

Swan Valley School Division

Topic: Executive Summary – March 12, 2018 Board Meeting

Date: March 13, 2018

From: Tim Mendel, Superintendent/CEO

- 1. The Board was informed that a framed Treaty 4 Acknowledgement will be displayed in each school that the land in which we gather is on Treaty 4 Territory.
- 2. The interviews for the Taylor Principal position will occur on March 13.
- 3. The Board passed its 2018/19 Budget. The special levy will increase by 3.9% and the special requirement will increase by .41%. Please see the website for more detailed financial information on the Budget.

The following are some of the key investments and some reductions in this year's budget.

Reductions:

- ➤ a reduction of 2 FTE teachers due to consolidation of Minitonas Schools and realignment of Birch River School
- savings from the closure of Minitonas Early Years School
- reduction of 2 trustees for next election

Investments/Additions:

- additional money for Lit/Numeracy
- support for Vocational Skills Competitions
- technology hardware upgrade
- additional support for SVRSS graduation
- additional support for school furniture
- > slight increase in school budgets
- additional support for PowerSchool PD
- money in the budget for carbon tax
- 4. The Board was informed that the task of consolidating Minitonas Early and Minitonas Middle Schools will start. Projects that can be done now will be started as soon as possible. A work plan will be developed and provided to Staff and the Board.
- 5. The hiring process will begin in earnest after Spring Break.