



Board Notes

December 12, 2018

Regular and Organizational Meetings of the Prairie Valley Board of Education

Student Senate

The Division hosted a Middle Years Student Senate at the Treaty Four Governance Centre in Fort Qu'Appelle on December 4, 2018. Middle Years students from Grades 6 to 8 attended from each school with elementary grades. The theme for the senate this year focused on Mental Health and Wellness based on OurSchool student survey data that consistently identified anxiety and mental health as areas of concern from our students. Board members and Education Centre staff facilitated activities and conversations as students worked in small groups to learn about mental health, stigma and ways to support students who are experiencing mental health challenges. Feedback from the Senate will help inform strategies and an action plan to support our schools and students. Thank-you to the entire team who helped organize a very successful day.

Annual Meeting Date and Location

The Board of Education will hold an Annual Meeting on January 23, 2018 at the Education Centre from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. The annual meeting will feature summaries of the *2017-2018 Community Report*, financial statements and the auditor's reports as well as reports from the Director and Board Chair. Everyone is welcome to attend to learn more about public education and the progress made on last year's accomplishments and to raise any questions about the Division.

Enrolment and Demographic Analysis

The Board of Education reviewed the enrolment and demographics report for 2018-2019. This report supports educational programming and assists Prairie Valley School Division in budgeting, staffing and strategic planning. While the overall number of students enrolled in the Division has dropped in 2018-2019, the demographics remain diverse. First Nations, Métis and Inuit students make up 16 per cent of the Division's student population and the number of home based and English-as-an-additional-language students continues to grow year over year, as does the number of French immersion students with the addition of high school programming at Greenall High School.

Quarterly Reports

The Board reviews quarterly reports from each department to track the Division's progress towards our strategic goals and identify where we may need to focus more efforts. The Board reviewed the first quarter reports for finance, infrastructure, information technology, transportation, human resources, First Nations and Métis education and school operations.

Facilities Master Plan

The final phase of a three-year phased approach to update the Division's Facilities Master Plan that started in 2016 will be complete by the end of 2019, as planned. Phase 1 and Phase 2 are complete and the reports are posted on our website. Phase 3 focuses on the following schools: Balgonie Elementary, Cupar, École White City, Edenwold, Emerald Ridge Elementary, Kelliher, Kennedy Langbank, Lipton, North Valley Elementary, North Valley High, Robert Southey, Sedley, McLean and Pilot Butte. The consultants, architects and interior designers have completed the site visits and are now scheduling



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time with each School Community Council in early 2019 to obtain input into the final recommendations. We look forward to hearing your input! The final report will be submitted to the Board in late spring.

Director's Report – Highlights

- I want to acknowledge the good work that Reila Bird, our First Nations and Métis Education Coordinator continues to do for students and staff in Prairie Valley School Division. I appreciate her setting up our meeting with Elders at Bert Fox High School and with several Chiefs and education portfolio holders at Balcarres Community School on November 23, 2018.
- In response to a delegation presentation at the October 10, 2018 Board meeting regarding intensive needs programming, superintendents Harkness and Stecyk met with Greenall High School administrators on November 27, 2018 to discuss potential facility related changes to enhance program delivery for this group of students.
- Thank you to Kyla Christiansen, our Health and Wellness Consultant for the many excellent presentations she is making with the assistance and support of Mark Edmonds, Curriculum and Instruction Coordinator to our School Community Councils on supporting gender and sexual diversity in Prairie Valley schools.

Upcoming Dates

January 23 – Regular Board Meeting
January 23 – Annual Meeting 5:30 to 6:30- pm
February 13 – Regular Board Meeting
March 13 – Regular Board Meeting
April 2, 3 – SCC Regional Meetings