

Board Highlights



June 7, 2022 Regular Board Meeting



Student Learning II Accountability Report

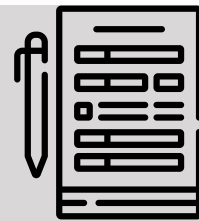
The Board received an update on Student Learning and the OurSCHOOL survey, which was administered to all students in grades 4-12. The main focus of the survey was on student well-being. Every school had a student wellness goal of connecting and re-connecting. There were many wonderful ideas used in the schools to support connection and reconnection. The first outcome was positive teacher-student relationships. Another outcome was positive sense of belonging and being accepted by peers. Lowering anxiety was also a key outcome. Due to COVID-19, students are experiencing a higher level of anxiety this year than previous years. Students continue to have varying degrees of emotions related to attending school in a global pandemic. Schools worked hard to support students and families with the transition back to school or to online learning and they also help connect parents to external supports when needed. A key focus this year for all schools was on mental health and the 5 Pillars of Everyday Resilience (Dr. Robyn Hanley-Dafoe). Every school had 1-2 staff members trained in Mental Health First Aid and/or Go-To Educator. As a division we are continuing next year with a strategic focus on a culture of wellness and connection.

Removal of Restrictions in Surplus for Prekindergarten and Innovation



During our budget discussions it was recognized that we have operationalized the funding for the prekindergarten programs that are not funded by the Ministry of Education. It is no longer necessary to restrict funds for that purpose as costs are paid from operational funds and are part of the regular budget process. Currently Prairie South funds nine prekindergarten programs. The Board was happy to unrestrict the prekindergarten funds, which makes approximately \$620,000 available for other priorities. It was also agreed that we would unrestrict funds that were previously restricted for innovation that were not already committed to specific projects. The innovation funds have served their purpose and no longer need to be restricted. Unrestricting the uncommitted innovation money will free up \$107,000 for other priorities.

Administrative Procedure Renewal



Administration reviews school division Administrative Procedures (APs) on a yearly basis to ensure they are current and consistent with Board Policy and expectations from the Ministry of Education. On May 25, 2022 APs were reviewed by teams made up of senior administration, school administrators and trustees. Minor updates were made to several APs and there were four new APs and/or Appendices created during the meetings.



Board Schedule of Meetings for 2022-2023 School Year

The Board of Education determines a meeting schedule for public meetings and Committee of the Whole planning meetings (in-camera meetings). Traditionally the Board holds public meetings on the first Tuesday of the month. The schedule presented at the meeting was information only as the Board will pass the schedule of meetings at their Organizational Meeting held in September. The first Regular Board Meeting for the 2022-2023 school year will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

Congratulations



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