

October 11, 2023

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



St. Paul Education

Name Change Review

Due to financial constraints, the Board approved a motion to postpone indefinitely their initial motion to review the Division name. Any further review will include seeking feedback from parents and stakeholders.

Ward D Vacancy

Communication on the SPERD website and within the schools newsletters should reflect that, as accommodation for the Ward D vacancy, Trustee Melvin Abraham is appointed as the representative for the Ashmont area, and Trustee Sylvie Smyl is appointed as the trustee representative for the Mallaig area.

Enrolment Update

The Division is looking at options for reducing expenses by \$300,000 as a result of lower than projected enrolment. Several areas are to be reviewed including opportunities for savings through attrition.

Bags for Breakfast

Thank you to Cornerstone Co-op for their generous donation of \$18,420 for our school breakfast programs. This donation is made possible with the use of reusable grocery bags.

Restorative Practices

At the October leadership meeting principals received an overview of restorative justice, an alternative to traditional discipline practices. The Division is looking at adopting restorative practices as a way to increase opportunities for student success and high school completion. Several of our schools will be participating in additional training throughout the year.

Post-Secondary Night

Our annual Post-Secondary Night is on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of St. Paul Regional High School. Post-secondary schools from all over Alberta will be in attendance. Students of all ages and their families are welcome to attend and explore options for after high school.

Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exams

The province is in the process of changing Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exams from paper to digital format. Grade 6 teachers have the option to pilot or field test the new digital format during the current school year. The province's proposed timeline is to fully implement digital assessments by the 2024-25 school year.

Lieutenant Governor Visit

On September 28 the Lieutenant Governor Salma Lakhani visited the New Myrnam School following the meeting of her majesty at the winning of the prestigious Alberta Emerald Awards in the spring of 2023.

Mallaig Design Initial

On October 10 BR2 Construction, Alberta government and SPERD representatives met to discuss the initial phases of the Mallaig School Design.

For more information, contact:

Mr. Peter Barron

Superintendent of Schools

barrpete@sperd.ca

Learning Together, Growing Together