

# Board Highlights



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CLEARVIEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Superintendent's Message

As we start another exciting school year, I am delighted to welcome you all back to Clearview Public Schools. Whether you are a returning member of our school community or joining us for the first time, we are thrilled to have you with us. Clearview is committed to fostering an environment where every student can thrive, where collaboration is critical, and where the values of respect, integrity, and excellence guide everything we do. This year, we renew our dedication to these principles, aiming to create a vibrant, inclusive, and supportive community for all.

This school year, we are eager to continue the work within our Education Plan around literacy, numeracy and student engagement. We are committed to offering diverse opportunities for students to grow both inside and outside the classroom. We will also be focusing on community engagement, encouraging stronger connections between our schools, families, and the broader community. Together, we can build a learning environment that not only supports academic success but also nurtures the well-being and character of our students.

To our incredible staff, I want to extend my deepest gratitude. Your dedication to our students and schools is truly remarkable, and I am proud of the work you do each day. Many of you (and your families) have been into schools and classrooms preparing for the new year. I appreciate your commitment and dedication to Clearview students. It is important that we all remember that our staff are also individuals with families, commitments, and personal lives. As we strive for excellence in our schools, I kindly ask our community to respect the time and space our staff need to recharge and balance their own lives. By doing so, we ensure they can continue to give their best to our students.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for your continued support. Through our collective efforts Clearview Public Schools can achieve great things. I am excited about the year ahead and look forward to the growth, achievements, and shared experiences that await us. Let's make this school year one of our best yet, as we work together to inspire and empower every student in our district.

### Dates to Remember

August 27-30, 2024  
Professional Day  
(No School for Students)

August 28 Division Wide  
Professional Development  
Day  
(Stettler Complex - All Staff)

September 3, 2024  
First Day of Classes for the  
2024-25 School Year

September 26, 2024  
School Ceremonies  
National Day for  
Truth & Reconciliation  
  
Regular Board Meeting

September 27, 2024  
Professional Day  
(No School for Students)

September 30, 2024  
Schools Closed for  
National Day for Truth &  
Reconciliation  
(No Staff or Students)



## Leadership Highlights

Superintendent Leys recently outlined several key updates regarding the Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure meeting. Discussions included vacation scheduling, a review of administrative procedures with a focus on personal mobile device management, and fall planning for professional development and teacher supports. Additional topics included updates to the website, upcoming mental health consultations, and the scheduled Career Fair on September 12.

## 2024-25 Organizational Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Clearview Public Schools finalized various appointments and roles for the 2024-25 academic year. Guy Neitz was elected as the Board Chair, and Shauna-lee Thomas secured the position of Vice Chair.

The meeting also detailed the appointments for multiple key committees. For internal committees, the Audit Committee will consist of Becky Scott, Shauna-lee Thomas, and John Schofer. The Communications and Engagement Committee, crucial for maintaining and promoting the division's public image and community relations, will include Kim Smyth, Guy Neitz, and Erika Grice. Additionally, the Policy Committee will be maintained by Kim Smyth, Becky Scott, and Shauna-lee Thomas, ensuring adherence to governance and procedural standards. Greg Hayden will represent Clearview Public Schools on the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards (RCASB), addressing key issues like transportation, learning loss, and curriculum updates for over 40 rural boards.

These appointments and decisions underscore the Board's strategic approach to leadership and community interaction for the forthcoming school year, aligning with Clearview Public Schools' mission to provide exemplary education and foster positive, educational community environments. Trustee honorarium rates were also discussed and have been updated for the 2024-25 school year, the first increase since 2016: \$240 overnight, \$200 full-day, \$100 half-day.

## Regular Board Meeting Updates

The Board of Trustees addressed several key policies and fiscal strategies, guided by updates from Superintendent Scot Leys. During the session, Superintendent Leys presented updates on various ongoing initiatives across the division, emphasizing the progress in educational policy and administration.

A significant point of discussion was the review of the draft Mobile Device Procedure. This procedure aims to regulate the use of personal mobile devices within schools, aligning with the June 20, 2024 Ministerial Order. Superintendent Leys introduced this new Administrative Procedure, which is slated for further review with school principals at the upcoming monthly LLT meeting on Tuesday, August 27.

Newly introduced Policy 30 Investments was approved, which outlines the management of the division's public funds, through prudent investment strategies. This policy is part of the board's initiative to enhance fiscal responsibility and ensure compliance with financial regulations.

These discussions and the adoption of the Board Governance Work Plan for 2024-25 reflect the board's commitment to responsible financial oversight and educational excellence, underpinned by a focus on transparency and accountability in school division operations.

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