



TO: All Staff and Parents

BOARD NOTES

Regular Meeting of January 27, 2015

"Find God in all things"

HIGH SCHOOL REDESIGN AND FLEXIBILITY PROJECT

Principals from Ecole Notre Dame and St. Dominic high schools indicated that they are currently half way through this pilot project and both schools are progressing and implementing focus areas that work for their specific schools and demographics. This project has allowed the schools to accommodate students in many areas and focus on several ways to ensure success for all high school students.

DIVISION ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT – FALL 2014

Trustees formally accepted the Division Accountability Report for the period of August 6-November 30, 2014. This report, which provides a comprehensive overview of the various initiatives and activities taking place in the Division, will be posted on the Division website.

FISCAL MONITORING REPORT

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the Fiscal Monitoring Report and indicated some extra expenditures regarding more staff support due to new programs being implemented.

BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the budget assumptions with Trustees. The Board was informed that the division could incur a \$1M loss which will be taken out of operating reserves.

CHANGE IN ST. PATRICK'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2015-2016

St. Patrick's Community School Calendar will change due to the Division-wide PD day in August. August 27 and 28 will be PD days rather than August 28 and 31.

HANDS OF CHRIST SERVICE AWARD

The initial drawings of a "Hands of Christ" schematic design presented in order to formally pursue this service award within the Division.

DIVISION EXTERNAL AUDIT ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

A letter from MNP was reviewed which indicated all quality indicators had been met in the prior fiscal year.

THREE YEAR EDUCATION PLAN STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

The Board was presented with feedback from over 500 surveys received. It was evident that LIFT should remain the focus area for instructional strategies and the Board supports the continuation of this.

NAMING OF THE NEW BLACKFALDS SCHOOL

Information will be available on social media at the beginning of February regarding the public input in the naming of the new Blackfalds School.

POLICY REVIEW – POLICY 23 – DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY

It was decided to defer reviewing this policy until after the Education Act Regulatory Review comes into place.

For more information please feel free to contact Dr. V. Paul Mason, Superintendent, at 403-343-1055.

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