



Date: February 24, 2017

Topic: **Executive Summary of the February 23rd Regular Board Meeting**

1. The Board entertained presentations regarding the draft divisional budget. Mark Waldner talked about Decker Colony School staffing while Birtle Collegiate Grade 6 student Rebecca Cheasley spoke in support of Career Trek.
2. The Board passed a motion regarding provision of land for their expansion of the Russell Lots-n-Tots daycare.
3. The Division held its annual student citizenship banquet in Hamiota on February 16th.
4. The permanent principal positions at Birtle Collegiate and Rossburn Elementary have been posted. The closing date is Wednesday, March 1st. Consultation sessions with staff, students, and parent reps will occur in each community on February 27th regarding what we should be looking for in the new principals.
5. The Assistant Superintendent is working on plans for school and divisional staffing for 2017-2018.
6. The next full divisional principal's meeting is scheduled for February 28th. Mary Hall from Safe Schools Manitoba will visit to talk about how schools may use student engagement data for planning.
7. There is a divisional professional development day scheduled for March 6th in Rossburn. All divisional teachers will attend sessions on school safety and student assessment.
8. Trustee Don Cochrane presented on how the new fibre optic network will benefit schools and communities.
9. The Board has another budget planning session planned for March 2nd. The goal is to finalize the budget for approval at the March 9th regular meeting.
10. The Divisional Student Council will meet in Birtle on March 3rd.
11. Trustees are preparing to attend the annual school board conference in Winnipeg on March 16-18th. The theme of this event is Effective and Efficient School Board Governance.