



## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

June 15, 2021 Board Meeting

- 1. TBAC Meeting:** On May 18, Wild Rose School Division had its 3rd and final Teacher Board Advisory Committee meeting for the year. Our agenda included the following topics:

- WRSD 2021-24 Education Plan
- WRSD 2020-21 Covid statistics
- Multi Factor Authentication
- 2021-22 school year start up
- Fountas & Pinnell testing
- Safety evacuation plans for remote schools
- September 30, 2021 Orange Shirt Day
- Timberline Fine Art Walk and I Love Alberta Education lawn signs
- TBAC final joint news release for 2020-21
- School based surveys
- TBAC dates for 2021-22 school year

Please see [TBAC Summary May 18, 2021](#) for complete details of this meeting. We appreciate the extra time our TBAC committee members put into this important role throughout the year to discuss matters of common interest between the Board and the Timberline Local. It has been expressed many times during this challenging year that the relationship between the Board and the local is stronger than ever.

- 2. 2020-21 Board Tours:** Over a span of three days on May 12, May 20 and May 25, the Board and Superintendent of Schools met virtually with each school administrative team to discuss the following two questions:
  - What has gone well at your school this past year and is worth celebrating?
  - What challenges are you having and is there anything the Board can do to assist your school in dealing with those challenges?

The Board appreciated hearing about all of the excellent work in our schools as well as the candor of our school administrators in discussing this year's struggles. This is an important part of the Board's governance role, helping them to get a better understanding of our schools during a very challenging year that limited their opportunity to visit schools in-person. These virtual meetings enable our Board to more effectively advocate for our students and staff at the municipal and provincial levels.

3. **Health & Safety Committee Meeting:** On June 2, Wild Rose School Division hosted its 4th and final Health & Safety Committee meeting for the 2021-22 school year. Our agenda included the following topics:
  - Review of May 4, 2021 Health & Safety Liaison meeting
  - 2020-21 Injuries and Accidents report
  - WRSD 2020-21 Covid statistics
  - HSL concerns
  - Dates for 2021-22

Please see [WRSD HSC Meeting Minutes June 2, 2021](#) for complete details of this meeting. We appreciate the extra time our volunteer committee members put into this important role throughout the year, helping to monitor and improve the overall health and safety of our students and staff.

4. **Student Services:** At our May 28 SSF meeting, Shelley Moore presented to our Student Support Facilitators and interested administrators on the topic of Universal Design for Learning and Backwards Design. This presentation was recorded and sent to all administrators so they could show it to their staff and discuss possible implementation. We have also hired Shelley to present to any interested staff on August 27 on the topic of Backwards Design Curricular Model. The intent is to support teachers with differentiation within their instructional design.
5. **Early Learning:** Alberta Education has responded to feedback in regards to the previous changes to the Program Unit Funding Model. They will now support code 48 which is for students with moderate speech and language delays. This funding is not new dollars and was reallocated from other education grants. WRSD has been allocated \$92,000 to support these students. We are in the process of hiring 2 more Speech Language Pathologist Assistants to work with our Speech Language Pathologists to support identified students.
6. **Pre Kindergarten programs:** We are experiencing positive responses via registrations to our Pre Kindergarten video advertisement. We have added a Pre K program to Aurora school which is almost full at this time. Caroline, Ecole Rocky Elementary and Lochearn will continue to offer this program. Breton Elementary, Condor and Drayton Christian will incorporate their Pre K students with their Kindergarten students with additional EA support as needed.
7. **Learning Services:** Alberta Education has announced that there will be an application process for Grade 1-3 literacy and numeracy intervention support for the 2021-2022 school year. Alberta Education is working on the process and criteria for this application and as soon as we have this information, we will be able to proceed in applying for this and continue to have a comprehensive plan to support our students in WRSD.
8. **WRSD 2021-22 On-line Blended Learning Academy:** WRSD is offering a grade 4-9 on-line blended learning academy for 2021-22. Registration will be open from June 10 to June 21. We will confirm by June 29 if there is enough interest in this program to move forward. For further details please see: [WRSD 2021-22 At-Home Learning Announcement](#)