



Board Notes

May 8, 2019

May Regular Meeting of the Prairie Valley Board of Education

Preventative Maintenance and Renewal

The Board approved the revised 2018-2019 and the revised 2019-2020 preventative maintenance and renewal (PMR) plans.

To close out the 2018-2019 school year the following PMR projects are planned:

- Lipton School – sidewalk repair
- South Shore School – grounds work for site drainage
- École White City School – structural work on the south-west portables
- Greenall High School – roof structure upgrades on the east side
- Lumsden Elementary School – upgrade to student washrooms
- Bert Fox Community High School – site grading
- Whitewood School – phase one of the elementary section renovation and main office renovation
- For Qu'Appelle Elementary School – administration area relocation

In 2019-2020, PMR projects planned at schools include:

- Indian Head Elementary School – replacing exterior windows
- Broadview School – replacing main roof
- Whitewood School – phase two of the elementary classroom renovation
- Bert Fox Community High School – renovating the cultural room, library, commons and server room as well as roof repair
- Wolseley High School – duct replacements
- Greenall High School – welding ventilation upgrade to the industrial arts mechanical room
- Sedley School – masonry and paint updates to exterior
- North Valley Elementary School – gym floor
- Whitewood School – exterior concrete steps and concrete pad
- Dr. Isman Elementary School – demolish relocatable classroom
- Kipling School – change rooms and washroom renovation
- McLean School – main office renovation
- Montmartre School – modernize the foods lab

The Board also approved the 2020-2021 to 2022-2023 PMR plan for submission to the Ministry of Education.



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2019-2020 Budget

At the Board meeting, trustees received an update on 2019-2020 budget planning including a detailed review of work plans and deliverables relating to professional development offerings, information technology and assistive technology upgrades, school furniture refreshes, grounds improvements, bus and vehicle fleet purchases and curriculum resource purchases. A system-wide budget update will be released later this month.

Education Centre Flag Raising Ceremony

The Board is committed to strengthening First Nations and Métis influence in education through working together as treaty partners. At the May meeting, the Board heard final plans for the Division's official flag raising ceremony.

In conjunction with National Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day, Prairie Valley School division is hosting a flag-raising ceremony to commemorate officially raising the Treaty 4 and Métis flags at the Education Centre. Prairie Valley School Division is located on traditional Treaty 4 territory and, therefore, acknowledges and respects that we are all treaty people sharing the land as treaty partners. In the fall 2018, Prairie Valley installed four flagpoles at the main entrance of the Education Centre to display the Canadian Flag, Saskatchewan Flag, Treaty 4 Flag, and Métis Flag.

The ceremony is on June 12, 2019 at the Education Centre from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The ceremony will be held in the Professional Development Centre for all Education Centre staff, special guests and any interested community members.

2018-2019 Arts Gala

The 2019 Arts Gala will occur on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 during the school day, at the University of Regina. Students and teachers will attend workshops in the morning. The performance program and art display begin at 1:00 pm in the Riddell Center main theatre. Board members and the public are invited to attend the program at 1:00 pm.

The Prairie Valley Arts Gala is an annual celebration of arts education in the division.

SCC and Student Education Visioning Consultations

In late April and early May, the Prairie Valley Board of Education met with SCCs, students, staff and community members to discuss the future of education in Saskatchewan. The Board was pleased with the opportunity to connect with those most impacted by the province's education visioning project and thanks all those who participated for sharing their voice.

RHSAA Decision

The Board received an update that the RHSAA General Council recently passed a motion to remove all rural participation, which includes Prairie Valley School Division, from RHSAA league competition citing a need to focus on serving Regina's student athletes and the 16 Regina schools they attend. More detailed information has been sent to staff, students and families noting that Prairie Valley School Division is committed to ensuring students continue to have access to high-quality athletics.

Director's Report

- The Provincial Leadership Team (PLT) just completed planning Cycle 4 of the ESSP (2019-2020) with deployment set to begin September 2019. The four outcome priority areas remain unchanged with slight adjustments and additions to the implementation action items.
- Prairie Valley is again offering three Literacy Camps this summer in the communities of Fort Qu'Appelle - July 8 to 19, Broadview - July 15 to 26 and Balcarres – July 22 to Aug 2. In previous

years, approximately 900 to 1100 books, games and craft supplies were purchased for the camps. Each camper received a small home library and materials to continue their learning.

- With a few minor procedural improvements to the successful staffing process initiated last year, the spring staffing season is well underway. As in past practice, Division placements and transfers necessary to meet obligations to staff and the needs of schools occurred prior to posting any vacancies and we were able to place all continuing teachers and again avoid any redundancies.
- The seasonal cycle of support in Facilities involves an increase of exterior work including cleanup, preparation for track and field events, weed control and mowing of school grounds. Preparing for school graduations also involves our caretakers and maintenance teams by providing support with respect to building cleaning and repairs.
- CI&T and Facilities are working together to develop their annual master summer project list, which is a key logistical, and scheduling tool. This list is used by both teams and communicated to all schools prior to the end of June so that everyone is aware of work being completed in July and August.
- CI&T has completed upgrades to Stewart Nicks and North Valley High schools phone and paging systems over the April break. These schools have been deployed the division standard Cisco VoIP phone system integrated into new paging equipment and paging servers. Milestone and Grenfell High schools were wired over the break in preparation for their phone and paging upgrades over the summer break.
- The Transportation department has started its annual review of all bus routes in the School Division, starting with targeted areas where ride times and capacities are in need of improvement, as well as accommodation for any students residing in the former Regina Attendance Area that have chosen to register at Prairie Valley schools.

Upcoming Dates

May 24 – Employee Long Service Awards

May 29 – Arts Gala, University of Regina

June 12 – Board Meeting and Flag raising ceremony

June 26 – Last day of classes

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