



Clearview Public Schools

We All Belong – We All Succeed

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

December 21st, 2023

Towards the Board's focus on moving forward in a positive way, please see the **Clearview Spotlights** section on the Clearview web page at www.clearview.ab.ca. We continue to highlight exciting stories about students and staff throughout Clearview on an ongoing basis.

Dates to Remember

January 1, 2024 New Years Day

January 8, 2024
First Day Back to Classes

[Highlights](#) are provided as general information.

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Leadership Highlights

- **Board and Committee Activities:** ASBA FGM meeting and trustee school visits are prioritized; the Board of Trustees and Superintendent Scot Leys visited Stettler Elementary and Byemoor this month.
- **Staff Leadership Focus:** LLT on Dec 7th included an Investigation Workshop highlighting staff leadership efforts as well as student engagement quality standards. Clearview is prioritizing student engagement within the school and classrooms resulting in quality learning and trusting relationships.
- **Key Events:** The CASS Conference, AERR completion, and Instructional Leadership meetings led by Stu Henry.
- **Strategic Discussions:** Engagements involve discussions on student engagement and strategic budget planning.
- **Operational Meetings:** Routine meetings cover technology, transportation, and school council presentations, emphasizing cost analysis.
- **Technology Evergreening:**

Settler Solution Estimate - The draft of The Stettler School Solution estimate has been forwarded to Clearview. The Stettler Solution involves modernizing W.E. Hay Stettler Secondary and Elementary on-site, using a phased approach to minimize disruptions. It adheres to Alberta Infrastructure standards, employs LEED-influenced construction, and features durable materials. Mechanical and electrical designs prioritize quality and energy efficiency, meeting relevant codes. Escalation and delay risks are rising, influenced by fluctuating economic conditions and interest rates. Short-term industry growth, especially with increased government projects, intensifies market impacts. To mitigate execution risks, pricing may increase to accommodate health and safety, supply chain issues, material volatility, and potential project delays. Including a market volatility risk reserve contingency is advisable for prudence.

Bus Evergreening - On November 16, 2023, the Board passed the motion in regards to buying Three 53-Passenger Buses and Two 71-Passenger Buses with gatekeeper cameras. Senior Administration, with the Transportation Director, obtained three quotes through an RFP process.

Board Annual Learning Workshop -

Staff Appreciation Week Planning - Acknowledged by Alberta School Councils' Association, urges parents and communities to recognize teachers and staff. The Board of Trustees show gratitude in mid-February by delivering tokens like fruit baskets, treats, and more to schools. The Board of Trustees previously collaborated with school councils for appreciation events. In 2024, Staff Appreciation Week is from February 12th to 16th. Trustees will plan their appreciation, considering it coincides with the teachers' convention.

Collection Fees - Schools strive to collect outstanding fees, sending reminders to guardians, noting payment that is required. Canada has a 6-year collection limit, and \$50 is the credit bureau reporting minimum. Policy 28 allows fee waivers for economic hardship, but transportation fees may change mid-year. Extracurricular fees require principal recommendations for waivers. Last year Clearview had \$170,396.48 in outstanding fees unpaid, then faced challenges with the \$75 threshold that affected credit scores. Despite efforts, only 30% of fees were collected, with 30% going to collection agency commissions. The \$75 limit may be too low, impacting vulnerable families.

Performance Reviews - The Board of Trustees approves a regular Board meeting to be held in-camera on October 18th and October 21st, 2024, for Superintendent Performance Review and a Board Self-Performance Review.

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