

Frank Maddock High School Council Meeting
October 24, 2023

Trustee Report:

Policy 19- Disposition of Property is out for review on our website. Very relevant to the FMHS-Powerhouse field discussions.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IatHr5g5m6E3R1N_cz5tedyFy3ETwb83-U68bUE0js0/edit?usp=sharing

A letter has been sent to Trisha Howes, Chair of the FMHS School Council regarding the process. We have written a letter to the Minister requesting permission to sell the Eldorado property and to purchase property adjacent to FMHS for use by the schools on site.

Powerhouse seems to be moving along on schedule. Still no exact move in date. Hopes are for November but now looks like late January or early February. More info to come.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Week was well supported in most schools. Not a lot of activity in FMHS but slowly building.

Indigenous Veterans Day is November 8th and Remembrance Day ceremonies will be attended by Trustees where possible. So far no info from FMHS.

In light of some questionable conduct in some schools the policy committee of the Board will be exploring further policies on discrimination and racism while the Superintendent and Senior Administration will build an Administrative Procedure to support the implementation of Policy 22- Hate Speech, Symbols and Discrimination

The board was very please to hear from the students who attended the Indy leadership conference in the summer. Also pleased to support the student trip to Europe this coming spring.



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Information to Note:

- Indigenous Fall Family Gathering - Invitations to be provided 😊
- Parent Teacher Interviews, 8 November 2023, 4:00-7:00pm
- Academic Awards: 23 November 2023 ~~for Reading Week~~
- Board Highlights from 17 October: The Board made a motion to send a letter to the Minister of Education requesting permission to spend a portion of reserve funds on the purchase of land to develop a playing field adjacent to Frank Maddock High School and Powerhouse Campus in Drayton Valley.
- Drop Dead Dates process is completing for the calls, the drop dead date is 1 November 2023

Excellent Initiatives:

- Grade 12 Meetings: In Progress
- Acting Vice Principal Andrew Highfield, Still Teaching Full-Time
- Our Student Council is very active this year! Lots of events happening each week!

Extracurricular in Progress:

- Golf: 3 athletes went to Provincials, finishing in the top 15 in the province!
- Football - 6 and 0 WOOT WOOT, Guaranteed spot in League Semi-Finals (no provincials)
- JV Girls Volleyball: Hosting a tournament this weekend, followed by zones which are hosted at FMHS
- Sr Boys and Girls Volleyball: Zones are on 17 November 2023 in Barrhead
- Mad Duck Theatre is starting up soon!
- Basketball starting next week



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October 18, 2023

Trisha Howes, Chair
Frank Maddock High School Council
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Dear Ms. Howes:

Thank you for your recent email outlining the concerns parents have regarding the playing field development for our Drayton Valley Schools. This topic has been of great concern to our Board of Trustees, and it has been on four out of the last six board meeting agendas to discuss. Unfortunately, as the topic covers the purchase of land, these discussions need to take place in closed session, (per [Policy 7 - Board Operations](#)) which means communication to the public has been limited.

Wild Rose School Division has been diligently working with the Town of Drayton Valley to find solutions to acquire the land adjacent to the the new Powerhouse Campus and Frank Maddock High School. School boards require special permission from the Minister of Education in order to purchase or sell land, and every effort has been made to work with the Town of Drayton Valley to provide, or trade land, to ensure a playing field for the new school campus can be developed.

At our October 17, 2023 board meeting, the Board made a motion to send a letter to the Minister of Education requesting permission to spend reserve funds on the purchase of land adjacent to the three schools. We have also requested permission to sell the old Eldorado property at fair market value. Once the school board can secure adjacent land, we will be involving the school councils and community members in the development of the playing field. Development of the playing field will not need to be discussed in closed session once the land has been acquired, and transparent communication with our community will proceed as normal.

We would like to thank you for your patience as we work through the complicated details of these transactions, and look forward to working with you on the development of the playing field.

Sincerely,

Daryl Scott,
Board Chair, Wild Rose School Division

DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY

When land and buildings or other property ~~no longer meet the educational needs of the division, become surplus to needs~~, the Board of Trustees shall arrange for the effective disposal of these items. ~~Disposal of such property must adhere to the following expectations~~ The Board of Trustees shall dispose of land and buildings in the best interest of ~~the community and of the students of the Division~~, pursuant to ~~the Disposition Of Property Regulation~~ existing government ~~legislation and regulation~~. This includes the disposition of:

- division buildings
- Reserve land
- Real property
- Personal property

NOTE: The remainder of this policy has been removed because the procedures below are clearly stated in the Disposition of Property Regulation. Since section 9 below regarding the leasing of property is not included in the Disposition of Property legislation, WRSD will be developing a new policy regarding the leasing of division property.

- ~~1. Disposal of surplus land and buildings requires the approval of the Board of Trustees.~~

Disposal of School Buildings

- ~~2. The Board of Trustees shall review yearly whether or not it has a use for a school building that has been closed using the following criteria: shall be used to determine whether the Board of Trustees has use for a school building that has been closed:~~
 - ~~2.1. Demographic factors and enrollment trends within the area intended to be served by the school reserve, municipal and school reserve or municipal reserve.~~
 - ~~2.2. The length of time that the school building has been closed.~~
 - ~~2.3. Other public educational uses for the school building~~
 - ~~2.4. Any other criteria the Board of Trustees considers necessary.~~
- ~~3. If the Board of Trustees cannot identify a use for a school building in the foreseeable future, the Board of Trustee may attempt to sell the school building only in accordance with the Disposition of Property Regulation, and this Policy (if applicable).~~

Disposal of Reserve Land

- ~~4. The following criteria shall be used to determine whether interest in a school reserve, municipal and school reserve or municipal reserve is surplus to the Board of Trustees' needs:~~
 - ~~4.1. enrolment trends within the area intended to be served by the school reserve, municipal and school reserve or municipal reserve;~~

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- ~~4.2. student accommodation and transportation issues;~~
 - ~~4.3. whether a school on the school reserve, municipal and school reserve or municipal reserve is included in the board's capital plan;~~
 - ~~4.4. the length of time that the school reserve, municipal and school reserve or municipal reserve has existed and has not been needed by the board;~~
 - ~~4.5. consultation with other boards with respect to their needs for the school reserve, municipal and school reserve or municipal reserve; and~~
 - ~~4.6. any other criteria the board considers necessary.~~
- ~~5. If the Board of Trustees is of the opinion that a school reserve, municipal and school reserve or municipal reserve in which the Board of Trustees has an interest is surplus to its needs, the Board of Trustees shall provide the Minister with a declaration to that effect.~~
 - ~~6. Where interest in a school reserve, municipal and school reserve or municipal reserve is determined to be surplus, the Board of Trustees will transfer its interest in the land to the municipality where the reserve land is located, for consideration mutually agreed upon between the Board of Trustees and the municipality, as prescribed in the Municipal Government Act.~~

Disposal of Real Property

- ~~7. If the Board of Trustees intends to sell real property that has a value of more than \$100,000, it must conduct the sale in accordance with the Disposition of Property Regulation.~~
- ~~8. If the Board of Trustees sells real property, it must repay all outstanding debt relating to that real property and any proceeds remaining must be distributed as prescribed in the Education Act.~~
- ~~9. Notwithstanding the Education Act, the Board of Trustees may, without approval of the Minister:

 - ~~9.1. Lease any real property that is neither a school building nor a portion of a school building.~~
 - ~~9.2. Lease a school building or portion of it for less than 12 months.~~
 - ~~9.3. Lease a school building or portion of it for 12 months or more if the lease contains a termination provision allowing the Board of Trustees to terminate the lease on 12 months' notice.~~~~

Disposal of Personal Property

- ~~10. If the Board of Trustees intends to sell personal property that has a value of more than \$50,000 it shall:~~

- ~~10.1. Obtain two or more current independent appraisals of the market value of the property;~~
- ~~10.2. Conduct the sale by tender or public auction; and~~
- ~~10.3. Advertise a minimum of 10 business days in the District prior to the sale.~~
- ~~11. If the Board of Trustees intends to sell personal property that has a value of less than \$50,000 it shall:~~
 - ~~11.1. Follow such other procedures as may be approved by the Superintendent of Schools or designate.~~

Reference: Alberta Education Act, Disposition of Property Regulation
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