



Prairie Rose School Division

April 22, 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:

- Rita Bisht, Educational Assistant, Miami School
- Shayne Nichols, Educational Assistant, Elm Creek School
- Andrea Penner, Classroom Teacher, Carman Elementary
- Trish Reid, Resource Teacher, Carman Elementary

Presentations

Hutterian Colony School

Supervising Principal, Jack Phillips, and Vice Principal, Darcie Mitchell Zorniak, presented on the Hutterian School System and school goals. The Hutterian Colony School includes 17 colony school sites and provides high school programming for two colonies, Monarch and Horizon, who are not PRSD colony sites. Strengths, challenges, and goals were presented. The strengths and challenges with teaching within a multi-grade setting were shared with the Board. Three resource teachers support the Hutterian Colony School. EA support within the colony system was described and gratitude was expressed for the return of EA time to the colony system in the upcoming budget. Challenges within the colony structure such as graduation expectations, physical education in the absence of gymnasiums, and substitute teacher shortages were presented. Goals include Literacy EAL to improve and grow EAL teaching strategies and Planning for Diversity through connecting with German Teachers and implementation of a Hutterian Colony School Code of Conduct were presented. Assessment results and aspirational targets were presented. Enrolment projections were presented identifying continual increases over the next five years.

Reports of Committees:

Public Relations/Educational Programming (PREP) Committee

Trustee, Ashley Lachance, provided highlights of the April 8, 2019, PREP Committee meeting. Agenda item included the Local Voices, Local Choices campaign through Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA).

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

24th National Congress on Rural Education in Canada

The Superintendent/CEO provided with a summary of the key learnings at the 24th National Congress on Rural Education in Canada that was held March 31, 2019, to April 2, 2019, at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Highlights included Indigenous education strategies and online learning models.

2019-2020 PRSD Divisional Calendar

Board was provided with the 2019-2020 PRSD Divisional Calendar for approval. The proposed calendar includes the revision to change the early dismissals structure from eight – one hour early dismissals to the new revision of three – two and a half hour early dismissals. The change was open to public feedback receiving several hundred responses with 89% in favour of the change.

Jordan's Principle – Director of Student Services

A brief overview of Jordan's Principle was provided by the Director of Student Services. Jordan's Principle is designed to ensure all First Nations children and youth can access the products, services, and supports they need, when they need them. Under this legal rule, First Nations children and youth can access any public services (such as physical health, mental health, educational supports, early childhood services and more) without having to face inequities because they are First Nations.

New Business:

K-12 Education Review Commission Public Consultation Workshops

Participation at the upcoming K-12 Education Review Commission Public Consultation Workshop taking place in Carman, MB on May 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. was discussed. Attendees must register online from the Manitoba Education and Training website. Anyone is welcome to register.

(<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/educationreview/consultation.html>)

Highlighted Motions:

THAT the 2019-2020 Divisional Calendar be approved as presented.

THAT the March 2019 accounts showing total general expenditures of \$948,106.95 be approved as submitted.

THAT the hiring of Robert Morrissey as the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO of Prairie Rose School Division, effective July 1, 2019, be approved as per Committee of the Whole.

Next Board Meeting

Date: Monday, May 6, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: PRSD Administration Office, Carman, Manitoba