

FROM THE BOARD

Highlights of the Horizon Board of Education Monthly Meetings

June, 2021

Year-End Message

On behalf of Horizon School Division's Board of Education, we want to say, once again, thank you. Thank you to our students, families, partners, and communities. We are proud to serve you throughout this very challenging school year.

To our teachers, our administrative staff, our caretakers, our facilities staff, our numerous professionals and paraprofessionals, our bus drivers, our office staff and senior leadership, partner First Nations and community organizations, our SCCs, partner organizations in the education sector, and my fellow Trustees – thank you. Words do not do justice to the gratitude we feel for everyone involved in making this year happen. So many challenges, so much change, and you all handled it with grace and unwavering dedication to learning.

As we head into the summer months, we wish you all a very well-deserved break. We look very forward to returning this fall to a new level of normalcy for students and staff.

- Jim Hack, Board Chair

June 2021 Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board for May took place on Wednesday, June 16. Trustees in attendance either virtually or in-person were: Jim Hack (Chair), Linda Mattock (Vice Chair), Jenna Hale, Jennifer Lemky, Mark Fedak, Dana Stefanson, Christine Gradin, James Lissinna, Cheryl Vertefeuille, Douglas Armbruster, Albert Pinacie, and Rhonda Kayseas.

Director of Education / CEO Kevin Garinger, Superintendent of Finance Services / CFO Sandy Gessner, Superintendent of Operational Services / COO Justin Arendt, Deputy Director Randolph MacLEAN also joined the meeting to provide their monthly reports.

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*- Jim Hack,
Board Chair*



National Indigenous Peoples Day 2021 at Horizon Central Office

Discussion Item Highlights:

- Director's Report
- Board Reports
- 2021-2022 Budget
- And more

Joint Operations Committee Report

Vice Chair / Subdivision 2 Trustee, Linda Mattock, and Subdivision 6 Trustee, Christine Gradin, shared a verbal report from the JOC meeting held on May 25. The JOC discussed year-end business related to Humboldt Collegiate Institute, and the ongoing joint operation of the school between Horizon and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools.

Director's Report

Director of Education, Kevin Garinger, led a review and discussion regarding the latest COVID-19 restrictions and recommendations from Health and the provincial Response Planning Team. Practices continue to evolve, and updates are being shared with the Board, staff, and Horizon families as they occur.

Mr. Garinger also shared information regarding [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#) planning, the Director appraisal process, and meeting dates for 2021-2022 Board meetings.

Finance Services Report

Superintendent of Finance Services / CFO, Sandy Gessner, provided an overview of a request for proposals (RFP) for auditing services. The Board does not meet again until August, and so the Board provides the Audit Committee with the authority to award the contract to the successful Proponent. Horizon's Audit Committee met on June 28 to review RFPs.

The Board also had a final review of the Horizon 2021-2022 budget. The Board held a special meeting to review budget on May 25, and motioned to pass the budget for submission to the Ministry of Education during the June regular meeting. More on the budget can be found in Horizon's media release, [here](#).

Human Resource Services Report

Deputy Director of Education, Randy MacLEAN, shared information regarding the work of Human Resources Services, staffing for 2021-2022, and an update on Horizon's Local Implementation and Negotiation Committee (LINC) Agreement.

Operational Services Report

Superintendent of Operational Services / COO, Justin Arendt, shared reports from the areas of Transportation Services, Facility Services, and Information Services. Highlights of this report included updates regarding ongoing facilities projects — including the Lanigan School project — and information on the ongoing technology needs being met by the Information Services team.

Your Trustees

Subdivision 2

Annaheim School

Lake Lenore School

St. Brieux School

Three Lakes School

Humboldt Collegiate

Institute

Humboldt Public School

Linda Mattock, Subdivision 2

Ms. Mattock grew up on a family farm near Colonsay, SK, where she received her Grade 1-12 education. Following Grade 12, she attended the University of Saskatchewan and obtained a Standard A Teaching Certificate. She began teaching in Lucky Lake and continued her teaching career in Viscount, Colonsay, Allan, and Humboldt. Through the years, she attended night classes and summer school in order to complete a B.Ed, PGD in administration and, M.Ed in Ed. Admin. Her teaching career spanned Grade 1-12, but her main focus was early childhood education. She found her niche in Grade 1, where she spent the majority of her teaching career.



“There's no better feeling than seeing young readers develop and read independently,” she says. In the later part of her career, she entered into the field of administration, first as a vice principal, then as a principal. Linda completed her career as a Superintendent with Horizon School Division. In 2012, she retired from education after an amazing and rewarding 35+ year career. Linda likes to be involved in her community and has served on numerous boards and organizations. She currently sits on the Humboldt & District Museum Board, Friends of the Museum, and the United Church Council. She previously served as Councillor for the City of Humboldt. She enjoys curling, golf, fishing, and camping. Her and her husband are avid Broncos fans. Linda and her husband live in Humboldt. They have four adult children and have welcomed their partners and eight grandchildren into their family. “Being a grandparent is simply the best!”

“I have always been passionate about education, and when the opportunity arose to become a Board member for Horizon, it seemed like a logical fit,” Ms. Mattock says. “My goal is to help provide the best educational opportunities for all children and youth within our school division. Together, we are Horizon Strong.”

June 2021 Celebrations

Good-news items discussed at the Board table during regular monthly meetings.

Ituna Teacher Recognized by MLA

MLA for Last Mountain – Touchwood, Travis Keisig, rose in the Legislature on April 27 to share a statement of congratulations and thanks to Ms. Cindy Yanko of Ituna School, who is one of this year's Horizon School Division Excellence in Teaching Award winners.

Ms. Yanko did not know about the statement beforehand, so the school surprised her by watching the livestream together.

Congratulations to the very-deserving Ms. Yanko for both the award and this important recognition from our government!

You can view the statement from the legislature here: <https://fb.watch/62a5SyzPsW/>

Virtual Events at WES

Gabriel Rodriguez, student at Humboldt Collegiate Institute, has been selected to receive one of this year's Schulich Leader Scholarships to student Computer Science at the University of Calgary.

The \$80,000 scholarship is one of 100 awarded this year across Canada. This is the 10th year of the Schulich Leader Scholarship, and Gabriel is the third HCI student to receive the scholarship in that time.

Gabriel was nominated by Paul Raycroft for his outstanding academic and extra-curricular achievements.

Congratulations, Gabriel!

Submissions & Feedback

To submit photos or stories regarding the Board of Education or an individual Trustee in your school community, please contact the Horizon School Division Communication Services Officer at lance.hiltz@horizonsd.ca.

Thanks for reading!

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Next Board Meeting Scheduled for August 25, 2021