



Park West School Division

Topic: Executive Summary of the January 22nd Regular Board Meeting
Date: January 23rd, 2015
From: Tim Mendel, CEO/Superintendent

1. The board met for several hours before the regular board meeting to discuss the 2015/2106 division budget. The board heard from all of the department heads in regard to their department's budget needs for the upcoming year. Additional meetings have been planned to finalize the budget. The Public Budget Presentation meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 24th at 7:00 pm at the Birtle Elementary School gym. The presentation will be available via live stream on our website at www.pwsd.ca. Please note that the public will have an opportunity to present to the board at the March 5th Regular Board meeting at 7:00 pm. All public delegations must be submitted to the division office by March 2nd at noon.
2. Decker Colony School presented to the board about their school. The presentation provided some information on hutterite life, programs being offered in the school, special projects/programs that the school is proud of, challenges teachers face in a small school and a request to partner with Park West on a gym project. Great presentation!
3. The CEO reported on the Major Pratt roofing project. We are in the process of trying to receive the final okay to be granted a temporary occupancy permit which would allow usage of the upper floor classrooms. We are hopeful this will be accomplished and everyone will be in a classroom for second semester.
4. The board formed a committee to look at the school board ward system. Given the RM amalgamations this seems like a good time to review the Park West wards as well.
5. Congratulations to Carla Gambler, a teacher at Waywayseecappo School, for receiving the Aboriginal Circle of Educations award. The award will be presented to her at an awards super in Winnipeg on February 12th. Well done Carla!
6. The Assistant Superintendent informed the board that an articulation agreement has been reached with ACC in regards to Accounting 3S and Accounting 4S at Hamiota School. If students achieve a grade of 70% or higher they will receive advanced credit in the Agribusiness Diploma program. Thanks to Jerry Crampain a teacher at Hamiota Collegiate for his efforts in making this happen.



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7. Park West School Division will again be at the Brandon University Career Fair promoting the division and making contact with graduating teachers.
8. The board was informed that the budget for assessment will be overspent given that we require reading assessment three times a year instead of just once a year.
9. Please note the following Board meeting schedule:
 - February 24th – Public Budget Presentation – Birtle Elementary School gym at 7:00 pm
 - February 26th - Regular Board meeting will be cancelled.
 - March 2nd – Public presentations submitted to the Division Office by noon.
 - March 5th – Regular Board meeting at 7:00 pm. Public budget delegations that have been previously submitted will be presented.
 - March 11th – Regular Board meeting at 7:00 pm
 - March 26th – Regular Board meeting at 7:00 pm