

# FROM THE BOARD

Highlights of the Horizon Board of Education Monthly Meetings

September, 2021

## Public Health Order

The Government of Saskatchewan [announced a new Public Health Order](#) that took effect on September 17. Among other measures, this order requires masking while indoors in schools and school division facilities.

We want to thank each one of you for the continued care, attention, and patience you have shown throughout this pandemic. We had certainly hoped that we would be out from under the shadow of COVID-19 for this school year.

Luckily, we know what we can do to get this current wave under control. We know we will rise to the occasion, once again, to protect our incredible students, families, staff, communities, and health care workers in the weeks ahead.

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## August 2021 Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board for September took place on Wednesday, September 15. 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, Edward Bitternose, 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.

### Discussion Item Highlights:

- Director's Report
- Board Reports
- 2021-22 COVID Strategy
- And more

## Director's Report

Director of Education, Kevin Garinger, led a review and discussion regarding the [Horizon School Division 2021-2022 COVID-19 strategy](#). Practices continue to evolve, and updates are being shared with the Board, staff, and Horizon families as they occur.

Other items shared by the Director of Education include information on opening enrolments, OurSCHOOL Survey, and Saskatchewan School Boards Association updates.

## Board Committee Reports

Jennifer Lemky, chair of the Board Governance Committee, shared a report from their September 10 meeting. The Governance Committee is made up of Jennifer Lemky (chair), Douglas Armbruster, Paul Crow-Buffalo, Jenna Hale, and ex-officio members, Jim Hack and Linda Mattock.

## Finance Services Report

Superintendent of Finance Services / CFO, Sandy Gessner, provided an update from Finance Services and required a motion to correct a typo in the meeting minutes from a previous meeting.

## Human Resource Services Report

Deputy Director of Education, Randy MacLEAN, shared information regarding the work of Human Resources Services, staffing for 2021-2022.

## 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.

## Submissions & Feedback

To submit photos or stories regarding the Board of Education or an individual Trustee in your school community, please contact [horizon@horizonsd.ca](mailto:horizon@horizonsd.ca).

Thanks for reading!

**Next Board Meeting Scheduled for October 13, 2021**

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