

**NEWSFLASH** 

October 22nd, 2018

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Brian Fransen - Chair

Steve Klassen - Vice-Chair

Steve Friesen

Barb Petkau

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Stephen Ross – Superintendent

Cyndy Kutzner - Asst. Superintendent

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Trustees met with the GTP Financial (auditors) and received a clean report on the **2017-18 Audited Financial Statements**. The total operating cost per pupil was \$11,295. The Operating Surplus was 3.8%. The division came in under our mandated Administration Cap of 4.11% with a cap number of 3.91%.

Other hi-lites from the meeting included:

- **Final September enrollment** numbers are in at 1877 students. That is up 77 students or 4%.
- •Trustees approved expenses for the **Morden Collegiate Soccer teams** to attend Provincials in Swan River.
- Secretary-Treasurer Pedersen reported on the success of this year's **United Way campaign** donations by staff.
- Trustees were apprised of the importance of the current MERLIN review being conducted by the Province of Manitoba.
- Trustees reviewed all schools **Continuous Improvement Plans**.
- Superintendent Ross provided an update on **portable classrooms**. The portables have been installed on site and refurbishment work is now underway. The timeline for occupancy is projected to be the end of January 2019.
- Best wishes to Trustee Friesen and Trustee Klassen as their 4 years terms end later this week!
- •The next regular WSD Board meeting is Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm.