September 13, 2023 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Enrolment Update

Overall enrolment is slightly lower than projected. The final student count will occur at the end of September. Budget adjustments may be required.

Joint Use Planning Agreements

Changes to the Municipal Government Act and Education Act require municipalities and school boards to have Joint Use Planning Agreements (JUPAs) in place prior to the end of June 2025. The Board approved that the template developed in conjunction with the County of St. Paul be used with all municipal partners, subject to updates for specific sites.

Collaborative Response Training

As part of our Division Professional Learning Community Day activities on September 1, all staff were introduced to the Collaborative Response Model with Kurtis Hewson from Jigsaw Learning. We look forward to continuing to work with Kurtis as he guides our division in using the power of collaboration to improve student success.

New Communication Tools

The new Division and school websites launched at the end of August. The Division is also pleased to offer a new bus notification system. The Bus Status 4 App will replace the Alertus App that was previously used by the Division to communicate bus delays and cancellations. Instructions for downloading the app are available on our <u>website</u>. The Division will also launch the SchoolMessenger communication system later this fall.

Dual Credit Grant

The Division is partnering with Portage College through this grant to offer dual credit health and wellness related courses.

Off-Campus Education Coordinator

The Division has received funding through Careers the Next Generation to fund an Off-Campus Education Coordinator. Corey deMoissac will be coordinating all Registered Apprenticeship Programs and internship opportunities for students across the Division.

Financial Update

The audit committee approved the audit plan and is still seeking two public members. Individuals with a financial background that might be interested are encouraged to contact the Secretary-Treasurer. The Province has selected BR2 Architects to be the design consultant for the École Mallaig School project. BR2 is the same firm that designed Ashmont School. Site testing has begun and design planning will begin shortly.

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