Swan Valley School Division

Topic: Executive Summary – May 8, 2017 Board Meeting
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1.   Henry Barkowski, former Principal at Swan Valley Regional Secondary School, made a presentation to the Board in response to the Board's initiative to reduce the number of Trustees from nine to seven. Mr. Barkowski suggested that the Board should consider replacing the ward system and moving to an at-large system. He pointed out the many merits to an at-large system. Unfortunately, current legislation does not permit boards from adopting an at-large system of voting for trustees. Very informative and thoughtful presentation.

2.   The Board formed an Ad Hoc Committee to organize some events given that this year is Canada's 150th birthday and Swan Valley School Division's 50th birthday. The Committee will meet to plan some events.

3.   The Board approved the implementation of a Life Skills Program which will be delivered by Communities That Care. The Program will be implemented Division wide next year at the Grade 6 level. The Program will be delivered by trained personnel from Communities That Care.

        Great when community organizations can work together and provide great programs for our students.

4.   The Superintendent updated the Board on the Volvo Project. The Volvo Project involves Level One Heavy Duty Mechanic Training for Adults from across the region. This is a partnership between UCN, SVSD, ACC and Volvo Canada. Volvo has donated a number of items to the Heavy Duty Program: engines, front end, rear end and Gardewine North has transported some of these pieces of equipment to Swan River from Winnipeg free of charge. Big thanks to both Volvo and Gardewine North for their support of the Heavy Duty Program.

5.   Staffing is progressing and should be completed in a few weeks.

6.   Trustee Highmoor reported on the Liaison Meeting with the Swan Valley Teachers' Association. A number of items were discussed at the meeting. Positive, constructive and useful meeting.

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