!
- The Board of Trustees and the Executive Team met with the Towns of Turner Valley, Black Diamond, and the Village of Longview to share areas of common interest, concerns and successes.

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PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

- James Holladay, Acting Principal, Robert Gallacher, Vice Principal and Dorothy Paszkowski presented the Ecole Senator Riley Middle School education plan. They showcased the theme of their school [“Learning to Launch and Launching to Learn”](#) with highlights illustrating the relationships that support learning through safe and caring communities, collaborative and innovative practices.
- Kevin Newman, Director of Inclusive Learning and Student Well-being shared with the Board how student voice around health education is being heard and acted on at FSD. His team is seeking out and engaging with new and existing partner organizations; reviewing the current realities and identifying any gaps; and are providing assurances to our students through the evidence of actions. His report is [here](#) for you to review.
- Lori Isberg, Innovation and Design Facilitator provided an update celebrating where we are and where we are going throughout the Division. Highlights can be viewed in this [presentation](#).

CELEBRATIONS

- Congratulations to the students throughout the Division who consistently demonstrate leadership by initiating and participating in school activities to promote engaged communities of learning and student wellness. At the February 4 Students’ Matters meeting, opportunities to learn with workshops with students from other schools.
- We are cheering for Highwood High School Graduate, Corban Knight as he plays for Team Canada in the 2022 Olympic hockey events.

LOOKING AHEAD

- February 9 – Meeting with the Town of Okotoks
- February 9 – Board of Trustees Meeting
- February 21 – 25 - Family Day Week
- February 28 – COSC Meeting
- March 1 – Meeting with Foothills County
- March 2 – Meeting with MLS’s
- March 2 – Board of Trustees Meeting

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