



Swan Valley School Division

Topic: Executive Summary – April 23, 2018 Board Meeting
Date: April 24, 2018
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1. Jennifer Simpson, SVRSS Guidance Counsellor and Jacquie Mydynski-Arp, SVRSS Principal, did a presentation to the Board on the Apprenticeship Programs offered at SVRSS. The Board had a number of questions. Discussion around things currently done to communicate information to parents and students as well as ideas on how we might improve our communication. Thanks for a very informative presentation.
2. Jennifer and Jacquie also provided the Board with a plan to start a Travel Club within the SVRSS. The Board expressed concern that fundraising and information had gone to the public before obtaining Board approval. Administration recognized that the process had been incorrect.

The Board met In-Camera to discuss this proposal. After much discussion, they were not prepared to support the creation of a Travel Club at SVRSS at this point.

The Board's concerns were:

- liability and risk of foreign travel taken on by the Board
- the School already fundraises for a number of trips
- the School already provides many opportunities for students; can we add another club/option
- the issue of equity, what if students don't and can't raise the \$2,500 needed
- how much fundraising can the community support

These were some of the reasons for the Board not supporting a Travel Club at this time.

3. A request to change a bus route to accommodate a School of Choice student was denied.
4. The Board was informed that the French Language Consortium received a Federal Grant of over \$175,000 to upgrade the French Immersion Technology/Learning Labs.
5. The Board was informed that some families did not receive the Memo's sent to all SVRSS parents last week. The Memo's in some cases were sent to Parent Spam Folders. We hope the problem has been fixed. In the future, the School will use the voice system to warn parents that they should have received a Memo.
6. The Board was informed that the Professional Development topics had been set for next year: Restitution/Mental Health, Cultural Inclusiveness, Lit/Numeracy and School Planning.

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