

Board Meeting Highlights

Monday, September 29, 2025

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Proactive Job Action Communication Plans in Place

In response to the pending ATA strike notice, the Superintendent presented the Division's proactive communication strategy to the board. Trustees were pleased to learn that both a public-facing webpage and a staff-specific portal have been launched to provide timely, transparent updates and answer frequently asked questions. The Board acknowledged the Division's efforts to support all staff during this uncertain time. Trustees also appreciated that feedback from staff and the public has been positive and expressed strong support for the Division's commitment to clarity, compassion, and trust-building throughout the process.

For more information on Job Action Communication, click here.

Board Reviewed Division Compliance with New Ministerial Orders

Trustees received a detailed update from the Superintendent regarding the Division's compliance with recent legislative changes to the Education Act and the Fairness and Safety in Sport Legislation and Regulation. Trustees were assured that the Division is meeting legal obligations and that implementation efforts are being led by Associate Superintendents of Learning Services and Student Services. The Board acknowledged the complexity of the legislative changes and expressed appreciation for the proactive planning being undertaken.

For more information on Ministerial Order Changes and Board Responsibilities, click here.

Implementation of New Library Material Standards Underway

The Board of Trustees engaged in a robust discussion regarding the updated Ministerial Order on the selection and access of school literary materials. The Board was informed that while no titles have been removed from libraries to date, the Division has begun implementing the new requirements, including a Division-wide review of school collections to identify any materials that may need to be removed, a parent communication plan, and the development of a formal administrative procedure. Trustees emphasized the importance of maintaining transparency, especially with shared library spaces, and requested that efforts be made to ensure public access to library material listings aligns with provincial requirements.

For more information on the Standards for the Selection, Availability and Access of School Literary Materials, click here.

Community Member Appointed to Audit Committee

The Board of Trustees appointed Christina Hackett to the Audit Committee, following a recommendation from the Secretary-Treasurer. Trustees discussed the importance of having strong community representation on the committee and agreed that Ms. Hackett's background and interest make her a valuable addition. The Board expressed confidence that her appointment will strengthen oversight and accountability in the Division's financial practices.

For more information on the Audit Committee Appointment, click here.

The next Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Murray Hollman, Board Chair

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