



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

September 7, 2022



WELCOME BACK !

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Superintendent/CEO Romanchuk provided an update on international students coming to the Division. BGSD schools in Calmar, Thorsby and New Sarepta will be hosting a number of students from Columbia for four weeks this November, with these students being billeted at host families in the aforementioned communities. BGSD has partnered with Palliser School Division, which runs a successful International Student Exchange & Homestay Program, to potentially develop a similar program for BGSD.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Associate Superintendent Volkman provided an update on the completed and ongoing construction projects occurring throughout the Division. These projects include but are not limited to:

- ◆ Roof replacements at École Bellevue School, Warburg School, John Maland High School and Willow Park School
- ◆ Boiler replacements at New Sarepta Elementary School and New Sarepta Community High School
- ◆ Solar project at West Haven Public School
- ◆ Parking lot replacements at East Elementary School and New Sarepta Elementary School
- ◆ Exhaust fan replacements at schools across the Division



OFF-CAMPUS EDUCATION PROGRAM APPROVAL

The Board approved the involvement of BGSD in the Off-Campus Education Program for the 2022-2023 school year and approved designating Off-Campus Coordinators as the authority to sign that work sites/work stations have been visited and approved, with the Associate Superintendent, Learning Services to cosign the approvals.

MILEAGE RATE INCREASE

The Board approved increasing the km rate from \$0.53/km to \$0.58/km effective October 1, 2022.

TRUSTEE COMPENSATION

The Board approved increasing trustee remuneration by \$1,500 for a total of \$27,565 annually.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE



BGSD's Transportation Manager and Communications Advisor worked together over the summer to send out messaging via our website and social media accounts that BGSD is looking for people interested in becoming school bus drivers.



CURRICULUM UPDATE

Associate Superintendent Dargis provided a curriculum update. K-3 English Language Arts and Literature (ELAL), K-3 Math, K-6 Physical Education and Wellness have been implemented for this school year. 45 BGSD teachers are choosing to participate in optional implementation of 4-6 ELAL and 4-6 Math.

Alberta teachers have also been given the option to pilot K-6 Science and K-6 French Language Arts and Literature (FLAL) and provide their feedback to Alberta Education. Seven BGSD schools are engaging in the pilot.

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER APPROVAL



Associate Superintendent Volkman stated as per Board Policy 8 Appendix A - Board Committees – Terms of Reference, the membership of the Audit Committee will consist of a minimum of three public members. Due to a vacancy, the Division advertised for one public member to join the Board's Audit Committee. The Selection Committee recommended that candidate number 2 be approved by the Board of Trustees for appointment as a public member to the Audit Committee. The term of the appointment to the Committee is two years, with the option to renew the appointment for a maximum of three terms.

The Board approved the Selection Committee's recommendation and appointed candidate number 2 to the BGSD Audit Committee.

OFF-CAMPUS AND SUMMER SCHOOL UPDATES

Associate Superintendent Dargis provided an update on the 2021-2022 Off-Campus and Summer School programs. There were approximately 1000 students enrolled in Summer School, which offered both Diploma and Non-Diploma courses. Just over 5000 credits were generated via Summer School courses. BGSD also offered literacy and numeracy camps for elementary and junior high students, with over 80 students participating.

Off-Campus programming, including Work Experience and the Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP), generated approximately 1600 credits in the 2021-2022 school year.

DIVISION LIBRARY UPDATE

Digital Library Technician Jennifer Kosiorek provided an update to the Board on the Diversity Audit conducted across all BGSD library collections. The purpose of the Diversity Audit was to get a snapshot of the types of diversity that exist across English fiction books in the BGSD library collections – including ethnicity, gender, nationality and disabilities in both authors and characters.



THANK YOU LETTER TO THE CITY OF BEAUMONT

Superintendent/CEO Romanchuk explained that a letter has been drafted to be sent to the City of Beaumont thanking them for providing Rec Centre Passes for the Beaumont Sport and Recreation Centre to BGSD students.

thank you!

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

