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School Trustee Report for École Okotoks Junior High School

The Board acknowledges the traditional territories of the peoples of Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta and the Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3.

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Board Strategic Direction: *Learner Wellness and Well Being*

- The Board of Trustees celebrated the virtual [Students' Matters Conference](#) held on February 4, 2022. With workshops centered around "wellness and well-being", trustees look forward to hearing about how these themes are impacting the Student Engagement Opportunities student leaders are developing and launching in their schools.
- **CASS Governance Presentation**
Trustees Letendre and Nichols will be joining Superintendent Fuzessy to present "[Rebel Governance](#)" at the College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS) Annual Learning Conference in March 2022.

Board Strategic Direction: *Innovation and Design*

- **Classroom Practices Innovative Projects (CPIP)**

Following the Winter Submission deadline for [CPIP Projects](#) that optimize student growth and achievement in the areas of Innovation & Design, Indigenous Learning, and French Language, the following projects were approved:

- CTF (Career and Technology Foundations) Regional Collaborative Project (Blackie School and Cayley School)
- Indigenous Studies Project (EFCHS/AHSFA)
- MicroSociety Project (Meadow Ridge School)
- CTF/CTS partnerships and transitions Project (EHHS)
- Designing an Outdoor Learning Space (C. Ian McLaren School)
- Maker Centered and CTF Learning Project (Turner Valley School)

The Board of Trustees is committed to govern by assuring that our students and all who support them can flourish.

Board Strategic Direction: *Stewardship of Resources*

- In preparation for the implementation of the new curriculum, the Board passed a motion in support of the recruitment of 12 classroom teachers from Kindergarten to Grade 6 to be part of a [Curriculum Implementation and Design Team](#) that will be tasked with designing learning and preparing materials and resources for teacher use.
- [Ideas that Make Cents Public Consultation](#)
 - The purpose of this public engagement is to address our upcoming budgetary needs on two fronts:
 1. **Find efficiencies to save money/cost reduction**
 2. **Identify new revenue/income opportunities**

The information we collect here will help inform the budget we produce in May 2022. The engagement will remain open to all. Submissions will be reviewed as they are submitted.

Board Strategic Direction: *Communication and Engagement*

- On behalf of the Foothills School Board of Trustees, Trustees Irwin and Evans will be attending the Alberta Rural Education Symposium in March. The theme of the conference is “Flourishing Rural School Communities: Learning and leading through appreciative inquiry”.
- Trustees Irwin and Molyneux celebrated the meaningful learning students of Ecole Secondaire Highwood High School’s Holocaust Studies class shared with them during an exhibition of their final projects.
- **Meeting with Municipal Partners**
 - Following the Board Meeting on February 9, 2022, the Board of Trustees met with the Town of Okotoks sharing productive conversation about the Municipal Development Plan, work being done on the potential new High School Site, and future collaboration around emergency response planning. The Board also expressed its appreciation to the Town for funding a School Resource Officer Program and for allowing Foothills School Division to give voice to the role the officer will play in FSD schools.
 - On March 1, 2022, the Board of Trustees hosted a positive meeting with Foothills County with both sides expressing appreciation for the very collaborative and solutions-oriented relationship. Discussion throughout the meeting focused on potential developments throughout the County, Joint-Use agreements, and Budget

realities - specifically related to FSD's projected \$3.5 million deficit, transportation, and the playground projects in the communities of Blackie and Millarville.

- The Board of Trustees met with MLAs Sigurdson, Reid and Rosin on March 2, 2022, for an action-oriented discussion around several Foothills School Division priorities including establishing a consistent and open line of communication, the Draft K-6 curriculum, the status of FSD's funding request for the Blackie School's playground, as well as budget challenges around transportation and insurance.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

- February 9, 2022
 - Principal Jordan Rhodes and Vice-Principal Sherry Opas presented Westmount School's Education Plan.
 - [Presentation](#)
 - Numeracy Facilitator, Shelly Read, presented on *Advancing Mathematics and Numeracy: Supporting Our Stakeholders*.
 - [Presentation](#)
 - Director of Technology Services, Sally Smith, provided the Board with a Technology Services [Spring Update](#).
- March 2, 2022
 - Principal Kerry Welsh with support from Lyndsi Irwin, presented the Hub@Home's Education Plan.
 - [Presentation](#)
 - Director of Staff Learning and Wellness, Cynthia Glaicar, provided the Board with a Staff & Wellness Update.
 - [Presentation](#)
 - Foothills Administrators' Association [Celebration Video](#)