



Date: March 28, 2017

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

1. Brenda Sikora, the Chair of the PWTA Professional Development committee, provided a framework of values and beliefs for the PD Committee. The committee will meet on April 10th to plan for the future.
2. Bonnie Kiliwnik presented to the Board regarding the new model for funding student services. She also discussed Educational Assistants and their role. EA Gloria Zimmer provided perspective on her experiences.
3. As part of their own growth plan, the Board has made improving communication with stakeholders a priority. To that end, they are planning Focus Group meetings with 15-20 students from each school in Park West. These meetings will occur by early May.
4. The Board received reports from Trustees who attended the annual Manitoba School Board Association convention in Winnipeg.
5. The Board discussed preliminary plans for the annual Recognition Night for staff scheduled for June in Miniota.
6. The Superintendent reported on the new Early Years Enhancement Grant (EYEG) which replaces the Smaller Classes Initiative (SCI). The new grant will provide school divisions with flexibility and decision-making autonomy regarding organizational changes and supports needed to ensure success in the early years (K-3) including, but not limited to, class size. Park West will continue to use the grant for reducing class sizes in 2017-18.
7. A press release was issued on regarding the Model Literacy Program which includes Waywayseecappo School. It may be found at:
<http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/government-partners-with-martin-family-initiative-to-support-innovative-teaching-focused-on-early-literacy-in-first-nations-schools-615864384.html>
8. The Assistant Superintendent has been busy planning for school and divisional staffing for next year. Many of the deadlines in the process occur at the end of March so much of the work related to staffing will occur in April.
9. Video tutorials have been developed to assist teachers in using PowerSchool, web-based grade book and student information management system.