



Date: Friday, May 8, 2026

Topic: **Executive Summary of May 7, 2026, Regular Board Meeting**

1. The Board approved a bylaw to allow for the incorporation of three First Nation communities into our electoral boundaries. This makes us compliant with the new provincial legislation Bill 16.
 2. The Park West Student Voice group is hosting a divisional wellness event for Grade 9–12 students on May 12, 2026, at Birtle Collegiate. The day features a keynote address by comedian and mental health advocate Big Daddy Tazz followed by three interactive breakout sessions covering topics like anxiety, mindfulness, and animal therapy. This student-led initiative aims to foster community and provide Grade 9-12 students with practical tools for mental, emotional, and physical well-being.
 3. The second round of the OurSCHOOL survey from April 27 to May 8 for students in Grades 4-12. The OurSCHOOL Survey is an online survey used by schools and school divisions to gather feedback from students about areas such as school climate, student engagement, learning experiences, mental health and well-being, bullying, safety, and relationships at school. The survey is commonly administered to students in Grades 4–12 and helps schools and divisions identify strengths, trends, and areas for improvement to support student success and well-being.
 4. Senior leadership from Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning will visit on May 21 to discuss the division’s Continuous Improvement Plan.
 5. Open positions for the 2026 - 2027 school year continue to be staffed.
 6. Teachers are receiving ongoing support on DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills). This is a set of short literacy assessments used to measure students’ early reading skills, such as phonemic awareness, fluency, decoding, and comprehension. The assessments help teachers identify students who may need additional reading support and guide literacy instruction based on student learning needs.
 7. The Secretary-Treasurer reported on the May 7, 2026, Finance Committee Meeting, providing updates on ERP replacement options, the March 31 year-end process, the 5-Year Capital Plan, insurance and partnership renewals, capital project design, the Internal Audit Survey, and the Healthy Kids Play Structure Grant.
 8. The Board passed a motion declaring the Arrow River Bus Garage property surplus to operational requirements.
 9. The Board is planning their annual staff recognition event for June 9.
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