



Swan Valley School Division

Topic: Executive Summary – May 14, 2018 Board Meeting
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From: Tim Mendel, Superintendent/CEO

1. Chelsea Cook and Ashley Tibbett from Public Health provided a very informative presentation on the work in progress by the Harm Reduction Board. A key part of their presentation was an increase of needles/sharps found in the communities and what is being done to safe guard the communities from harm as it relates to this issue.
2. The Board received a letter from a parent group that it wants to form a Travel Club. This Travel Club will not be affiliated with the School Division. The Travel Club will be treated like any other community club that interacts with the school system.
3. The Superintendent informed the Board that we currently have only three teaching positions left to fill. The plan is to have them filled by early next week. This staffing year has seen many challenges and changes.
4. The Board approved the student Experience Canada Exchange with Elgin, Ontario. Thanks to Teachers Shannon Fullerton and Kari Goethe for taking on this initiative.
5. The Maintenance Supervisor updated the Board on the Minitonas School renovations, the SVRSS project and the Division Five Year Capital Plan submitted to PSFB.
6. The Board was informed that two teachers will be trained in Reading Recovery next year. The training will take place in The Pas.
7. Two Schools, Ecole Swan River South and Taylor, will participate in piloting the new ELA Curriculum. A small team of teachers from each school will attend several training sessions throughout the year. The Division is working with Kelsey and Flin Flon School Divisions on this initiative.
8. UCN has received approval for a Level I Carpentry Course. It is now looking for a least ten students to ensure the training happens. If you have any interest or know anyone with an interest, they should contact the local UCN Campus.
9. Planning continues for the 50th Anniversary Celebration. A draft of the Special Edition produced by The Star and Times was shared. It looks great. A huge thanks to Danielle Gordon-Broome and Vivian Rooks for making this happen.

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