



Regular Board Meeting November 7, 2018

Turtle Mountain School Division Board Meeting Highlights

-Trustees elected Mr. Garth Nichol as Board Chair, and Ms. Shirley Highfield as Vice Chair of the Board.

-The Board received an update regarding the Boissevain School renovation, four classrooms and two science labs are now being occupied by students and staff. The small gym, canteen area, and resource area will come available by mid-December.

-The Board received and discussed the Turtle Mountain School Division annual report to Manitoba Education and Training.

-Trustees and Senior Administration discussed the pre-budget survey recently released to the public by the provincial government. It was noted the wording of the survey preamble, as well as the questions themselves, are of concern. It was further noted some divisions have engaged their local M.L.A.'s to express concern. It was decided the T.M.S.D. Board would draft a letter to the Minister of Education in response to the survey, and all school boards and M.L.A.'s would receive a copy.

-The Board received an update regarding the P.D. day educational assistants spent with Robert Ocker, a guidance counsellor from Wisconsin. Mr. Ocker spent the day discussing strategies E.A.'s can use to build their own resilience and to promote student success.

-An update was provided to the Board with regards to student services programming in colony schools. This year school administrators are responsible for resource in each of their own colony schools, as opposed to an itinerant resource teacher which has been the model in past years. Thus far colony administrators have shown tremendous growth as they become increasingly familiar with the role of resource teacher.

-The Board received an update summarizing the work school and divisional personnel are doing with external agencies to ensure a smooth transition for graduating students with special needs into post-secondary or employment opportunities.

-A summary of division accounts was presented for review.

-A referral was made to in-camera for the Board to discuss next steps required to fill the vacant Trustee position from Ward 3.

MISSION STATEMENT

"The students are the focus of all our efforts. The Division strives to provide an education that prepares individuals for a meaningful life in a changing world. We promote a learning environment that begins in the home, continues in the school, and is supported by the community."

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting, November 21, 2018
- Regular Board Meeting, December 12, 2018
- Budget Meeting/Regular Board Meeting, January 9, 2019
- Education-Specific Meeting, January 23, 2019, Boissevain School
- Regular Board Meeting, February 6, 2019
- Regular Board Meeting/Notice of Motion, February 13, 2019