



Board Notes

Notes from the April 7 and April 15, 2016 Meetings of the Prairie Valley School Division Board of Education

Support for La Loche

Members of the Prairie Valley Learning Supports Crisis Response Team attended the Board meeting to discuss their experiences in assisting Northern Lights School Division and La Loche Community School. The Board of Education acknowledged the team for providing specialized skills and invaluable support to students, families and the community of La Loche. We are very fortunate to have such a skilled, well-trained, compassionate and dedicated team of professionals and we thank them for the services they provide every day to children and youth.

2016-2017 School Year Calendar Development

At the April 8, 2016 meeting, the Board received an update on 2016-2017 calendar development. At a Special Meeting on April 15, 2016, the Board approved a school calendar for 2016-2017 with 191 days, consistent with the Prairie Valley calendar over the past several years. The calendar now must be submitted to the Ministry of Education for review. The final calendar will be communicated to all students, families, staff and stakeholders.

Sedley-Vibank Attendance Area Boundary Review

The Board reviewed the results of the Sedley-Vibank attendance area boundary review, which was conducted at the request of a family. The review process is now complete and the Sedley and Vibank Attendance Areas will remain unchanged. All information was reviewed and in the final analysis, the proposed boundary change was determined to have a potential negative impact on the Sedley Attendance Area. Therefore, the decision of the school division is to maintain the current attendance areas. Courtesy riding options will continue to be available to out of attendance area students consistent with the Division-wide policy and practice.

Arts Gala

Please join the Prairie Valley Board and staff at the annual Arts Gala on Tuesday, **May 31 at 7:00 pm at Riddell Centre at the University of Regina**. The Gala will feature artwork and performances by dance, drama, music, and visual arts students. There will be door prizes and refreshments.

Director's Report - Highlights

- Schools have hosted parent information sessions on course offerings for the upcoming year. Course selections provide a basis for our scheduling and staffing needs for next year. The course selection process also engages students and parents in discussions regarding career path planning.
- Our athletic teams have completed their winter competitive schedule and once again our student athletes have done exceptionally well! Details are attached to the Director's Report.
- The Provincial Budget is expected in May. The Division has prepared as best we can, given the uncertainty of resources for next year. Prairie Valley will continue to manage within its means and put the needs of students first.

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Upcoming Board Events

- **SCC Celebration and Parent Information on Mental Health and Substance Abuse**
 - Kipling School on April 19 - SCC supper at 5:30, public program at 7pm
 - Education Centre on April 20 - SCC supper at 5:30, public program at 7pm
- Regular Board Meeting - May 11
- Arts Gala - May 31

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