



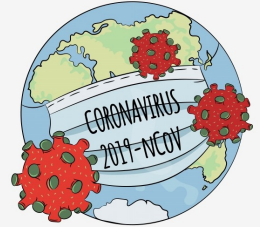
BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

February 23, 2022



COVID-19 UPDATE

Associate Superintendent Monty presented an update on COVID-19 in BGSD schools. The Division notified all staff on February 14, 2022 that BGSD's vaccination requirements no longer applied to non-school employees, including parents and volunteers. Staff was also notified that AP 166 Appendix B – COVID-19 Vaccination will no longer be in force and will be obsolete effective February 27, 2022. Associate Superintendent Monty confirmed that BGSD is experiencing a downward trend in teacher, support staff and student absences.



COVENANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL—2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR



Superintendent/CEO Romanchuk explained that the Covenant Christian School (CCS) 2022-2023 school year calendar is identical to the BGSD 2022-2023 school year calendar with the exception of the Christian Teachers' Convention that CCS staff and administration will attend on October 20 and 21, 2022.

The Board approved the [2022-2023 Covenant Christian School year calendar](#) as presented.

LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSES



The Board approved the use of the following Locally Developed Courses:

Creative Writing 35-5 / Authorized from September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

The Board approved Board [Policy 8 – Board Committees](#) and [Appendix A – Terms of Reference](#) as presented.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & ADVOCACY

On February 22nd, BGSD made a presentation to the City of Beaumont highlighting the need for a new high school. The City of Beaumont tasked City administration to provide possible options to council by the end of the first quarter of 2022.



The Trustees appreciated the involvement of all participants, especially student participants, at the Council of School Communities on February 15th. Feedback will be collated and a report will be shared with those who attended and presented to the Board at a later date to be considered during their spring planning workshop.

The New High School Naming Committee met for the second time and offered thanks to all those who submitted name suggestions, with approximately eighty names submitted for consideration. The Committee will narrow down the list to five possibilities and submit those possibilities to the Board to choose the winning name.

The Board will look at what mental health funding supports are offered by the Government of Alberta and advocate to ensure that BGSD students and staff have the supports they need.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

The [February 2022 School News](#) was presented recognizing schools and staff throughout the Division. The School News is posted to the BGSD website.

