



## Prairie Rose School Division

March 4, 2019, Board of Trustees Meeting Highlights

Mission: Prairie Rose is dedicated to developing lifelong learners for global citizenship

Board received the Personnel/Staffing Report. Board welcomes the following staff to PRSD:

- Lacey Blowers, Literacy/Numeracy Support Teacher, St. Laurent School
- Macey Lawrence, Educational Assistant – St. François Xavier School
- Kristine Reimer, Educational Assistant, Miami School

### Presentations

#### **Roland School Continuous Improvement Report**

Principal, Brandy Chevalier, and Guidance Counsellor, Jesse Thomaschewski, presented on Roland School. School-based wellness, numeracy, literacy, and professional learning community (PLC) initiatives were outlined to the Board. Examples of school initiatives included the physical literacy initiative, OPHEA certification, Active Start program, and the new Sensory Path. An online classroom communication tool called *Classroom Dojo* was presented as a tool that has supported improved parent-school communication and relationships. The Board was advised that Roland School is planning a Safety and Wellness Day on May 31, 2019.

#### **Not Myself Today Program**

Guidance Counsellor, Jesse Thomaschewski, Chair of the PRSD Priorities 3, 4, & 5 Committee, provided an overview of the committee's purpose and progress. The Not Myself Today Program, from the Canadian Mental Health Association, that will be launched within PRSD was outlined for the Board.

### Reports of Committees:

#### **Policy and Board Development Committee**

Trustee, Marilyn North, provided highlights of the February 19, 2019, Policy and Board Development Committee meeting.

Senior Administration reported to the Board of Trustees on the following items:

#### **Distance Learning – Community High Schools**

The Superintendent/CEO provided the Board with an update on the Distance Learning/Community School teacher survey results and provided the Board with an overview of divisional discussions and advised the Board that a preliminary course timetable is being explored with high school principals.

### **Literacy and Numeracy in Manitoba: Setting the Context**

The Superintendent/CEO highlighted long term “aspirational” targets set by Manitoba Education and Training as part of the Literacy and Numeracy in Manitoba: Setting the Context release. The Literacy and Numeracy in Manitoba: Setting the Context release is available from the [Manitoba Education and Training website](#).

### **Instructional Plan and Staffing Allocation Meetings**

The Superintendent/CEO provided the Board with a general overview on the instructional planning and staffing allocation process that senior administration and schools are following for March and April 2019.

### **Yes I Can Awards – Manitoba Council for Exceptional Children – PRSD Recipients**

The Superintendent/CEO shared with the Board that the Manitoba Council for Exceptional Children (MCEC) is a provincial unit of The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). The CEC is a major professional organization dedicated to improving the quality of education for exceptional children and youth with a range of abilities and disabilities. The 29th Annual Manitoba Council for Exceptional Children, “Yes I Can!” Awards were held February 28, 2019, in Winnipeg.

The Board was advised that PRSD had a student, parent, and educational assistant recognized at this year’s awards. They include:

- ✓ Academics – Tristan Horvath – Carman Elementary Grade 5 student
- ✓ Certificates of Recognition – Mary-Jo Thiessen – Mother of students at St. Paul’s Collegiate and École St. Eustache
- ✓ Educational Assistant of the Year - Amanda Jane Evans – Maple Creek (Miami Colony)

Congratulations goes out to our PRSD recipients.

### **Highlighted Motions:**

**THAT** motion 025/19 be amended to replace Trustee Cox with Trustee Bruce; “THAT Trustee Bruce and Trustee Barga be authorized to receive the board ballots for the 2019 Manitoba School Boards Association Annual Convention.”

### **Next Board Meeting**

Date: Monday, March 18, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: PRSD Administration Office, Carman, Manitoba