



Topic: Executive Summary - Board Meeting
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1. The Superintendent reported that the staffing process will continue in early April as it has in the past for the 2020-2021 school year. The Division will use online interviews in place of in person.
2. The Secretary-Treasurer discussed the steps that the Division is at with selling the Birch River School property.
3. The Board discussed the postponement of the Strategic Planning Session that was originally scheduled for April 20. Given the Covid-19 situation at this time, the Board will look at organizing this for the fall of 2020.
4. The Board looked at a transportation request from the Acting Transportation Supervisor for the school bus order for next year. Every year the Board looks at the purchasing of buses to keep the SVSD fleet up to date.
5. The majority of the meeting was discussing the impacts of Covid-19 on SVSD and possible steps in the future. The Board discussed that the situation has been fluid and changing daily but at the time I am writing this:
 - a. School classes are still suspended until April 13 with an update this week. Students are learning through online means but were also given print options for those who needed them. The Province is looking this week at updates on what future learning may look like.
 - b. The Province has directed schools to be open for staff but use social distancing with the option for staff who are able to work from home do so.
 - c. Meetings with staff will be done online for the time being using Zoom. The Division has purchased many licenses for our schools to use.
 - d. The Division has created online learning resources on our webpage www.svsd.ca on the bottom left for extra support for those who want it. Also, the Board discussed looking at a learning platform called Edwin that would allow 1-1 devices to be used online and offline for those who don't have online support and will be looked at by schools.
 - e. All playgrounds are to be avoided based on the information provided by the Manitoba School Boards on viability of Covid-19 to last on plastic and steel for up to three days.
 - f. Mental Health supports have been highlighted to our students and staff.
 - g. Information is being updated on our Facebook page and on the bottom right of our website.
 - h. The Board itself will have the Zoom option for their Board Meetings with some members utilizing that option in order to social distance.
6. The Board wanted to acknowledge and to say thank you to all students and staff for your incredible work and to the parents and community for your great support through this challenging time. There will be lots of changes to come and we will continue to work together through them.