

### **Board Meeting Highlights**

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

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#### 2025-2028 Education Plan Approved

The Board of Trustees approved the 2025 - 2028 Division Education Plan, developed through broad stakeholder engagement and grounded in both local and provincial data. The plan focuses on three key outcomes - faith formation, academic achievement, and well-being, each supported by targeted goals, strategies, and performance measures.

For more information on the 2025-2028 Division Education Plan, please click here.

#### **Balanced Budget for 2025–2026**

The Board of Trustees approved the 2025–2026 Division Budget, which reflects a balanced financial plan despite ongoing funding pressures. The Secretary-Treasurer presented the enrolment-driven budget, highlighting key assumptions, expenditure breakdowns, and areas of financial risk. Staffing remains the largest cost driver, and administrative expenses are higher this year due to upcoming election costs.

The budget reflects priorities identified through recent stakeholder engagement sessions, with a focus on strengthening inclusive learning supports across the Division, such as ensuring every school has a designated counsellor and a full-time Inclusive Learning Teacher.

Trustees reviewed enrolment trends, the impact of the new provincial funding model, and the challenge of sustaining supports within available resources. The Board acknowledged the complexity of maintaining a balanced budget under current funding constraints and emphasized the importance of aligning spending with strategic goals and community expectations.

To view the Budget Report for the Year for the Year Ending August 31, 2026, click here.

#### Farewell to Dr. Sawula

The Board of Trustees acknowledged Associate Superintendent Dr. Ryan Sawula's final meeting and thanked him for 24 years of dedicated service to the Division. Trustees expressed gratitude for his leadership and contributions to curriculum and strategic planning.

The next Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Murray Hollman, Board Chair

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