



Prairie Rose School Division

December 7, 2020, 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:

- Christian MacDonald, Physical Education Teacher, Carman Elementary
- Jacquelin McRae, Educational Assistant, Hutterian Colony School – Blooming Prairie Colony
- Corey Theroux, Custodian, St. Paul's Collegiate

Petition:

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES – CLEAVIEW COLONY

A petition was received and approved for religious exercises for the duration of the 2020-2021 school year at Clearview Colony as per section 84(8) of the [Public Schools Act](#).

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

COVID-19 UPDATE – SCHOOL DIVISION OPERATIONS

Board of Trustees was provided with a PRSD COVID-19 update which included Manitoba Education announcements and PRSD's actions in response to those announcements.

Superintendent provided updates to the following:

- ✓ Close Contact Identification and Notification Training
- ✓ Critical Level Red – Critical Service Workers – School Preparation
- ✓ Manitoba Remote Learning Initiative – PRSD Priorities
- ✓ Manitoba Education Announcement – K-12 Program Delivery – January 2021

VIRTUAL ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM (AP)

Board of Trustees was provided with an overview of a new high school initiative that will be launched beginning September 2021. The PRSD Virtual Advanced Placement Program (AP) for Calculus, Chemistry, Biology, and English was presented as information.

The Advanced Placement Program (AP) is a cooperative educational endeavor between high schools and universities. Since its inception in 1955, the program has provided motivated high school students with the opportunity to take university-level courses in a high school setting.

Participants not only gain university-level skills, but in many cases they also earn university credit while still in high school. AP courses are taught by dedicated and enthusiastic high school teachers who follow course guidelines developed and published by the College Board. The College Board is a non-profit association whose mission is to prepare, inspire, and connect students to university and opportunity.

The program's success is rooted in the collaborative efforts of motivated students, dedicated teachers, and committed schools. By participating in the program, secondary schools and students commit to an internationally standardized curriculum and exam.

Advantages

"Research on the effects of taking AP courses has demonstrated that when AP students reach the post-secondary level, they typically enroll in more courses than their peers, achieve higher grade point averages, graduate with double majors, and go on to graduate school at a rate double that of their non-AP peers." - The College Board

- The transition from high school to post-secondary setting is facilitated.
- Students are motivated to undertake more challenging work.
- Students are given the opportunity to study their special interests areas in more depth with peers of similar interests and motivation.
- By meeting the challenge of national and international standards, students are rewarded with a tremendous sense of accomplishment and international credibility of their academic abilities.
- Students experience the demands of university work. "59% of AP students earn a GPA of at least a B during their freshman year compared to 37% of non AP students." - The College Board.
- The experience provides direction in the selection of university programs.
- Students demonstrating outstanding achievement in AP courses may compete for national and international awards.
- Students receive college/university credits for courses taken in high school which is a financial savings and allows more time for additional courses at university.

VIRTUAL APPLIED COMMERCE EDUCATION

Board of Trustees was provided with an overview of a second high school initiative that will be launched beginning September 2021. The PRSD Virtual Applied Commerce Education Program was shared as information.

The Virtual Applied Commerce Education Program will consist of an optional cluster of Manitoba Education courses for high school students who are interested in pursuing a future career in commerce related fields such as economics, entrepreneurship, business, marketing, technology, and finance.

The fourteen course offerings in the Applied Commerce areas prepare students for further post-secondary education, but more importantly, provide opportunities for students to develop skills needed to be effective community business leaders, consumers, and employees.

Students would be able eligible to attain a Manitoba Education Senior Years Technology Diploma which would be require successful completion of 8 credits from the following list:

1. Business Innovations 10S
2. Personal Finance 20S
3. Entrepreneurship 20S
4. Creative Promotions 20S
5. Accounting Essentials 30S
6. Retailing Perspectives 30S
7. Business Communications 30S
8. Accounting Systems 40S
9. Economic Principles 40S
10. Business Management 40S

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE #114 – SAFE SCHOOLS REGULATION

Board of Trustee was provided with AP #114 – Safe Schools Regulation for information.

- [Administrative Procedure #114 – Safe Schools Regulation](#)

PRSD SCHOOL FACILITY CAPITAL PROJECTS

Board of Trustees was provided with an update on current PRSD school facility capital projects. Projects include a one classroom addition and grooming room suite for Roland School and the construction of a grooming room at St. François Xavier School.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE #538 FORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

Board of Trustee was provided with AP #538 – Formal Dispute Resolution Protocol

- [Administrative Procedure #538 – Formal Dispute Resolution Protocol](#)

Highlighted Motions:

THAT based on a petition signed by the parents or guardians of at least 75% of the pupils in the school, we approve the daily saying of the Lord’s Prayer at Hutterian Colony School – Clearview Colony for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Next Board Meeting

Date: Monday, December 14, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Division Office Board Room, Carman, Manitoba