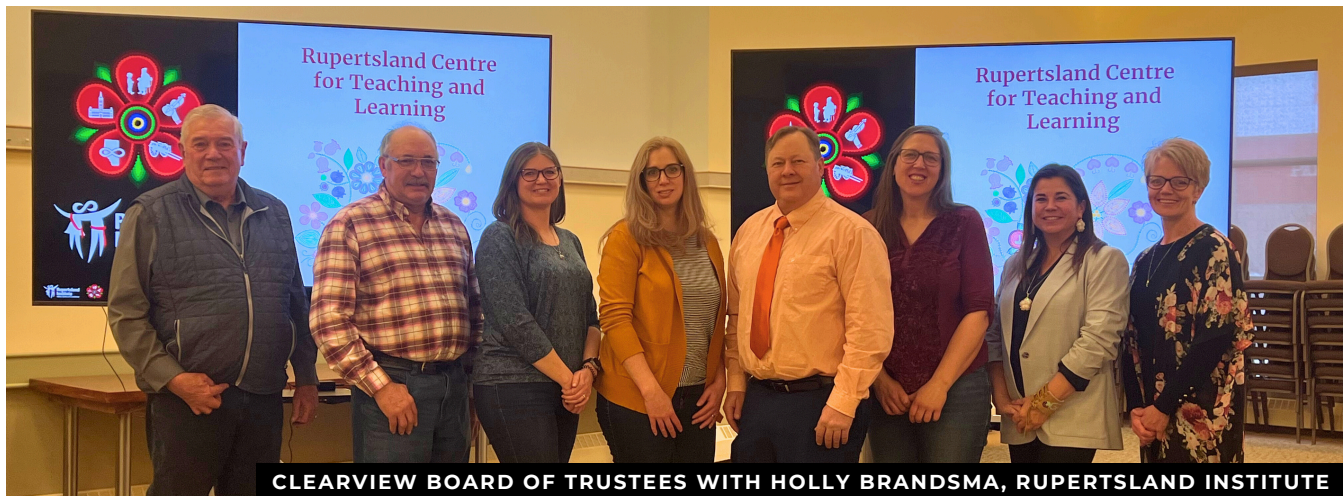


# Board Highlights



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CLEARVIEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES WITH HOLLY BRANDSMA, RUPERTSLAND INSTITUTE


## Superintendent's Message


Welcome to the second semester! We've officially made it through the darkest days of winter (both literally and figuratively), and each day is bringing a little more sunlight—and hopefully a little more energy to get through those early morning alarms!

As we inch closer to spring (yes, I am *choosing* to believe it's coming regardless of the colder forecast), we're also ramping up our community engagement efforts. This year, we're hitting the road to connect with families and staff in several of our schools, including Coronation, Gus Wetter, Stettler Elementary, Brownfield, and Byemoor.

At these meetings, we'll be diving into some key topics:

 Literacy and Numeracy – What our schools are doing to support student success.

 Bill 27 – Updates and discussions on this provincial legislation.

 Cell Phone Guidelines – How the implementation of the new policy is going and what feedback you have.

These meetings are a great way to share your thoughts, ask questions, and stay connected to the work happening in our schools. Plus, you'll get to see some friendly faces (ours included).

Stay warm, stay engaged, and remember—longer days mean we're one step closer to spring! Looking forward to seeing you soon.

### Dates to Remember

**February 13 & 14**  
Teacher Convention  
(No School for Students)

**February 17**  
Family Day  
(No School for Students)

**February 27**  
Board Meeting

**March 21**  
PD Day  
(No School for Students)

**Spring Break**  
March 24-28



## Leadership Highlights

The Superintendent's leadership roundup focused on strategic efforts in educational leadership, including staff visits, coaching sessions, and collaborative engagements with educational committees. Emphasis was placed on maintaining high standards across Clearview schools through proactive leadership and community engagement.

## Strategic Planning and Budget Development for 2025-26

The board delved into the strategic planning and budgeting processes for the upcoming school year, focusing on aligning resources with the division's educational goals. This included discussions on budget allocation, expected financial adjustments, and strategic initiatives aimed at enhancing educational outcomes across Clearview.

## Policy, Infrastructure, and Community Relations:

Clearview Public Schools concentrated on refining policies, advancing infrastructure, and enhancing community relations to support strategic educational goals.

### **Policy Refinement:**

- Policy 21 - Clearview Awards: Updated to streamline the nomination process and clarify categories such as the Community Excellence Award, Partner in Educational Excellence Award, and Student Excellence Award. The Award of Merit's eligibility requirements were also revised to ensure clarity and inclusivity in recognitions. Nominations have opened, and forms are available on the division's website.
- Policy 25 - Financial Allocation: This policy was revised to optimize financial resource distribution across educational and operational needs, ensuring fiscal responsibility and strategic fund utilization.

### **Infrastructure Development:**

- Discussions focused on critical capital projects necessary for the enhancement of educational facilities. This includes planning for new construction and upgrades to existing structures to accommodate evolving educational demands and enhance learning environments.

### **Community and External Relations:**

- The board emphasized the importance of robust partnerships, highlighting proactive efforts to engage with community partners and stakeholders. These collaborations aim to strengthen community bonds and enrich the educational experiences provided by Clearview, demonstrating the division's commitment to inclusivity and active community participation.
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## Rupertsland Centre for Teaching and Learning



### Presentation Highlights: Rupertsland Institute Métis Centre of Excellence

The presentation made to the Clearview Board of Trustees showcased the vital contributions of the Rupertsland Institute. This institute focuses on enhancing Métis education through tailored resources, professional development, and community-based learning opportunities. Here are the key points covered:

#### 1. **Education Resources and Initiatives:**

- The presentation highlighted various resources available through the Centre, including online courses and classroom materials that reflect and celebrate Métis culture and history. These resources are designed to support educators in providing a comprehensive and inclusive curriculum.

#### 2. **Professional Development:**

- A strong emphasis was placed on professional development opportunities tailored for educators. These include workshops and courses aimed at building foundational knowledge about the Métis, such as the Métis Foundational Knowledge Themes Online Course. This training helps educators integrate Métis perspectives into their teaching practices effectively.

#### 3. **Community Engagement and Learning:**

- The Centre's approach includes significant community involvement, with programs that invite educators and students to engage with Métis culture directly. Examples include virtual field trips and interactions with Métis artists and knowledge holders, which enrich the educational experience and foster a deeper understanding of Métis identity and heritage.

#### 4. **Support for Métis Visibility and Representation:**

- Efforts to ensure Métis visibility in education were discussed, highlighting the importance of authentic Métis representation in educational materials. This includes the use of Métis-authored resources and imagery that accurately portrays the historical and contemporary lives of Métis people.

This presentation to the board underlined the crucial role of the Rupertsland Institute in promoting and facilitating a richer, more inclusive educational landscape within Clearview Public Schools.