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STUDENT LEARNING

Board Chair, D. Karpluk, shared that **Pyriel Kelley-Beaverbones**, a Grade 12 student from Harry Collinge High School in Hinton, was one of twelve students - selected from over 300 nominees across the Province - recently awarded an [Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award by the Alberta School Boards' Association](#). The Award recognizes Indigenous students in K-12 who model strength and commitment in pursuit of their personal education goals.



Mrs. C. Aschenmeier, Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services, updated the Board on the Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP), Work Experience (WE) Program, and Green Certificate Program (GC), for high school students in grades 10-12 for the 2024/25 school year. There were 29 students in the RAP program; 89 who participated in WE; and seven in the GC Program.

The Board expressed their sincere appreciation for all the organizations, individuals and businesses who share their valuable experience, time and funding to help our students succeed in meeting their educational goals; not only in these programs but in all areas.

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TEACHER, SUPPORT STAFF, AND LEADER EXCELLENCE

Over a number of meetings, the Board was very pleased to ratify the **2021-2028 CUPE Collective Agreement** at today's Public Board Meeting. Trustees thanked everyone involved in successfully completing this negotiation process.

Superintendent Parsons shared highlights from his report which included a meeting with **Board Chair Karpluk** at an engagement session with the **Minister of Education** discussing potential challenges and solutions to improve inclusive education. He also outlined some of the upcoming amendments noted in **Bill 51, The Education Amendment Act, 2025**, if passed. He also echoed the Board's appreciation to everyone involved in the successful completion of the local CUPE Collective Agreement for 2021-28. Dr. Parsons also referenced an update to annual School of Choice application approvals. After a parent delegation at the last Public Board Meeting, the Policy Committee met and revisited family requests through the lens of available space and resources at schools requested outside of a family's designated school. Approvals of current applications have been issued for the 2025-26 school year as School of Choice applications are required to be reviewed annually.

The Board approved a motion to forward letter of appreciation to **Mr. B. Callaghan**, the external consultant who worked with them on the superintendent process.

The Board highlighted the excellent professional learning opportunity, the **Annual Indigenous Education Event**, hosted by the Division in Jasper on April 14-15, 2025. Trustees attended along with educators, instructional leaders, and community partners who took a meaningful journey together through keynotes, land-based learning activities, and other sessions that offered insights into Indigenous culture and language.



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Board has arranged to meet with the **Yellowhead County Council** on May 20th on a number of joint topics of interest including information on Alberta Education's process to fund capital projects, such as the amalgamation and modernization project taking place in Evansburg.

The **Board of Trustees** approved the 2025/26 School Year Calendar, and the next two school years, *in principle*, at today's meeting. The Board thanked staff, parents, and high school students who participated in a calendar survey last month that greatly assisted Trustees in making the following adjustments to the original calendar proposed in April 2024.

A second survey to discuss options for the 2026/27 school year will be offered in the future.

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SYSTEM HEALTH and WELLNESS

Mr. L. Liu, Director of Financial Services, provided a report on the Budget Principles Allocation Model for the 2025/26. The Budget Principles Allocation Model is built on processes and decisions to maximize classroom resources and support unique student learning needs while recognizing the Board's fiscal management responsibility. Allocation methods play a key role in allocating resources to prioritize and meet Board priorities. Mr. Liu also updated the Board on their Second Quarter Financial Update. As of February 28, 2025, the Division reported \$36.8 million in year-to-date revenues, \$36.7 million in year-to-date expenses, and \$0.1 million in year-to-date surplus.

The Board approved amendments to **Policy 8 - Committees of the Board**, in regards to student expulsion and terms under the Finance Committee; a revision of **Policy 13 - Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters**, and **Policy 18 - School Calendars**. All revisions take effect immediately and will be posted on the Division's website.

LOOKING AHEAD...

- April 18: Good Friday - STAT Holiday
- April 30 - May 2: CASS Indigenous Gathering
- May 19: Victoria Day - STAT Holiday
- May 20: Board Meets with Yellowhead County Council
- May 21: Public Board Meeting
- May 23: ASBA Zone 2/3 General Meeting & Awards Banquet

