

Board Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

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Board of Trustees Murray Hollman - Chair Anne Marie Watson - Vice Chair Sharla Heistad Cynthia Leyson Dorraine Lonsdale Kim Pasula

\$30,000 Donation to The Mustard Seed Approved

The Board of Trustees approved a \$30,000 donation to The Mustard Seed program, affirming its continued support of community-based initiatives that enhance student nutrition and well-being. The program directly supports students within the Division through lunch programming. The donation will be funded through deferred revenue from the Division's Nutrition Grant. Trustees discussed the impact on school nutrition funding and noted that schools will continue to be appropriately supported through the grant.

For more information on the Mustard Seed Donation, click here.

Trustees Support Broader Stakeholder Engagement

The Board of Trustees reviewed the Stakeholder Engagement Report, with Trustees providing input on priorities, timelines, and strategies for the year ahead. Building on the success of previous engagement efforts, Trustees reaffirmed the importance of meaningful community consultation to support planning and decision-making.

Key areas identified for engagement include strategic direction, budget planning, upcoming changes to transportation funding, and program areas such as student nutrition and cafeteria services. Trustees emphasized the value of gathering input from families and the wider community to better understand needs across the Division and supported early, proactive communication on emerging issues through a broad and inclusive engagement approach involving parents, students, school communities, parishes, community organizations, and elected officials.

For more information on Stakeholder Engagement Review, click here.

Division Advancing Compliance with New Legislation

The Board of Trustees received updates on how the Division is actively preparing for several new provincial requirements, including the Education Amendment Acts, 2024 and 2025, as well as Ministerial Order #030/2025, which outlines new standards for school library materials and processes for parental opt-in to human sexuality instruction. The Acting Superintendent shared that plans are in place to meet compliance deadlines, supported by provincial associations and the use of technology tools. Trustees endorsed a recommendation to advocate for additional resources and extended timelines to help schools and staff meet these new obligations.

For more information on the Superintendent's Report, click <u>here</u>.

Meeting Dates Adjusted to Respect Key Events

The Board of Trustees moved the September 2025 meeting to Monday, September 29, 2025, as the originally scheduled date coincided with the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Trustees also approved the addition of a mandatory orientation session for newly elected Trustees on October 27, followed by the Organizational and Regular Board meetings on October 28. Once the nomination period closes, key dates will be shared with candidates to ensure they are aware of the commitments should they be elected.

The next Board Meeting will take place on Monday, September 29, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Murray Hollman, Board Chair

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