



# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

January 26, 2022

HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

## 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Superintendent/CEO Romanchuk explained that the focus of the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar was to make the most effective use of allotted time to support the educational needs of both students and staff as well as to support families and staff in prioritizing wellness.



The proposed calendar includes: a fall midterm break in November, removes staggered entry at the start of the year and removes early dismissal days, which will be replaced with one PD/Collaboration day per month. School support staff will have the opportunity to attend the morning of each PD/Collaboration Day to attend staff meetings and PD.

The Board approved the [2022-2023 School Year Calendar](#) as presented.

## COVID-19 & DISTANCE LEARNING UPDATE



Associate Superintendent Monty presented an update on COVID-19 in BGSD schools. BGSD is encouraging all staff and students to stay home if they feel unwell. Teacher and support staff absences have been higher than average this January as have student absences. Absentee numbers have begun to trend downward for both staff and students.

Associate Superintendent Dargis provided a brief update on Distance Learning (DL) for Semester 2. There are approximately 300 Grades 1-12 students registered in DL for this semester, which is a slight increase from Semester 1. There have been minimal staffing changes required. Associate Superintendent Dargis thanked the DL team for their hard work and dedication.



## BEAUMONT SCHOOL UTILIZATION



Associate Superintendent Dargis presented a report on the City of Beaumont School Utilization Rates. The report demonstrates that City of Beaumont is continuing to experience consistent population growth which will impact existing school utilization rates at École Champs Vallée School (ECVS), École Bellevue School (EBS) and École J.E. Lapointe School (EJELS). As well, there is a priority to get a second public high school within the City of Beaumont. BGSD is currently working with the City of Beaumont to fulfill the necessary requirements associated with a request for a new high school.

The Board, based upon the City of Beaumont School Utilization Review Report as presented, directs administration to provide the Board with a recommendation to address the utilization concerns associated with ECVS, EBS, and EJELS at the April 20, 2022 Board meeting.

## 2021-2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

Associate Superintendent Volkman presented the 2021-2022 Financial Report for September to December 2021. As of December 31, 2021, BGSD's revenues and expenses were as expected compared to the fall budget.



## ASCA CONFERENCE

The Board will support up to three School Council members from across BGSD to attend the 2022 ASCA Conference.





## JACK.ORG



Laurel Osness, teacher and counsellor from New Sarepta Community High School (NSCHS), and three of her students, Danni Sogale, Mercedes Fairlie, and Dylan Barsness, gave a presentation to the Board on their chapter of Jack.org, which is a student-lead organization dedicated to help prevent suicide among young people in Canada and raise awareness of mental health. The group operates based on local chapters with the young leaders in each chapter being trained to support those struggling with their mental health. The NSCHS Chapter focuses on expanding mental health knowledge and helping their fellow students to develop a sense of connectedness to their community. The NSCHS Chapter was started in April 2021 and has put together several community events including the Mental Health Walk, exam care packages and a Halloween costume contest.

The Board acknowledged the difference a program like Jack.org can make in a community and thanked Mrs. Osness and the students of the NSCHS Chapter for their work in supporting each other.

## CITY OF BEAUMONT JOINT USE AGREEMENT



BGSD received a request from the City of Beaumont to review and update the existing Joint Use Agreement. The current agreement is dated July 1997 and the new agreement provides greater clarification and details on certain areas such as insurance requirements, terms of the agreement and dispute resolution. The list of recreation facilities has also been updated. The agreement is scheduled to be presented to the City of Beaumont Council in early February for their approval.

The Board approved the updated Joint Use Agreement with the City of Beaumont.

## TEAMSTERS COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

BGSD and the Teamsters Local Union 987 of Alberta Miscellaneous Employees – Custodial, agreed upon a document to share with both the Teamster 987 Bargaining Unit and the BGSD Board of Trustees. The document was accepted by a majority (71%) of the Teamster 987 Bargaining Unit. This is a four year agreement that ends August 31, 2024.

The Board ratified the Memorandum of Agreement with Teamsters Local Union 987 of Alberta Miscellaneous Employees - Custodial.



## POLICY DEVELOPMENT



The Board accept the updated version of [Policy 9 – Board Representatives](#) as presented.

The Policy Review Committee developed [Policy 20—Petitions and Public Notices](#), based on the information contained in the Education Act and the Local Authorities Election Act. This policy provides the procedures that need to be followed in order for petitions to be submitted to the Board. This policy will replace Administrative Procedure 508 – Petitions.

The Board approved Board Policy 20 – Petitions and Public Notices as presented.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ADVOCACY

The Board's priority remains monitoring the state of the proposed curriculum. There will be a focus on how the Board can best support BGSD staff and students throughout the implementation.

Administration and the Board will meet with City of Beaumont representatives on February 22, 2022 to advocate for and provide information on BGSD's request for a school service site for a new high school.

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

The [January 2022 School News](#) was presented recognizing schools, students and staff from across the Division. The School News ppt is posted to the BGSD website.

