



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

December 8, 2021



COVID-19 UPDATE



Associate Superintendent Monty provided an update on COVID-19 in BGSD schools. Active cases have decreased in schools since the previous update in November. Associate Superintendent Monty thanked staff for their ongoing efforts and stated that BGSD will continue with its COVID-19 procedures to keep students and staff safe.

SUMMER SCHOOL UPDATE



Calmar Secondary Principal, Dan Lake, provided the Trustees with an overview of BGSD's Summer School program. BGSD offers three different programs within Summer School: attendance based, non-attendance based and a numeracy and literacy program for Divisions 1, 2 and 3. Summer School sees a wide range of students including those who are looking for extra support in their learning and those students who are looking to take extra courses to free up space in their high school schedules. Summer School for the 2020-2021 school year saw approximately 1100 registrations and ended with 940 students completing their programs for a completion rate of 85%.

It was shared that the process for administering Summer School begins in February and is completed when Diploma exam results are submitted in August.

Principal Lake is hoping that health restrictions will allow more in-person CTS courses to be offered this summer.

Trustees thanked Principal Lake for his overview and acknowledged all of the dedication and hard work on the part of BGSD staff in running the Summer School program.

BEAUMONT SCHOOL UTILIZATION WORKING COMMITTEE



Associate Superintendent Dargis provided an update on the Beaumont School Utilization Working Committee. The committee has been established and includes Division Principal Jon Ganton and several members of administration from various Beaumont schools. The committee has met twice and plans to present a report of its findings for the January 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM FOR ECVS

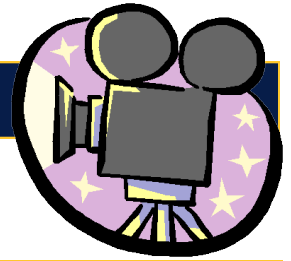


The Board supports the efforts of the École Champs Vallée School Fundraising Society and will provide a letter of support to be used for applying for grants to fund the building of an outdoor classroom at École Champs Vallée School.





LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSES



The Board approved the use of the following Locally Developed Courses:
Media and Cinema 15-5, 25-5, 35-5 / Authorized from February 1, 2022 – August 31, 2024

HOUR ZERO



Associate Superintendent Monty explained that OH&S Advisor Darren Bursey's first tasks was to find an emergency response program that could be universally applied to all BGSD schools. The chosen emergency response program was Hour Zero.

OH&S Advisor Bursey provided the Trustees with an overview of Hour Zero and explained the roles various BGSD staff members fill in the program and the responsibilities assigned to each role. He also explained the BGSD Hour Zero Emergency Response Plan and the functional protocols that are used in schools. Additionally, he provided an overview of the training requirements of each staff member on an annual basis.

The Trustees thanked OH&S Advisor Bursey and Associate Superintendent Monty for ensuring a robust process is in place to ensure student and staff safety.

MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) functions as another layer of security for BGSD cyber systems and networks. MFA helps to ensure that the correct user is logging in to the correct account and device. Implementing MFA helps to prevent unauthorized logins to secure sites and systems. Enabling MFA is something BGSD's insurance company is asking the Division to do as part of the risk mitigation process.



THORSBY CROSSWALK

Thorsby Elementary School is looking to find a solution to the crosswalk safety issues at the school and would like to see a pedestrian controlled stoplight installed at the current crosswalk. Superintendent/CEO Romanchuk will make inquiries as to who, between the Government of Alberta and the Town of Thorsby, would be responsible for the installation and maintenance of such a stoplight.



Superintendent/CEO Romanchuk confirmed that administration takes the crosswalk safety concerns very seriously and that research is underway for possible grants to help address this issue. He thanked the staff at the Thorsby schools for consistently ensuring the safety of students in relation to road safety.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS



Deven Kumar, Communications Advisor, shared the [December 2021 School News](#) PowerPoint Presentation of School News recognizing schools, students and staff from across the Division. The School News ppt is posted to the BGSD website.

