

# Board Highlights



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CLEARVIEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Superintendent's Message

As spring begins to appear in our communities, I can't help but feel a sense of anticipation for the planning and budgeting process for the next school year. It's a time of year when we come together to reflect, plan, and dream about what lies ahead for our students and schools.

I'm excited to share that we've been actively engaging with our communities, with seven out of ten scheduled meetings already completed. These gatherings have been incredibly valuable, providing myself and the Board with real, down-to-earth feedback that helps us understand the needs and desires of the people in our communities. The discussions have been open, honest, and sometimes even challenging – but that's exactly what we need to make informed decisions. As we head into the final stretch of our community engagement initiative, I'm heartened by the level of participation and the quality of the conversations we've been having. Whether it's

teachers, or community members, everyone's voice matters, and I'm grateful for the insights and perspectives shared so far. With three meetings left to go, I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who's taken the time to be part of these discussions. In closing, I want to thank our incredible team of educators, staff, and community members for their dedication and passion. It's your hard work and commitment that make our schools the vibrant environments they are. As we look toward the hopes and possibilities of spring, let's continue to work together to create a future where every student can thrive and succeed.

### Dates to Remember

April 26, 2024  
PD Day  
(No school for students)

April 30, 2024  
New Blood: A Story of Reconciliation  
(Get tickets [here](#))

May 9, 2024  
Board Meeting

May 16, 2024  
Clearview  
Recognition Night

May 17, 2024  
PD Day  
(No school for students)

Staff Wellness Day



## Leadership Highlights

Superintendent Leys has emphasized several key activities in Clearview since the last update on March 18, 2024. These include the ongoing work of the Compensation Committee and various Community Engagement efforts, involving places like Donalda, Stettler Elementary School (SES), Byemoor, and participation in the Trade Show. Strategic planning for the board and LLT, along with visits to various schools, have been focal points. The leadership team is also focused on strengthening our staff by hiring a new Director of Technology and conducting strategic meetings.

## Community Engagement Followup

In our latest community engagement, we've seen considerable educational progress in several schools. Donalda School demonstrated substantial improvements in literacy, numeracy, and new programs, supported by dedicated faculty. Stettler Elementary reported advances in literacy and numeracy, with new educational programs enhancing the learning environment. Byemoor School excelled in both areas, with its innovative programs significantly increasing student engagement. These visits underscore the success of our educational strategies and the positive effects of active community involvement.

## Alberta Government Dual Credit Funding Announcement

Deputy Superintendent Van Oers announced that Alberta Education and Alberta Health are investing over \$4.45 million in dual credit grants for the 2024/25 school year to enhance career-oriented education across Alberta. Clearview and other eligible school authorities can apply for up to \$50,000 in start-up grants or up to \$100,000 in enhancement grants. Applications are open until May 3, 2024.

These meetings mainly address budgeting, the importance of numeracy, and overall educational leadership. Furthermore, discussions about improving our facilities are underway, touching on transportation, maintenance, and central office operations. Decisions are also being made about KEV, particularly regarding the implementation of credit card and point of sale devices. All these efforts are part of our broad strategy to enhance both administrative efficiency and educational quality in Clearview.

## Stettler Trade Show

At the Stettler Trade Show held from April 12-14, our booth was actively manned by trustees, principals, student volunteers, the Director of Transportation, and the Superintendent, showcasing our community's educational spirit. A highlight was the engaging scavenger hunt involving Stettler Minor Football, Sneakers Plus, and the Stettler and Area Family Resources Center, which provided an interactive experience for attendees. We distributed 400 cinch sacs to children and families, adding to the festive atmosphere. Additionally, a lego table, expertly crafted by Mr. Vikse from Wm E Hay Stettler Secondary Campus, was a popular attraction, drawing consistent engagement and fostering creativity among the younger visitors.

## Stettler Alberta Child Advocacy Center

In early April, the Central Alberta Child Advocacy Centre introduced the Sheldon Kennedy Centre of Excellence to the LLT and Trustees. This innovative center, based in Red Deer, integrates multiple services to address child abuse and exploitation. Emphasizing partnership with rural communities, it aims to ensure that families are aware and can access the necessary resources. This initiative represents a significant step towards improving child welfare and community health.