



# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

March 16, 2022



## COVID-19 UPDATE



Associate Superintendent Monty presented an update on COVID-19 in BGSD schools. BGSD is following and will continue to follow the steps laid out by the Government of Alberta in easing COVID-19 public health measures. Student absences have returned to normal; however, we've seen a moderate increase in staff absences.

## BEAUMONT SCHOOL UTILIZATION REVIEW UPDATE

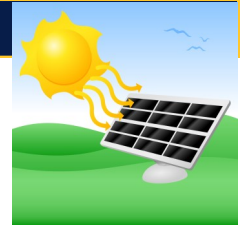


Associate Superintendent Dargis provided an update on the review of school utilization rates in the City of Beaumont. The Working Committee has completed their review of the boundaries and transition points between the three impacted schools of École Champs Vallée School (ECVS), École Bellevue School (EBS) and École J.E. Lapointe School (EJELS). The Working Committee has engaged an advisory committee comprised of the Working Committee, Ward 4 Trustees and representatives from the relevant School Councils to review the gathered information.

The advisory committee has proposed rerouting students from the most affected neighborhoods in the City of Beaumont with French Immersion Program students from EBS transitioning into EJELS and the English Program students transitioning into ECVS. The advisory committee has created a survey designed to solicit feedback from the public on the proposed solution to alleviating the capacity issues at ECVS. The survey will be open to parents and teachers within the affected schools and communities until April 5, 2022.

## SOLAR PROJECT CONTRACT UPDATE

Associate Superintendent Volkman provided an update on the contract for the solar project at West Haven Public School. At the August 2021 Regular Board meeting, the Board of Trustees passed a motion directing Administration to pursue the solar project for West Haven Public School at a cost to the Board of \$280,000 contingent on BGSD receiving grant funding.



The Division has now been approved for an estimated \$232,927 in grant funding from the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre Solar for School Program. The total projected cost of the project (including consulting fees) is \$481,355. Therefore, the total cost to the Board is currently estimated to be under the approved \$280,000. Alta Pro Electric Ltd. has been selected as the successful contractor for this project.

The Board approved entering into a contract with Alta Pro Electric Ltd. in the amount of \$461,855 for the solar project at West Haven Public School to be completed over the summer months.

## THREE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

School boards are required each year to assess their school capital needs and submit their approved Three Year Capital Plan to Alberta Education by April 1. The Division is requesting funding for five projects in the next three years - three modernizations, one new school and a replacement school.

The Board approved the 2022-2023 Three Year Capital Plan as presented.





## 2022-2023 TRANSPORTATION & TECHNOLOGY FEES

Associate Superintendent Volkman explained that BGSD's transportation system endeavors to operate on a break even basis. Costs related to transportation, such as fuel and insurance, have increased significantly in the last two years. Due to these rising costs, Administration is recommending an increase to transportation fees for the 2022-2023 school year to maintain a cost neutral service.

The Board approved the increase to transportation fees for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.



Educational Technology Consultant, Ray McCubbing, requested an increase to the Division's technology fee in order to cover the cost of Chromebooks in BGSD schools. The fee increase will apply to the purchasing of the Chromebooks and the Google licensing for each device and will ensure that as many students as possible will have access to Chromebooks in the classroom.

The Board approved the increase to the Division's technology fee for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.

## NAMING OF LEDUC HIGH SCHOOL

According to Administrative Procedure 541 – Naming Facilities, it is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees to provide a name for new Division facilities. The name must have significance for students, staff and the community. A total of 85 names for the new Leduc High School were submitted to the Naming Committee, which selected the following five names for the Board's consideration:

- ◆ Jordan Hill Composite High School
- ◆ Prairie View High School
- ◆ Westview High School
- ◆ Ohpaho
- ◆ Alleen Faller High School/Faller Secondary School



The Board approved Ohpaho Secondary School as the name for the new Leduc High School.

## POLICY DEVELOPMENT



The Board approved the updated version of [Board Policy 1 – Division Foundational Statements](#) and [Board Policy 1 Appendix—Logo and Identity](#) as presented.

The Board approved the updated version of [Board Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee](#) and [Board Policy 3 Appendix—Services, Materials and Equipment Provided to Trustees](#) as presented.

The Board approved [Board Policy 10—Policy Making](#) as presented.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Associate Superintendent Volkman provided BGSD's 2021-2022 Financial Report for Quarter 2. As of February 28, 2022 BGSD's total revenues were \$69.8 million (50.6% of budget) and total expenditures were \$70.9 million (50.6% of budget) for a deficit of \$1.1 Million.

The Division is currently on track compared to the 2021-2022 fall revised budget, where the Board of Trustees approved a \$2.2 million deficit for the 2021-2022 school year.



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ADVOCACY

The data collected from the Council of School Communities event will be provided to the event participants and Board prior to the Board Planning Session in May.

BGSD is a member of the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards. This group is comprised of like-minded school boards and aims to collaborate and advocate on those issues that affect rural schools.

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

The [March 2022 School News](#) was presented recognizing schools, students and staff from across the Division.



## VTRA PROTOCOLS

The Board signed off on the Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocols for 2022.