



NEWSFLASH

Dec. 10th, 2018

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Brian Fransen – Chair

Robyn Wiebe – Vice-Chair

David Guenther

Barb Petkau

Darcy Wolfe

ADMINISTRATION

Stephen Ross – Superintendent

Cyndy Kutzner – Asst. Superintendent

Carl Pedersen – Secretary-Treasurer

Allan Toews - Operations



Please take some time to check out these links:

Short video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEUoxk-DcpA>

WSD Info - <https://www.westernsd.mb.ca/Governance/localvoices/Pages/default.aspx>

Other hi-lites from the meeting included:

- Trustees reviewed and discussed **Federal Government changes to the taxation of indemnities**. The non-taxable status of 1/3 of Trustee remuneration is eliminated in 2019. A 14% increase in Trustee remuneration would be required to keep the after tax remuneration at the current amount.
- Trustees are deliberating on adjusting indemnities to reflect the reduction.
- MAEC student Ashley Lambrecht shared a very **inspirational video project** she completed as an assignment on her personal connection to reconciliation. Amazing job! Kelly Vipond, the Director and teacher at MAEC also shared a brief report.
- Trustees discussed MSBA's **Local Voices Local Choices** advocacy campaign. The public is welcome to check out the associated Facebook page hosted by MSBA.
- Michael Macaraeg reported on the **MCI Debate** team, Mollie Wheeler's success at the National Event and also planning for hosting Nationals here in Morden next fall.
- Assistant Superintendent Kutzner updated Trustees on the Wellbeing – Wellbecoming Project at ÉMMS.
- Secretary-Treasurer Pedersen presented the **YTD Financial Report** to the Board indicating the division is on track with its budget.
- Superintendent Ross informed the Board of the following items:
 - A letter from Deputy Minister Doak indicating that expected funds for the **French Second Language Revitalization Program** are now not available. This will have a negative impact on the current budget.
 - A letter from Minister of Education Goertzen sent to all divisions in regards to **expectations around surplus space**.
 - There will be an anticipated **cost increase for the Partner Program** through MERLIN as Microsoft is increasing the cost to participate in the program.
- Trustees attended the following events:
 - **Trustee Orientation and Regional Meetings** (Fransen, Guenther and Wolfe)
 - **Manitoba Legislature Christmas Open House** (Guenther and Wolfe)
 - **MCDC Mixer** (Wolfe)
- Trustees were reminded of the many **school concerts and events** that will occur prior to Christmas Break.

The next regular WSD Board meeting is Jan. 14th @ 7:30 pm.

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