

Jackie Roe – FSD Trustee Ward 5

Trustee Report to School Councils – February 2026

ENGAGEMENT - SUPPORT – SUCCESS

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

(More information can be found in Foothills School Division’s [“Footnotes”](#))

- School tours have begun! Trustees have enjoyed visits to the Okotoks, Diamond Valley and McMillan Colony schools and look forward to the next visits.
- “Fast Forward to Flourishing” is a Foothills initiative to create municipal partners across communities to build and encourage strong and cooperative relationships. The first phase is to gather information internally from staff and administration. T
- The board has begun their Municipal Partner Meetings. We have met with town council members from Diamond Valley, Longview and High River. Meetings are scheduled with Okotoks and Foothills County representatives later in February.
- The [2026/2027 school calendar](#) was approved at the January 28 board meeting.
- The board [addressed](#) MLAs for Highwood, Livingstone-Macleod and Banff-Kananaskis on the matter of the expansion of “public” charter schools and public funding.
- The [Annual Assurance Survey](#) is open from January 26 to March 6 for families with students in grades 4, 7 and/or 10. Data is collected by Alberta Education and Childcare and is shared later with the division. Eligible families will have received an email from your child’s school

Note that the board members also participate in the following committees:

Standing Committees:

- **ATA Employee Liaison (Joint):** Sharon Nichols (Shanon Hines)
- **Audit Committee:** All
- **Labour Relations:** Lisa Penzo, Jackie Roe (Shanon Hines)
- **TEBA:** Lisa Penzo

Ad Hoc Committees:

- **ASBA Zone 5:** Theresa Letendre, Jackie Roe

- **ATA Professional Development:** Sharon Nichols (Shanon Hines)
- **Awards Committee:** Sherry Butler, Lisa Penzo, Theresa Letendre
- **Friends of Foothills Schools Foundation:** Lisa Penzo (Sharon Nichols)
- **Milestones:** Sherry Butler
- **Policy Review Committee:** Shanon Hines, Sharon Nichols, Theresa Letendre
- **Professional Learning Committee:** Theresa Letendre, Lisa Penzo
- **Regional School Planning Committee:** Sharon Nichols, Lisa Penzo
- **Rural Caucus:** Shanon Hines, (Jackie Roe)
- **Staff Advisory Council:** Sharon Nichols (All)
- **Students' Matters Committee:** Sherry Butler (All)

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

January 28, 2026

- Judy Leyden of Turner Valley School shared data from their assurance surveys to illustrate the school successes and areas for focus.
- Director of Inclusive Learning, Cora-Leah Schmidt addressed Inclusive Learning, Wellness and Well-being.
- Charity Tegler, Indigenous Learning and Equity provided a report on the successes, support and engagement achieved through education for reconciliation. FSD Indigenous students consistently report higher achievement than provincial norms, and excellent completion rates.
- Human resources manager, Angie Zimmer shared the hiring of 2 new payroll staff as well as particulars of the finalizing of collective agreements with the 4 employee groups.

ACTIVITY UPDATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Attending Zone 5 ASBA meeting on February 9th at the Calgary Catholic School Division offices
- Continued school tours
- The Zone 5 Edwin Parr awards will be held in High River on May 14th to honour first year teachers within our zone. (Yours truly is on the planning committee.)
- FSD also provides their own Assurance Survey to all families. It will be sent in April.

Reminder of 2026 ASBA awards and deadlines

- Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award | Deadline: February 9, 2026
- Edwin Parr Teacher Award | Deadline: March 18, 2026

- Friends of Education Award | Deadline: March 18, 2026
- Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Student Award | Deadline: April 13, 2026
- Community Engagement Award | Deadline: September 16, 2026
- School Board Innovation and Excellence Award | Deadline: September 16, 2026
- Distinguished Service Award | Deadline: September 16, 2026
- Young Author's Conference - Saturday, May 9 at Holy Trinity Academy