



DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

Division Plan 2012-2016

The Division has adopted a 4-year planning cycle commencing 2012-2013. Every four years our beliefs, priorities and goals will be reviewed while annually the action supporting the goals will be revised.

On September 17, 2011, students parents, staff, local government , trustees and Division administration participated in a strategic planning retreat. The day identified five Board goals:

- ❖ Provide quality programming
- ❖ Engage partners
- ❖ Increase enrolments
- ❖ Access funding
- ❖ Leverage technology

Beginning September 2012, the Board and staff will strive to attain these goals.

Education for Sustainable Development

On September 26, 2011 the Division's teachers and Educational Assistants attended an inservice on Education for Sustainable Development. By the end of the day, participants had a better understanding of sustainability, a list of resources on the topic, an opportunity to discuss sustainable development plans for their schools and some recommendations for the School Division.

Employee Recognition Evening

The Board of Trustees are hosting an Employee Recognition Evening, Saturday, November 26, 2011 at the Killarney Legion Hall. Music will be provided by Mid-life Crisis. The following will be recognized for their continuous years of service.

- ❖ Jeannine Archibald (5 years)
- ❖ Corey Billaney (5 years)
- ❖ Lindsay Campbell (15 years)
- ❖ Evan Casselman (30 years)
- ❖ Donna Cuvelier (10 years)
- ❖ Ray Enns (25 years)
- ❖ Deanna Evans (5 years)
- ❖ Keith Forsyth (20 years)
- ❖ Trudy Gray (25 years)
- ❖ Tanice Gudnason (5 years)
- ❖ Sonia Harper (10 years)
- ❖ Fiona Hastie (10 years)
- ❖ Erica Hilhorst (10 years)
- ❖ Darren Knight (15 years)
- ❖ Jacquie Kowal (5 years)
- ❖ George Legare (25 years)
- ❖ Kim McKay (20 years)
- ❖ April Millan (5 years)
- ❖ Gwen Moffat (5 years)
- ❖ Jeanette Neufeld (25 years)
- ❖ Michael Pugh (15 years)
- ❖ John Reimer (30 years)
- ❖ Terry Sprott (25 years)
- ❖ Tom Sprott (25 years)
- ❖ Evelyn Stouffer (5 years)
- ❖ Jennifer Thiessen-Kramer (15 years)
- ❖ Donna Wilson (35 years)
- ❖ Allyson Workman (10 years)



TURTLE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DIVISION GRADE 12 STANDARD TEST RESULTS

2007-2011

ENGLISH					
Division	Pass %	Mean %	Province	Pass %	Mean %
2007	97.4	73.8	2007	81.1	63.2
2008	90.5	66.2	2008	82.7	64.9
2009	69.0	62.2	2009	81.9	64.7
2010	91.0	67.8	2010	82.9	65.1
2011	90.9	67.4	2011	84.4	65.7
Average	87.8	67.5	Average	82.6	64.7

APPLIED MATH					
Division	Pass %	Mean %	Province	Pass %	Mean %
2007	96.7	74.6	2007	81.8	64.2
2008	84.8	63.5	2008	79.4	63.0
2009	93.8	66.1	2009	71.3	59.1
2010	100.0	75.3	2010	69.0	57.8
2011	90.0	69.0	2011	66.4	57.4
Average	93.1	69.7	Average	73.6	60.3

PRE-CALCULUS MATH					
Division	Pass %	Mean %	Province	Pass %	Mean %
2007	85.7	71.4	2007	75.9	65.1
2008	96.0	78.4	2008	79.2	66.9
2009	85.0	65.9	2009	78.5	66.4
2010	88.0	69.4	2010	81.2	68.5
2011	69.6	64.2	2011	81.4	68.1
Average	84.9	69.9	Average	79.2	67.0

CONSUMER MATH					
Division	Pass %	Mean %	Province	Pass %	Mean %
2007	93.8	69.6	2007	79.6	62.1
2008	85.7	69.7	2008	85.9	64.8
2009	93.3	63.0	2009	79.3	62.3
2010	100.0	73.8	2010	83.2	63.7
2011	100.0	69.6	2011	84.5	64.8
Average	94.6	69.1	Average	82.5	63.5

Trustees:

Trustee Name	Ward/Location	Position on the Board
Garth Nichol	Ward II/Killarney	Board Chairperson
Rhonda Coupland	Ward I/Boissevain	Board Vice-Chairperson
Leah Cann	Ward I/Boissevain	Trustee
Rodney Hintz	Ward I/Boissevain	Trustee
Shirley Highfield	Ward II/Killarney	Trustee
Teresa Kinsley	Ward III/Highway 23	Trustee
Cheryl Burke	Ward II/Killarney	Trustee
Gordon Wooley	Ward III/Highway 23	Trustee
Brad Heide	Ward II/Killarney	Trustee
Total Trustees		9

School Enrolment Statistics:

School	September 30, 2010	September 30, 2011
Boissevain	382	373.5
Can Am	27	29
Holmfield	19.5	22
Killarney	448.5	445.5
Mayfair	41	43
Minto	42.5	36.5
Wellwood	23	29.5
TOTAL	983.5	979

These numbers are at full-time equivalency. (F.T.E.). Students in Kindergarten are only counted as ½ time and are only funded by the province at 50%.

Educational Assistant Professional Development

The Educational Assistants participated in a professional development workshop on October 21, 2011 at Boissevain School. Darci Lang a motivational speaker from Regina, Saskatchewan spoke on "Focus on the 90%". Darci's light-hearted and humorous half-day presentation reminded the audience the importance of enjoying what you are doing and that we are responsible for our own happiness.

Tina Holland of the Manitoba Mood Disorders provided the Educational Assistants with information on Mood Disorders and the prevalence among adolescents. It was an interesting and informative session.

Congratulations to the Educational Assistant Professional Development Committee (Deanna Evans, Sandra Pearce, Carroll Walker, Peggy Leforte, Donna Cuvelier and Mary Chambers for planning an excellent day!

Finance

We are now in the process of planning for the 2012-2013 budget deliberation. The first meeting would have been held by the time you read this article. A letter was sent out to all stakeholders inviting them to bring their presentations to the Board on November 16, 2011. From this consultation meeting, the Board brings these ideas to a budget enhancement meeting in early January. This meeting has been scheduled for January 4, 2012. Once our enhancements are identified and costs attached to these enhancements, we wait for the funding announcement from the province. Based on the increase/decrease in revenue, we then determine what we can/cannot afford to do in the new budget. When making these decisions, we are very mindful of the impact to the mil rate which in turn affects the ratepayers of our Division.

In early January, 2012, you will be able to view the 2010-2011 "FRAME" financial statements on the website. The "FRAME" financial statements are the mechanism that is used to present to Schools Finance Branch, an arm of the Department of Education.

Transportation

The Bus Drivers had their annual Professional Development day on October 21, 2011. All bus drivers received their mandatory first aid training along with training for the defibrillators and epi-pens. There was also a viewing of two videos. One video was on "Driving in Fog, Rain, and Wind" and the other was "Intervention Strategies for School Bus Drivers". Both were well received except for the "American" content of the films. To date there is no Canadian counterpart that offers these types of videos. As I write this, the white stuff is falling from the skies. Let us hope that we fair better this winter than last especially with the road conditions that we had to work with last winter.

Operations Committee

Public Schools Finance Board – There has been three projects that have been completed during the summer of 2011. Boissevain School roof repairs, Killarney School roof repairs and the new elevator in Killarney School were all completed. We anticipate three more projects that will happen during the summer of 2012. One of these projects is the retrofit of the roof air-conditioning unit in Killarney and two biology labs in each of the respective big schools. School Administration is excited and hopeful that Public Schools Finance Board will approve the biology lab retrofits. In addition to the lab retrofits, both schools are eligible to receive \$25,000 each for the purchase of equipment for the labs.