



Regular Board Meeting December 11, 2019

Turtle Mountain School Division Board Meeting Highlights

-Trustees Highfield, Hintz, and Wear provided a summary of the M.S.B.A. professional development and regional meetings which occurred on November 22 and 23, 2019.

-An update was provided regarding the implementation of the resiliency survey being administered with grade 5-12 students in Boissevain, Minto, and Killarney Schools. The data will be reviewed and used for planning purposes in the New Year.

-Students, staff, administration, and Trustee representatives will be attending the Educating for Action conference in February/2020. The theme of the conference this year is "Our Learning Journey" and is being hosted jointly by the Manitoba Teachers' Society and the Manitoba Association of School Superintendents.

-Discussion occurred regarding the recently released PISA assessment results for Manitoba. Trustees and senior administration discussed the results along with a corresponding facts sheet produced by the Manitoba School Boards Association.

-An update was provided regarding the strategic planning survey responses we have received thus far, noting we have been receiving a strong participation. These results will be reviewed further in the new year as part of moving forward with strategic planning.

-The annual report from the province regarding home-schooled students was reviewed and discussed, along with data from previous school years. It was noted the number of students within T.M.S.D. who are being home schooled has been relatively consistent over the past several years, and has dropped slightly.

-Trustees received an update regarding how behaviour planning occurs within T.M.S.D., including the use of the Functional Behaviour Assessment.

-Teams of staff from schools, along with senior administration, attended V.T.R.A. (Violence, Threat, Risk Assessment) training in Russell, MB, November 21 and 22, 2019. It had been a number of years since this training occurred within T.M.S.D., so it was timely to do so.

-Highlights were shared and discussed regarding new legislation, Protecting Children (Information Sharing) Act, which allows school divisions and agencies to share information in order to strengthen support for students.

-Information was shared regarding work which has occurred within T.M.S.D. to assist in clarifying the role of resource teachers, as well as student-specific planning.

-Trustees received a summary of accounts, updates regarding asset retirement obligations, as well as our new insurance broker (HUB International).

-Information was shared regarding a letter from the Public Schools Finance Board in relation to restrictions on new capital reserves.

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

- Board and Senior Administration strategic planning, January 21, 2020
- Education-Specific Board meeting, Killarney School, January 22, 2020
- Budget Meeting/Regular Board meeting, February 5, 2020
- Budget Presentation/Regular Board Meeting, February 19, 2020