



Prairie Rose School Division

February 21, 2017, Board of Trustees Meeting Highlights

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

Board received the Personnel/Staffing Report which listed employment and resignations approved by the Superintendent/CEO since the last meeting of the Board.

Board welcomes the following staff to Prairie Rose School Division:

- Gaylene Dueck, Educational Assistant, Carman Elementary
- Joeanna Friesen, Educational Assistant, Carman Elementary
- Chantelle Gauthier, Classroom Teacher, Carman Elementary
- Lizzy Morissette, Educational Assistant, Carman Elementary
- Sharron Potvin, Bus Driver, St. Laurent area
- Brandi Schenk, Reception/Front Desk Support, Division Office
- Jessica Wilson, Classroom Teacher, Carman Elementary

Presentation

Literacy w/ICT Leader Update

Literacy w/ICT Leader, Reg Reimer, presented on technology for learning initiatives in Prairie Rose School Division. Highlights included the e-book and audiobook software “OverDrive”, the implementation of the early years support via iPads, a professional learning website, and support for blended learning in grades 4-12 through G-Suite. Examples of iPad use and the benefit to student learning were presented.

Terry Osiowy, Superintendent/CEO, reported to the Board of Trustees on the following items:

Manitoba Education and Training – K-12 Continuous Improvement Framework Forum

Board was provided with an overview of the K-12 Continuous Improvement planning process in PRSD. The in-depth segregated data for males/females, self-declared Aboriginal learners, English as an Additional learners, and CFS learners that has been provided by Manitoba Education and Training for the province’s various assessments were highlighted. Board was given a general overview of key divisional priorities that will be required to be addressed in school development plans beginning September 2017.

High School Principals' Meeting

Board was provided with an overview of the topics discussed at the PRSD High School Principals' meeting on Monday, February 13, 2017. Highlights included the shifting of minimum staffing allocations levels to student/program requirement allocations for grades 7-12, the grade 9 Mathematics and English Language Arts programs, and career development and counselling. Future conversations with high school principals regarding senior years' science programs and school based examination schedules were also presented.

Safe Schools Manitoba

Board was provided with an update regarding changes to Safe Schools Manitoba. The organization has been disbanded due to funding reductions.

Ron Sugden, Assistant Superintendent, reported to the Board of Trustees on the following items:

Tanny McGregor Reading Comprehension Professional Development

Board was provided an update on the professional development session on reading comprehension for the South Central Region. 120 early and middle years teachers attended from Prairie Rose and approximately 56 teachers from around the region. Prairie Rose teachers were provided with Tanny's book as a book study in September 2016 and they will continue to develop best practice comprehension strategies with Literacy Leader Barbara Penner.

Divisional Professional Development Meeting

Board was provided an update to the Divisional In-Service. Keynote speaker Mitch Bourbonniere will present on "Achieving Positive Mental, Physical, Emotional and Spiritual Health". Afternoon sessions for teaching staff and educational assistants will include "Managing Stress and Anxiety" and "Decision-Making, Problem Solving, Making Healthy Choices". Maintenance and transportation staff will be attending separate sessions in the afternoon.

Gerard Lesage, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO, reported to the Board of Trustees on the following item:

Carman Collegiate and Miami School Envelope and Roof Replacement

Board was provided an update on the envelope and roof replacement projects at Carman Collegiate and Miami School.

Trevor Ryan, Transportation Supervisor, reported to the Board of Trustees on the following item:

MASBO Annual Transportation Convention

Board was provided with key highlights of the 2017 MASBO 26th Annual Transportation Conference. Highlights of the conference included; impaired driving, accidents of buses in Manitoba, defensive driving and speeding, the trade show, and the Pupil Transportation Unit's discussion on the public tender.

Board received and accepted the Operations/Finance Committee report that included updates on the following:

- St. François Xavier Bus Route
- Bio Mass Project

Board approved the following highlighted motions:

THAT the January 2017 accounts showing total general expenditures of \$1,384,087.71 be approved as submitted.

THAT Prairie Rose School Division enter into an agreement with Manitoba Hydro with the intent to consider converting from propane to natural gas once Manitoba Hydro installs natural gas to the school property and the current heating system is in need of replacement providing it is cost beneficial to the Prairie Rose School Division.

THAT Prairie Rose School Division enter in agreement with Break My Heart Productions Inc. to use the exterior of the Prairie Rose School Division Administration Office building for film production as outlined in the edited location agreement herein.

Next Board Meeting

Date: Monday, March 6, 2017

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: PRSD Administration Office, Carman, Manitoba