

Regular Board Meeting Agenda – 1:00 pm
Monday, June 27, 2022

Acknowledgement of the Land

Horizon is located on the traditional land of the Blackfoot Confederacy and on Treaty 7 territory and the home of the Métis Nation of Alberta Zone 3. We honor the Blackfoot people and the diverse Indigenous peoples whose ancestors have marked this territory for centuries, a place that has welcomed many peoples from around the world to make their home here. Together we call upon all our collective communities to build a stronger understanding of all peoples who dwell on this land we call home.

Presentations (1:00)

- **David Keohane (CASS Executive Director) – Re: CASS President Thank You**
- **Years of Service Recognition Awards to Division Office Staff**

A – Action Item

A.1 Agenda	
A.2 Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held Monday, May 31, 2022	ENCLOSURE 1
A.3 Minutes of Special Board Meeting held Thursday, June 23, 2022	ENCLOSURE 2
A.4 June 2022 Accounts Payable	ENCLOSURE 3
A.5 Milk River School Name	ENCLOSURE 4
A.6 2023-2024 Calendar	ENCLOSURE 5

I - Information Items

I.1 Superintendent’s Report – Wilco Tymensen	ENCLOSURE 6
I.2 Trustee/Committee Report	
I.2.1 Zone 6 Report – Marie Logan	
I.2.2 Facilities Meeting Report – Bruce Francis	
I.2.3 Administrator’s Meeting Report – Wilco Tymensen	
I.3 Associate Superintendent of Finance and Operations – Phil Johansen	ENCLOSURE 7 ENCLOSURE 8
I.4 Associate Superintendent of Human Resources – Robbie Charlebois	
I.5 Associate Superintendent of Learner Services Report – Terri-Lynn Duncan	

C-Correspondence

C.1 Alberta News: Education bargaining: Minister Nixon	ENCLOSURE 9
C.2 New Release: Providing fuel cost relief to schools	

Dates to Remember

• July 6-8 – CSBA National Trustee Gathering & CSBA Congress - Saskatoon
• August 22 – First Day Back for Teachers
• August 25 – Division Wide PD Day – (teachers only)
• August 30 – First day back for students

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| • August 31 – Board Meeting |
| • August 12 – 16 – Mennonite Heritage Week |
| • September 13 – Administrator’s meeting |
| • September 26 – Board Meeting |
| • October 5 – Colony Elder’s Meeting |
| • October 10 – Thanksgiving – No School |
| • October 11 – Administrator’s Meeting |

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The Board of Trustees of Horizon School Division held its Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE: Marie Logan, Board Chair
Bruce Francis, Board Vice-Chair
Derek Baron, Jennifer Crowson, Blair Lowry, Maxwell Holst, Mandy Court :

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:
VIA ZOOM Dr. Wilco Tymensen, Superintendent of Schools
Phil Johansen, Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations
Robbie Charlebois, Associate Superintendent of Human Services
Terri-Lynn Duncan, Associate Superintendent of Learner Services
Sheila Laqua, Recording Secretary
Cole Parkinson, Taber Times

ACTION ITEMS

A.1	Moved by Maxwell Holst that the Board approve the agenda with the following additions: A.8 – Milk River Caretaking A.9 – Enchant Caretaking A.10 – LED Lighting Tender Carried Unanimously	AGENDA APPROVED 61/22
A.2	Moved by Jennifer Crowson that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held Monday, April 25, 2022, as provided by Enclosure #1 of the agenda. Carried Unanimously	BOARD MEETING MINUTES APPROVED 62/22
A.3	Moved by Derek Baron that the Board approve the May 2022 Payment of Accounts in the amount of \$4,873,692.92 as provided in Enclosure #2 of the agenda. Carried Unanimously	PAYMENT OF ACCOUNT APPROVED 63/22
A.4	Moved by Mandy Court that the Board approved the 2022-2023 Budget as presented by Philip Johansen, Associate Superintendent of Finance. Carried Unanimously	2022-23 BUDGET APPROVED 64/22
A.5	Moved by Blair Lowry that the 2022-2023 School Fee Schedule be approved as presented. Carried Unanimously	SCHOOL FEE SCHEDULE APPROVED 65/22

A.6	Moved by Jennifer Crowson that the 2022-2025 Three Year Educational Plan be approved. Carried Unanimously	THREE YEAR EDUCATIONAL PLAN APPROVED 66/22
A.7	Moved by Mandy Court by that the Board accept the Milk River Modernization Project Naming Advisory Committee's two recommendations (Milk River Community School and River Ridge School), along with Milk River Ridge School, and that the Superintendent seek community feedback regarding the three recommendations at the June 14, 2022 open-house. Carried Unanimously	MILK RIVER SCHOOL NAMING 67/22
A.8	Moved Bruce Francis by that the Board approve the Milk River School K – 12 Caretaking contract be awarded to Rebecca Wilde for a 2-year term. Carried Unanimously	MILK RIVER SCHOOL K – 12 CARETAKING TENDER APPROVED 68/22
A.9	Moved by Bruce Francis that the Board approve the Enchant School Caretaking contract be awarded to Helen Thiessen for a 2-year term. Carried Unanimously	ENCHANT SCHOOL CARETAKING TENDER APPROVED 69/22
A.10	Moved by Bruce Francis that the Board approved the LED Lighting Replacement Tender for L.T. Westlake, Vauxhall Elementary and Vauxhall High Schools be awarded to Done Right Electric. Carried Unanimously	LED LIGHTING REPLACEMENT TENDER APPROVED 70/22

DISCUSSION ITEMS

D.1 EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Each year Board members recognize employees who have reached their 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc. years of service with Horizon School Division. These awards will be delivered to the schools in recognition of these milestones.

D.2 HAYS SCHOOL REQUEST

The Board of Trustees discussed the request from the Hays Parent Association to plant fruit trees on the school grounds. The Board supported the original decision made by the Facilities Manager to not have fruit trees on school property.

INFORMATION ITEMS

I.1 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Wilco Tymensen, Superintendent, shared the following May 2022 report with the Board:

- [View May 2022 report here](#)

I.2 TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORT

I.2.1 Zone 6 Report

Marie Logan, Zone 6 Rep, provided a summary of highlights from the Zone 6 meeting.

I.2.2 Facilities Report

Facilities Chair, Bruce Francis provided a summary of the Facilities Department for the month of May 2022.

- Note that on June 14 there will be an open-house in Milk River.

I.2.3 Administrator's Meeting Report

Trustee, Blair Lowry shared highlights of the Administrator's Meeting held this month.

I.3 ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Philip Johansen, Associate Superintendent of Human Services, shared a summary of the items he has been working on with the 2022-23 Budget being the focus.

I.4 ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT OF HUMAN SERVICES REPORT

- [View May 2022 report here.](#)

I.5 ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT OF LEARNER SERVICES REPORT

- [View May 2022 Report here](#)

CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion Items

No discussion came forward from the Correspondence.

Moved Maxwell Holst by that the meeting adjourn.

Carried Unanimously

MEETING ADJOURNED

71/22

COMMITTEE ITEMS

Moved by Mandy Court that the Board meet in Committee.

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE

72/22

Moved by Jennifer Crowson that the meeting adjourn.

Carried Unanimously

MEETING ADJOURNED

73/22

Marie Logan, Chair

Sheila Laqua, Executive Secretary

Regular Board Meeting May 31, 2022

HORIZON SCHOOL DIVISION



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The Board of Trustees of Horizon School Division held a Special Board Meeting on Thursday, June 23, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Marie Logan, Board Chair
Bruce Francis, Board Vice Chair
Derek Baron, Jennifer Crowson, Blair Lowry, Maxwell Holst, Mandy Court
Terry Gunderson, Education Consultant, ASBA
Dr. Wilco Tymensen, Superintendent

Waiver of Notice of Special Meeting and Special Meeting Agenda Attached.

A.1	Move by Marie Logan that the Board approve the Special Meeting Agenda as contained in the Waiver of Notice of Special Meeting. Carried Unanimously	AGENDA APPROVED 74/22
A.2	The Board completed the Superintendent's Evaluation and drafted an evaluation report which is an accurate accounting of the Superintendent's performance for the period September 1, 2021 to June 15, 2022; and further, the Board indicated the Chair could make any required technical edits and to sign the report on the Board's behalf. The Board discussed extending the current Superintendent's contract to July 31, 2028.	SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION REPORT & CONTRACT APPROVED
A.3	Moved by Derek Baron that the meeting adjourn. Carried Unanimously	MEETING ADJOURNED 75/22

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS REPORT
Board Meeting - June 27/22

General	May 25/22		389266.36
General	May 31/22		1257705.90
General	June 7/22		143634.40
U.S.	June 8/22		370.65
U.S.	June 13/22		448.20
General	June 14/22		145292.70
General	June 21/22		122,610.26

"A" Payroll	May 2022	Teachers	1,714,232.31
		Support	622,137.05

"B" Payroll	May 2022	Casual	34,721.47
		Subs	83,611.88

Total Accounts			4,514,031.18
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Board Chair _____

PJ:dd
June 23/22

June 27, 2022

To: Board of Trustees of the Horizon School Division

From: Dr. Wilco Tymensen, Superintendent

Re: Milk River Modernization – School Name

Background

- The Naming Advisory Committee submitted two recommendations to the May 2022 board meeting.
- The board accepted the recommendations and added Milk River Ridge School
- The board requested that the three final names go back to the community for a vote.

Vote Response

- 170 responses
 - 122 student
 - 12 staff
 - 26 parents
 - 10 community members

Name Results (overall)

- 36.5% River Ridge School
- 32.4% Milk River Community School
- 31.2% Milk River Ridge School

Name Results (by group)

- **Students**
 - 54 River Ridge School
 - 40 Milk River Ridge School
 - 28 Milk River Community School
- **Staff**
 - 6 Milk River Ridge School
 - 4 Milk River Community School
 - 2 River Ridge School
- **Parents**
 - 17 Milk River Community School
 - 5 Milk River Ridge School
 - 4 River Ridge School
- **Community Members**
 - 6 Milk River Community School
 - 2 River Ridge School
 - 2 Milk River Ridge School

It is recommended that this memo be received as information by the Board of Trustees and that the Board engage in a discussion to finalize the name of the new school.

It is recommended that the Board make the following motion.

“Moved that the name of the modernized school in Milk River be”

Respectfully submitted
Dr. Wilco Tymensen

Jurisdiction Calendar - DRAFT

2023-2024 School Year Calendar

Aug-23				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
♥	21	♥	22	♥
♥	28	♥	29	30
		31		

Instructional Days 2 M-Th 2 F 0

Sep-23				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
H	4	5	6	7
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	●	21
25	26	27	28	29

Instructional Days 18 M-Th 14 F 4

Oct-23				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
H	9	10	11	12
16	17	18	19	●
23	24	25	26	27
☒	☒	31		

Instructional Days 20 M-Th 17 F 3

Nov-23				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	☒	3
☒	6	☒	7	☒
H	13	14	15	16
◆	20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30	

Instructional Days 20 M-Th 16 F 4

Dec-23				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
H	25	H	26	H
29				

Instructional Days 16 M-Th 12 F 4

Jan-24				
M	T	W	T	F
H	1	H	2	H
8	☒	9	☒	10
15	16	☒	17	☒
☒	22	☒	23	☒
29	30	31		

Instructional Days 14 1st Sem. M-Th 12 F 2
Days 4 2nd Sem. M-Th 3 F 1

Feb-24				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
H	19	H	20	H
26	27	28	29	

Instructional Days 16 M-Th 13 F 3

Mar-24				
M	T	W	T	F
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11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	H
				29

Instructional Days 18 M-Th 15 F 3

Apr-24				
M	T	W	T	F
H	1	H	2	H
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☒	15	☒	16	☒
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

Instructional Days 17 M-Th 14 F 3

May-24				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
H	20	21	22	23
27	28	31		

Instructional Days 22 M-Th 18 F 4

Jun-24				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	☒	11	☒	12
☒	17	☒	18	☒
☒	24	☒	25	☒

Instructional Days 18 M-Th 15 F 3

	Sem. 1	Sem. 2	Total
Instructional Days	90	95	185
Non-Instructional Days	11	4	15
Total Days		200	

- First Day of School (1-12)
- Last day of 1st Semester
- First day of 2nd Semester
- Last Day of School (Elem.)
- Last Day of School (Jr. High & Sr. High)
- PAT Grades 6, 9
- PAT & Diploma Exams
- Diploma Exams
- Report Card
- Planning for Student Support Day (All Schools) - no students

- Division Wide Holiday - no students, no staff
- Division Wide Time Free From Instruction (TFFI) - no students
- Division Wide Teacher PD Day - no students
- Division Wide Joint Horizon/ATA PD day - no students
- Division Wide Unassigned Teacher Time - no students, no staff
- School Based Time Free From Instruction (TFFI) - no students
- School Based PD Day (All Schools) - no Students
- School Based PD Day, 1/2 day - No Students
- School Based Unassigned Teacher Time - no students, no staff
- School Based Parent/Teacher Interviews - no students
- School Based Parent/Teacher Interviews - after school

1st Sem.	M-TH	73	F	17
2nd Sem.	M-TH	78	F	17
Total Instructional Days		151	34	185

Elementary (enter manually):	M-TH		F	
Total Instructional Days				0

DRAFT DATES

Gr. 12 Diploma Exams	Oct.	Nov.	Jan.	Apr.	Jun.	Achievement Exams	Gr. 9*	Gr. 6*
English LA 30-1 Pt. A	30		9	8	11	English Language Arts Part A		
English LA 30-2 Pt. A	30		9	8	11	English Language Arts Part B		
Social 30-1 Pt. A	31		10	9	12	Science		
Social 30-2 Pt. A	31		10	9	12	Social Studies		
English LA 30-1 Pt. B		3	18	11	18	Mathematics Part A		
English LA 30-2 Pt. B		3	18	11	18	Mathematics Part B		
Social 30-1 Pt.B		6	19	12	19			
Social 30-2 Pt.B		6	19	12	19			
Math 30-1		2	17	10	17			
Math 30-2		2	17	10	17			
Biology 30		7	22	12	20			
Chemistry 30		6	23	15	24			
Physics 30		7	24	16	25			
Science 30		8	25	15	26			

* Window periods approved by AB Education are draft.

APPROVED: DATE ENTERED BY HORIZON

Date	Holidays & Observances
September 4, 2023	Labour Day
September 30, 2023	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
October 9, 2023	Thanksgiving Day
November 5, 2023	Daylight Savings Ends
November 11, 2023	Remembrance Day
December 25, 2023	Christmas Day
December 26, 2023	Boxing Day
January 1, 2024	New Year's Day
January 6, 2024	Epiphany
February 19, 2024	Family Day (Alberta)
February 22-23, 2024	Teachers Convention
March 10, 2024	Daylight Savings Begins
March 29, 2024	Good Friday
April 1, 2024	Easter Monday
May 9, 2024	Ascension
May 20, 2024	Victoria Day
May 19, 2024	Pentecost
June 21, 2024	National Indigenous Peoples Day
July 1, 2024	Canada Day

June 27, 2022

To: Board of Trustees of the Horizon School Division

From: Dr. Wilco Tymensen, Superintendent

Re: Draft 2023-2024 School Division Calendar

Background

The attached calendar was distributed via a google survey to all staff (approximately 500) and all parents (we have 3500 students). 190 individuals completed the calendar survey. One can assume that those with strong opinions one way or the other are more likely to respond.

- 87 staff
- 91 parents

The survey explored whether individuals preferred an earlier, later, or mid week Christmas break. A majority supported a later Christmas break.

- 62% support Dec 23-Jan 7
 - 79% staff
 - 47% parents
- 29.5% support Dec 20 to Jan 2 (mid week break)
 - 20% staff
 - 41% parents

It is likely that AB ED will be moving diploma exams to later in January. Once this information was considered, the support for a later Christmas break increased.

- 70% support Dec 23 to Jan 7
 - 85% staff
 - 59% parents
- 22% support Dec 20 to Jan 2 (mid week break)
 - 14% staff
 - 30% parents

Key themes from general comments were as follows:

- Start school after labour day
 - 8 staff
 - 13 parents
- 7 days for PD prior to students is too much, prefer to be prepping instead of PD
 - 11 staff
- March PD day should be moved later in the month
 - 14 staff

- Move PD days to summer, either Aug and June
 - 10 parents

Recommendation

It is recommended that this memo be received as information by the Board of Trustees and that the Board engage in a discussion to determine whether to approve the calendar as presented, amend the calendar or seek further feedback related to key themes from the survey (e.g. lengthen school days to allow for start after Labour day, move March PD days one week back to coincide with day light time change.)

It is recommended that the Board make the following motion.

“Moved that the 2023-2024 calendar be approved as presented with the March PD days moved to March 8 and 11.”

Respectfully submitted
Dr. Wilco Tymensen

Superintendents Progress Report May 2022

Educational Leadership and Student Welfare

- Meetings and dialogue between schools and division office are ongoing. Conversations/topics typically focus on processes that ensure student safety, well-being, and conduct; financial management; and instructional leadership. Conversations with administration also included discussions about student discipline and staff recruitment.
- Conversations with the Minister of Education, the Deputy Minister of Education and Alberta Education have also taken place this month.
- As the president of the College of Alberta School Superintendents, there are ongoing dialogue with other partner groups. Meetings typically involve provincial education perspectives, and topics. There is also normally a four partners meeting (Association of School Business Officials of Alberta (ASBOA), Alberta School Council Association (ASCA), Alberta School Board Association (ASBA), and College of Alberta School Superintendents(CASS)).
- Horizon senior leadership team attended all high school graduations. Regrettably due to illness I was only able to attend ACE Place's graduation ceremony.

Personnel Management

- This month included school visits to present long service awards to those staff that board members were not able to present.
- I also had the honor of congratulating this year's retirees at school organized retirement celebrations.
- Interviews were conducted for Vice Principal positions for D.A. Ferguson and W.R. Myers High School.

Policy and Strategic Planning and Reporting

- Horizon's own Assurance Survey (parent, student, and staff) closed May 30, 2022. Division data has been analyzed and included in the school division dashboard, and communication with schools about school specific results is ongoing.
- This month the superintendent facilitating the CASS executive strategic planning meeting as well as Horizon's Senior Administrator Leadership Team strategic planning meeting.

Fiscal Responsibility, Organizational Leadership and Management

- Regular meetings are taking place with Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure regarding the Milk River modernization
- School off campus field trips are being requested for end of year excursions. It is great to see activities returning to pre-COVID norms.
- An open house was organized and attended in Milk River. Staff, students, parents, and community members were able to see what the new school looked like and provide feedback on the three (3) final name possibilities. Results regarding name feedback will be included as a stand-alone agenda item. Images that were shared during the open house are included below for information purposes.



3D RENDERING SOUTH VIEW - OPEN HOUSE JUNE 2022
MILK RIVER K-12 SCHOOL



3D RENDERING MAIN ENTRY VIEW - OPEN HOUSE JUNE 2022
MILK RIVER K-12 SCHOOL





3D RENDERING MAIN ENTRY VIEW - OPEN HOUSE JUNE 2022
MILK RIVER K-12 SCHOOL



3D RENDERING SOUTHWEST VIEW - OPEN HOUSE JUNE 2022
MILK RIVER K-12 SCHOOL





3D RENDERING NORTHEAST VIEW - OPEN HOUSE JUNE 2022
MILK RIVER K-12 SCHOOL





Communications and Community Relations

- A number of meetings were attended over the last month. These include but are not limited to
 - Senior Administrative Leadership Team (SALT) meeting
 - Division Office staff meeting
 - Administrator Meeting
 - College of Alberta School Superintendent executive meeting
 - Division Office year end BBQ



220627 Board Report

Associate Superintendent of Human Services

Human Resources

- Currently 19 retirements in 2021-22 (includes all staff)
- Total teacher hires (currently 4 still posted)
 - 18 probationary
 - 10 temporary
- Total Administrative hires
 - Principal Enchant
 - Principal DAF
 - Vice Principal WRM
- A new email human.resources@horizon.ab.ca established to better serve our staff with HR needs and communications (access includes Associate Superintendent HR Coordinators, Payroll Coordinator)

Horizon Induction Program

- We will be offering our first HIP event on June 30, 2022 - Planning and Preparation Workshop (Terri-Lynn, Coral Amanda, and Robbie) - 21 teacher participants have been invited
- August 22-23 - Induction Program/Orientation - Needing one Board member to join us at 8:30 am for welcome and introductions
- [HIP 2022-23 Program Schedule](#)

Clinical Team Leader/FSLC/Wellness Coaches

- A staff survey went out in early June to gather data and feedback for strategic planning and continuous improvement with our Family School Liaison Program
- Robbie conducting Retention Review Interviews with all FSLP staff
- Hiring completed
 - One CYCW for North Schools
 - One FSLC to cover ACE Place and Taber Christian High School
 - One temporary FSLC to cover a maternity leave
- Both the FSLC and Wellness coaches will engage in a retreat before the end of June for training and planning

Indigenous Learning

- Orange Shirt Logo Contest winner has been selected and was announced on National Indigenous People's Day on June 21st. - Maryah Alexan (grade 6) from DAF
- The contest winner will be celebrated in September prior to Orange Shirt Day on September 30th.
- Administrators have communicated their school plans and activities for June 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day. A variety of activities and events have been planned and have taken place throughout the month of June.
- Our community partner Eagle Spirit Nest Community Association planned and organized events for June 21 for the community of Taber and the area.

Low German Mennonite Programming

- German Educational Assistants gathered on Monday, June 13 for support and feedback regarding German programming.
- Planning for Mennonite Heritage Week - September 12-16 2022
- We are planning for German Educational Assistants to gather again in August for professional development and programming with our Mennonite Coordinator, Tina Friesen. This time is spent developing skills, and planning German programming that is engaging and consistent across the division.
- The Mennonite Coordinator will begin to contact and engage with families in early August for enrollment and attendance at school for September.

Workplace Health and Wellness

- The terms of reference have been created for the Horizon Staff Health and Wellness Steering Committee
- The Horizon Health and Wellness Steering Committee will meet three times in 2022-23. We are looking for one board member to sit on the committee.

Student Leadership

- We will be gathering information from schools about what student leadership looks like in our schools
- Data collected will be used to determine strengths and areas of improvement/growth and support moving forward

Horizon Leadership Development

- Planning staff leadership development cohort for the 2022-23 school year

Report completed by Robbie Charlebois, Associate Superintendent of Human Services

Associate Superintendent, Learner Services
Report to the Board of Trustees – June 27, 2022

Learner Services lead team members:

Terri-Lynn Duncan, Associate Superintendent
Dave LeGrandeur, Director of Learner Services
Coral James, Coordinator of Learner Services/Instructional Coach
Amanda Cayford, Instructional Coach

KEY ACTION AREA #1:

Strong core instruction that develops student competencies

- An introduction to a book by Peter Liledahl called “Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics” was presented to a school staff this month by Amanda. This book provides teachers examples and ways to implement math lessons that go beyond rote memorization and repetitive calculations, and enables students to understand the why behind the mathematics in the classroom. It helps develop perseverance with problem solving. This school will be working with Amanda and Coral during the next school year on this book study. Strategies from this book will be implemented during the year and teachers will have the opportunity to reflect on the impact that they see in their classrooms and the learning and engagement of students..
- The learner services team will be working with the 2022-2023 beginning teachers at the end of the month on Assessment and Planning.
- Attached in a Google doc below is the work that the learner services team has done to support growth in the division, teachers and administrators this year in our 5 key priorities that we set as a team. There is also some of the work that will happen in the 2022-2023 school year in the document:
- Year-end [Instructional Coach Team Work and Priorities 2021-2022](#)
- For next year we will have 30 teachers who will be choosing to do optional implementation for grade 4, 5, or 6 ELA and Math. As well as 25 teachers who have signed up to pilot the K-6 Science Curriculum.
- One of the colony schools was interested in a different way to teach and have students learn spelling, so I went out and modelled a Making words lesson for the K-9 students, Educational Assistants and the teachers at that colony. The teacher and students were very excited about the opportunity.

KEY ACTION AREA #2:

Response to Instruction and Intervention

- Laura was busy visiting schools this month. She observed students and provided reports and recommendations for teachers, Education assistants, and at times, parents. She also consulted with teachers and Family School Liaison Counselors in regards to students throughout the Division.
- Coral worked with administrators, parents, and Speech Language Pathologists to ensure that

students will have the supports and services that they require for the 2022-2023 school year.

- The Learner Service Team; Dave, Coral and Laura attended a number of transition meetings for students with severe needs from Early Learning to Grade 12 at schools throughout the division. These meetings provide an opportunity to celebrate the successes and achievements of complex learners in addition to planning for future successes and ensuring a smooth transition to a new grade or school in the upcoming year.

TECHNOLOGY

- The Tech team has been working with school principals to finalize orders for new technology as approved by the Minister of Education. A number of schools in our division will add new Viewboards, Chromebooks, Ipads and charging accessories to enhance learning opportunities for Horizon students.

LEADERSHIP PRACTICES AND COLLABORATION WITH PARTNERS

- Amanda has met with most principals to discuss goals for the next school year. A number of professional development days have already been scheduled on a variety of topics.
 - Laura participated in a course for Low Arousal, which is a behavioural technique for students with autism. She also participated in two ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder) webinars and a two day Collaborative Response Symposium. Laura is taking the lead in coordinating the SIVA (Supporting students with valued attachments) training courses and will be maintaining the list of staff members who have taken/require training in the district.
 - Terri-lynn attended the SWATCA (Southwest Alberta Teachers Convention Association planning meeting as the CASSIX representative
 - Amanda has created a number of Hapara workspaces to provide professional development to teachers. This includes a workspace on new curriculum, roles of an Instructional Coach, and outlines to support a book study.
 - Terri-Lynn joined a webinar on *How Leadership Works*, the focus for this webinar was how to enrich and expand your capacities to strengthen instructional leadership in your district by focusing on what works best—emphasizing the essential mindframes and research to effectively lead teaching, learning, and change.
 - Amanda has participated in a session presented by Tiffanee Brown on identifying concepts in the new K-3 curriculum. She also participated in a session from the AAC, presented by Ken O'Connor, on how to best communicate student learning with students and the community.
 - Terri-Lynn participated in a Southwest Partnership meeting with zone six CASSIX leads, Career Transitions, the college, and business owners to develop a working agreement and plan to support our students in the emerging workforce of entrepreneurship, registered apprenticeship program, dual credit and career planning.
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Acting President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance Jason Nixon issued the following statement about a new central agreement between the Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA) and the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA):

"I am pleased to hear that ATA members and TEBA have accepted the Mediator's recommendation for a four-year central agreement.

"Alberta's teachers have always played an important role in our province, and in the lives of young Albertans. The hard work and dedication of teachers does not go unnoticed.

"I want to thank both TEBA and the ATA for their efforts over many months of negotiations. This agreement will set the stage for stability in Alberta's education system."

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Eligible school authorities will receive more funding to address high fuel costs for student transportation.

The Alberta government is reinstating the Fuel Price Contingency Program to give public, separate, francophone and public charter school authorities greater cost certainty while monthly average diesel prices exceed \$1.25 per litre. The program will be enacted retroactively to March and will remain in place for the 2022-23 school year, providing millions of dollars in additional funding for student transportation.

“By providing further fuel cost relief to support transportation services for more than 300,000 kindergarten to Grade 12 students, we are helping prevent service reductions and additional fees for families. With high diesel prices expected to continue, Alberta’s government continues its commitment to ensuring school boards and public charter schools have predictable and sustainable transportation funding.”

Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education

The Fuel Price Contingency Program will provide about \$8.2 million in additional student transportation funding from March through June of this year based on an estimated average diesel price of \$1.80 per litre. In July, eligible school authorities will receive payment for these four months according to established bus route distances. The Alberta government will continue monitoring fuel costs into the 2022-23 school year and will provide cost relief accordingly.

This contingency funding is in addition to the \$310 million allocated for student transportation for the current school year. The Alberta government has also provided school authorities with about \$2 million in relief for the 2021-22 school year by suspending collection of the 13-cent-per-litre provincial fuel tax on April 1.

“We appreciate the government’s commitment to supporting a strong transportation system in our communities. This funding will ensure that students can continue getting to school safely without significant cost increases to school boards.”

Marilyn Dennis, president, Alberta School Boards Association

“We appreciate the government’s continued support for education and that they have recognized the higher than expected fuel costs for the current school year by providing increased funding retroactively to March. School authorities will benefit from greater certainty next school year as fuel costs remain high.”

Tahra Sabir, president, Association of School Business Officials of Alberta

Alberta’s government remains committed to helping school authorities continue to provide consistent student transportation services. Over the next three years, student transportation funding will increase by \$39 million to help address escalating costs for insurance, fuel, parts and supplies, and training. There is a \$9-million increase in 2022-23 and increases of \$15 million for each of the next two fiscal years. This 4.6% increase is on top of the 5% increase implemented in the previous 2020-21 budget.

Quick facts

- Student transportation funding levels in Budget 2022 were based on a forecasted average diesel price of \$1.25 per litre while also accounting for increasing costs for insurance, parts, supplies and training.
- According to the combined monthly average of diesel prices in Calgary, Red Deer, Edmonton, Lethbridge and Grande Prairie, the estimated average price from March through June is \$1.80 per litre.
- Fuel costs typically make up 20 to 25 per cent of a public, separate, francophone and public charter school authorities’ student transportation budget.
- The fuel price contingency program ran during previous periods of price volatility from 2005 to 2009 and from 2011 to 2013.