



Board Notes

March 13, 2019

March Regular Meeting of the Prairie Valley Board of Education

Join us for the SCC Regional Meetings

The Prairie Valley Board of Education is seeking input from the public on the future of education in Saskatchewan.

The Pre-K to Grade 12 education sector is working through a process to plan for the future of education beyond 2020. Part of the process involves stakeholder engagement to generate public feedback and at the March regular meeting, the Board finalized the agenda for three upcoming SCC regional meetings it is hosting to engage with our communities.

Come to a regional meeting and engage with other stakeholders:

- Bert Fox Community High School March 28 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- Education Centre April 3 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- Broadview School April 4 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Board Policy on Preservation of School Memorabilia

The Board approved a policy that guides school staff and school community councils on preservation of school memorabilia such as photographs, awards and other artifacts housed in schools. This policy outlines processes to be followed by all staff in managing school memorabilia to ensure items of historical value are identified, assessed, catalogued, retained and, as necessary, disposed of appropriately. The policy also recognizes that schools have limited display and storage space and that regularly inventorying, organizing and where warranted disposing of memorabilia and other artifacts, following the processes outlined in this policy, is part of good school management practices.

Quarterly Reports

The second quarter reports for Finance, Infrastructure, IT, Transportation, Human Resources, Instruction and School Operations and First Nations and Métis education were presented to and received by the Board. All areas are in good standing with targeted areas for follow up by staff over the remainder of the year.

Arts Gala Coming in May

The Board received information on the 2019 Arts Gala. The gala will be hosted in May 2019 and will be held during the school day. Students and teachers will attend workshops in the morning and a performance program and an art display will be held after lunch. The Arts Consultant is in the process of booking several venues at the Riddell Centre at the University of Regina to house separate workshops in the morning, as well as a main performance and art display in the afternoon. The public is invited to attend.



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Director's Report Highlights

- On February 6, 2019, I attended a Directors' and Provincial Leadership Team (PLT) meeting in Saskatoon to monitor our Cycle 3 progress for the ESSP and look ahead to Cycle 4. The PLT is now moving into Cycle 4 during March and April. There is interest in developing a SaskMath resource similar to SaskReads, sharing of promising practices for early years and advocating for a provincial strategy on attendance and student health and well-being.
- On February 27, 2019, we officially launched the Mental Health Capacity Building initiative at Greenall High School. This proactive approach and program, where we are able to hire two full time staff, is designed to increase awareness and offer our youth much needed direct support for developing coping strategies for managing personal mental well.
- We continue to develop next year's school calendar and have taken a different approach this year in trying to make the process as transparent and collaborative as possible. After receiving broad parameters for its development by our Board, our team solicited feedback and recommendations from the PVTA, an administrator's focus group and staff focus group to help determine a calendar with large uninterrupted blocks of instructional days and strategically placed professional development, preparation and collaboration days. The final recommended calendar will come to the Board in April and will be rolled out by May 1.
- Prairie Valley School Division's early years team hosted the Regina Local of the Early Childhood Education Council of Saskatchewan *Let Them Lead and Storytelling Make and Take Workshop* on March 2, 2019. This was an excellent PD session that included participants from neighbouring school divisions and First Nations authorities.
- We are very excited about a new technology support partnership with Cowessess First Nation. Beginning April 1, 2019, Prairie Valley School Division's outstanding technology team will provide in-school support on a cost recovery basis for technology purchases and maintenance as they currently do for our own schools. We are very excited about this agreement and hope it leads to more partnerships in future for the benefit of students.
- Renovations were completed in server spaces at Pilot Butte and Montmartre Schools in support of new nutrition programs.
- Since the end of November, we have had five days where weather conditions significantly impacted busing operations. These conditions directly impact student attendance and family arrangements and are extremely challenging for drivers and mechanics. We are very proud of the strong and resilient transportation team of almost 200 people who always put safety first.
- The 2019-2020 Provincial Budget is scheduled to be released on March 20, 2019. We do not have any indication of what school divisions can expect; however, we are hopeful that we will see funding increases that fully fund the newly signed teachers' provincial collective agreement as well as addressing and make up some of the shortfalls from prior years' allocations.

Upcoming Dates

SCC Regional Meetings:

Bert Fox High School on March 28, 2019 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Education Centre April 3, 2019 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Broadview School April 4, 2019 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

April 17 – Regular Board Meeting

May 8 – Regular Board Meeting

May 24 – Employee Long Service Awards

June 12 – Board Meeting and Flag raising ceremony

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