

Board Highlights

January 11, 2011

Prairie Rose School Division No 8



1. Trustee Remuneration Policy

Secretary Treasurer Pat Cocks presented the revised Trustees Remuneration Policy. The honorariums have been adjusted by 2.92% to match the policy. Kathy Cooper asked for a review of the Chair and Vice Chair salaries to see if the division is in-line with the rest of the province.

2. South Central High School Mexico Trip – Amended Dates

Superintendent Doug Nicholls reported that South Central High School needed to move up the date of their spring trip to Mexico by one day. The revision would result in the students leaving on the 19th of April and returning on the 27th.

3. FSLW Presentation

Janay Gregory and Tanya Ridgedale provided a presentation on *Play Therapy* and the tools the new programming provides to the FSLW workers. Some of the various activities shared with the Board included group juggle (introduction to play and interaction with others) and painting (communications, teaching and learning). It was explained that *Play Therapy* creates an avenue for Family School Liaison Workers's to observe what's happening in the child's world and discover what creates frustration and confusion.

4. AISI Presentation

Joyce Krause and Tim Freeman presented the IMAP project and how it works between the seven divisions that are involved. For the Math portion... the IMAP developers decided to group outcomes together and then create projects to highlight strategies and reach those specific goals. Joyce Krause explained that the Smart Notebook has provided an avenue for the development of these projects to be possible. Within each unit there are specific items to help outline how the unit should be taught, booklets for the students, additional tools for assessment and ideas for mental math learning. A Math lesson was presented to the Board.

5. Books - Lethbridge Historical Society

Kathy Cooper explained that books focusing on local history were donated to the division from the Lethbridge Historical Society. A box for each school was supplied.

6. Letter from the Minister – Bindloss School

Secretary Treasurer Pat Cocks reported that a letter from the Minister had come in last week giving permission for the Division to pass over ownership of Bindloss School to the community.

7. Video Presentation

Communications Coordinator Angela Baron presented the *Around the School Yard* video newsletter. The December edition highlighted activities from Seven Persons and Ralston schools and can be viewed online at www.prrd.ab.ca.

8. Review Policy Governance “Ends” Statements

Secretary Treasurer Pat Cocks explained that the Board was due to review the division mission statement, vision, guiding principles, learning outcomes, key learning principles and essential virtues. The learning outcomes Statement will be updated to reflect the current Three-Year Plan.

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Trustee Reports

Kathy Cooper reported that recent inclement weather has resulted in some bussing issues in her region. The weather also meant that there was a smaller than anticipated turnout for the girls basketball tournament in Foremost.

Paulette Heller reported that she had attended the Christmas Concert out at Elkwater Colony. The new school is open and in full operation. Springview Colony students also took part in the concert. Paulette Heller shared that she had attended the Irvine Community Christmas festival, which had a great turnout.

Arnold Frank explained that he had taken in a number of holiday activities in Redcliff. It was particularly great to see all the young children taking part in the Christmas dinner at I.F. Cox School, which was prepared by the Redcliff Lions Club.

Graeme Dennis attended the Christmas concert at Seven Persons. The concert had a new format this year, which was well received by parents and students.

Stuart Angle reported that he had been dealing with a major illness throughout the month of December. He explained that dialing into the previous meeting over the phone resulted in a series of technical issues, which need to be addressed.

Bob Wickens reported that he had attended a number of Redcliff school holiday activities. K. McDonald, a police officer from Calgary, has been invited to come and talk with students in Parkside and Margaret Wooding about internet safety.

Georgine Westgard explained that Marian Peers' husband was doing well following his surgery and that Marian Peers was looking forward to returning to her Board Chair duties in the near future.

The next Regular Board Meeting will take place February 1, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Division Office in Dunmore, AB.

For more information regarding the Prairie Rose School Division and its Board of Trustees please visit www.pprd.ab.ca.

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