



The following is a summary of the agenda items that impacted Students in Wolf Creek Public Schools but should not be considered as the official minutes.



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*Creating Success For All Learners*

#### **In attendance:**

Trustees: Luci Henry, Kelly Lowry, Brent Buchanan, Trudy Bratland, Lana Thompson, Darryl Stendie

Administration: Tim De Ruyck (Superintendent), Sonja Dykslag (Assistant Superintendent of People Services), Kevin Newman (Assistant Superintendent of Education Services), Kevin Pobuda (Secretary-Treasurer), Jhoselyn Castro (Recording Secretary), Dawn Bleskie (Executive Assistant), Vince Burke (Communications Coordinator).

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#### **Board Meeting Date - September 19, 2024**

##### **UN COP 16 Biodiversity Conference**

The Board received a report on École Secondaire Lacombe Composite High School teacher Steven Schultz being invited to attend the COP 16 Biodiversity Conference in Colombia from October 21-28, 2024. Additionally, Grade 12 student Broc Johnson will accompany him. This conference will provide opportunities for both to share innovative educational programming and learn from global biodiversity efforts. Upon their return, they will be invited to share their experiences with the Board.

##### **Activity at Iron Ridge Secondary Campus**

The Board received a report on recent events at Iron Ridge Secondary Campus. On August 30, a staff breakfast brought together all Blackfalds school staff, followed by a school-wide assembly on September 3, where a mural funded by the Blackfalds and Area Historical Society was unveiled. The official grand opening of the campus occurred on September 12, 2024, with strong attendance and ongoing expectations of growth in the student population.

##### **Implementation of Revised AP 145 - Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media**

The Board received a report on the implementation of the revised Administrative Procedure (AP) 145, which governs the use of personal mobile devices and social media. This revision follows Ministerial Order #014/2024, with changes effective as of September. Feedback from schools has been positive so far, with schools feeling well-equipped to enforce the new procedures.

##### **WCPS Indigenous History Month Art Contest**

The Board received a report from Erin Tisdale, Director of Indigenous Education and Reconciliation, on the success of the WCPS Indigenous History Month Art Contest held in June 2024, which was collected into a book. The contest celebrated Indigenous culture and history, encouraging students to express their understanding and appreciation through art.

##### **Additional Funding Allocations for Classroom Support and CTS Programs**

The Board approved the allocation of an additional \$150,000 towards classroom staff, which may include teachers or educational assistants, to address classroom needs and manage growing class sizes. Additionally, the Board approved \$15,000 in funding for high schools with Career and Technology Studies (CTS) programs to offset rising consumable costs. These allocations come as part of the \$697,551 in additional funding provided by Alberta Education to address higher-than-expected enrollment growth and cost pressures, including inflation. This funding is in addition to the \$250,000 previously allocated in August to support enrollment pressures in schools.

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