



Swan Valley School Division

Topic: Executive Summary – September 11, 2017 Board Meeting
Date: September 12, 2017
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1. Congratulations to Kelli Riehl and Laurie Evans. Kelli was elected Board Chair and Laurie Evans was elected Vice-Chair.
2. The Board archived its old Policy Manual and replaced it with a new Policy Manual. This change reflects the new governance model of the Board. The companion document, the Administrative Procedure Manual provides a guide on how the policies will be implemented. The Administrative Procedure Manual is the responsibility of the Superintendent/CEO.
3. One of the key priorities identified by stakeholders when the Strategic Plan was created was for the Board to make sure it was using all of its resources wisely.

Maximize Resources: optimal utilization of our human resources, programs and infrastructure.

A key goal within this priority was “effective and efficient use of our infrastructure”. In order to get stakeholder input, the Board will be conducting community meetings to gather information from stakeholders across the Valley. These will be critical meetings for all Valley residents. This will be your opportunity to provide your thoughts and ideas to the Board. Plans are to meet with Staff prior to Community Meetings.

Community Meeting Dates: all meetings will start at 7:00 p.m.

October 25 – Birch River School October 30 – Bowsman School

November 1 – Minitonas Middle School November 7 – Benito School

November 9 – Swan Valley Regional Secondary School Cafeteria

4. The Board has reduced the number of standing committees to two:
 - Human Relations/Liaison
 - Board DevelopmentThis will help reduce costs and is in line with the new governance model.
5. The Board was informed that we have obtained a temporary occupancy permit for the new Trades Construction Building. We are in the process of moving the tools and equipment into the building. Currently, only a few students are enrolled in some courses. The plan is to start slow and set up the program(s) and the facility during the First Semester.

6. The Board was informed that the outside wall replacement project at the SVRSS is progressing. The plan is to have the bulk of the work completed by the end of October/beginning of November.
7. The Board was informed that three teachers from Benito and our Director of Student Services presented at the International Literacy Association Conference in Orlando. Congrats to Patti Hack, Jocelyn Bender, Pam Bowles and Deb Burnside.

*The New Policy Manual and Admin Procedure Manual will be on our website in a few days.

This Summary is available in alternate formats upon request.