

# BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

## October 19, 2022



### GRATITUDE

#### Some Good News

FSD has its own Therapist team – a shift in service that has added highly skilled Speech Language Pathologist and Occupational Therapists to our Division resulting in 2 hours more of support time per school day!

#### Committee Reports

Trustee Penzo and Trustee Nichols attended the first in-person [Student's Matters](#) gathering on October 7, 2022 at Spitzee Elementary School. Grade 5 – 12 student representatives from across the division came together to explore and review the DATA from their individual schools; to identify themes and to brainstorm ideas. The goal of the day was for students to develop a project plan around what would make a difference for students in their schools, review potential student-led opportunities, list actions to support the school education plans and identify areas of need or focus.

On October 7, 2022, Trustee Letendre and Trustee Irwin attended the ASBA [Zone 5 meeting](#). The Zone meeting serves as a networking and collaboration opportunity for school board trustees to share wiser practice, receive updates from Alberta Education, and to celebrate the innovation and creativity happening in schools across zone 5.

#### School Council Town Hall

In the spring of the 2021-2022 school year, a 'Town Hall' model of community engagement through school councils was piloted at 4 of our schools. The ward Trustee and the Superintendent attended these school council meetings at the invitation of the school principal and Council Chair to address any questions or wonders. We received positive feedback and great discussion took place at these school councils. If you would like to schedule a Town Hall at your school, please contact your School Principal and School Council Chair if you would like to schedule a Town Hall at your school.

#### Board of Trustees Self-Evaluation

On October 12, 2022 in our commitment to good governance, the FSD Board of Trustees undertook a [Board Self-Evaluation for the 2021-2022 school year](#) utilizing Foothills School Division's Policy 2, Appendix B - *Board of Trustees Annual Self-Assessment Performance Framework* to identify the specific responsibilities the Board evaluates annually. Trustees also spent time revisiting and reviewed the existing governance indicators and have [updated Policy 2 - Appendix B](#) to reflect practice and ensure alignment with relevant legislation.

#### Advocacy Section of the FSD Website

We are often asked how parents and staff can help support our Foothills School Division goals and objectives. A newly launched advocacy section on our website aims to provide community members information and tools to advocate on behalf of their child and FSD. Listed on the website are the division priorities areas for advocacy as well as downloadable letters of support that can be forwarded to provincial decision makers.

<https://www.foothillsschooldivision.ca/page/9977/advocacy>

### PRESENTATIONS

#### C. I. McLaren School

Principal Stacey Swanson and VP Judy Leyden provided the Board with an update on C. Ian McLaren School's education plan.

[Presentation](#)

#### Inclusive Learning and Student Well-Being

Kevin Newman, Director of Inclusive Learning & Student Well-Being offered an update on Inclusive Learning which included highlighting the exceptional work of FSD's Therapy Team.

[Presentation](#)

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

#### Open Public Consultations

Ideas That Make Cents

<https://fsdconnect.com/ideas-that-make-cents>