



Topic: Executive Summary - Board Meeting  
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1. The Superintendent reported that the staffing process continues for next year with internal, and some external postings coming shortly.
2. The Board reviewed Policy 12 - Learning Environment Programs and Services.
3. The Board discussed the Pension Committee Meeting in which Human Relations attended, and the MSBA Webinar on Governance.
4. The Secretary-Treasurer updated the Board on the disposal of the Minitonas Early Years School.
5. The majority of the meeting was spent discussing the impacts of Covid-19 on SVSD and continued steps in the future:
  - a. School classes have been suspended indefinitely, and SVSD schools are transitioning to online learning, paper and pen packages or a hybrid. An information package was sent to parents and students on Wednesday, April 8.
  - b. The Division is working with both union and non union groups to transition to different roles given the change in learning.
  - c. The Board talked about and wanted to reiterate that anyone who needs a technology device can get one. Please contact your local school to ask. The Board also had a conversation about food, and again wanted to make sure that parents know that supports are at your local school. Please reach out to the principal if you need help in this or any area.
  - d. The Board passed a motion for a trial period for *edwin*, an online and offline learning platform that will have the curriculum in a device for our Grade 6-8 students. This device will be provided to all our Grade 6-8 students. An essential part about *edwin* is that information can be stored on the laptop and you can use it without having internet access. More information will be shared by your schools when this is available.
  - e. The Superintendent reported that he did Zoom Information Sessions with both students and parents last week. Over 50 students attended and over 60 parents.
  - f. Information is being updated on our Facebook page and on the bottom right of our website with new information constantly in regards to Covid-19.
  - g. The Board talked a great deal about making sure our students were still being educated, communicated with by staff, and learning continued. The discussion included balancing that with mental wellness for all students, parents and staff, and understanding the strains everyone is feeling. There was a good discussion on being supportive for all. Again, the Board thanked everyone for their efforts in this challenging time.