



FROM THE BOARD

Highlights of the Horizon Board of Education Monthly Meetings

February, 2021

Our staff has been very busy this year keeping students engaged, learning, and safe. One of the ways we have been able to ensure these services remain possible throughout this challenging year has been through the use of technology.

Recently, Horizon's Information Services staff developed a new tool for use by guests and visitors to our schools. The COVID-19 Access Screening Tool allows people entering our Horizon buildings to scan with their phone and access a form to easily enter information that staff use to help with contact tracing, if necessary.

As a Board, we appreciate the patience and cooperation of our school guests and visitors. And, we appreciate the work of our staff to keep schools and students safe. Thank you, everyone.

- Jim Hack, Board Chair

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February 2021 Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board took place on Wednesday, February 10.

Jim Hack (Chair), Linda Mattock (Vice Chair), Jenna Hale, Jennifer Lemky, Mark Fedak, Dana Stefanson, Christine Gradin, James Lissinna, Cheryl Vertefeuille, Douglas Armbruster, Edward Bitternose, Paul Crow-Buffalo, Albert Pinacie, and Rhonda Kayseas were in attendance for this online meeting.

Director of Education / Kevin Garinger, Superintendent of Operational Services / COO, Justin Arendt, and Deputy Director, Randy MacLEAN joined the meeting to provide reports.

Discussion Items:

- Re-Entering Horizon School Division Plan
- Governance Committee Report
- Service Reports
- And more...

Governance Committee Report

The Board's Governance Committee met on February 5. Committee Chair, Jennifer Lemky, reviewed that meeting for the Board during their regular monthly meeting on February 10. The committee updated language in their Board Policy to reflect the three goals they have set for Horizon (Safe& Caring Schools, Literacy & Numeracy, and Graduation Rates) . They also reviewed Policy 12, which relates to Board appraisals. In addition to Committee Chair, Jennifer Lemky, this committee includes Douglas Armbruster, Paul Crow-Buffalo, Jenna Hale, along with Jim Hack and Linda Mattock as ex-officio members.

Re-Entering Horizon Plan Review

Director of Education, Kevin Garinger, led a review and discussion regarding the latest COVID-19 restrictions from Health, and Horizon's [Re-Entering Horizon School Division Plan](#). This plan continues to evolve, and updates are being shared with the Board, staff, and Horizon families as they occur.

2021-2022 School Year Calendar Discussion

Director of Education, Kevin Garinger, shared preliminary information about the school year calendar in development. Discussions have taken place with the Horizon Teachers' Association, CUPE, and other groups. The draft calendar has also been shared with Horizon staff for their input and feedback. This feedback, and final options for the 2021-2022 school year calendar, will be brought to the Board for their review during the March regular meeting.

SaskMATH Update

Director of Education, Kevin Garinger, is the primary owner of the provincial SaskMATH Priority ("n support of improved math achievement, develop a SaskMATH web resource to support high quality math instruction and assessment.") The working group has been utilizing the SaskREADS document as a model to develop an electronic web resource for teachers, by teachers, that is in both official languages and carefully incorporates Indigenous ways of knowing.

Human Resource Services Update

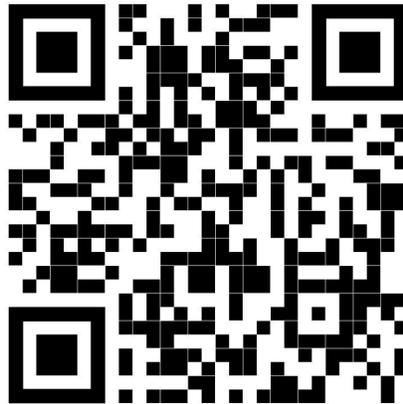
Deputy Director Randy MacLEAN shared information regarding the work of HR Services, and staffing plans for 2021-2022.

Operational Services Update

Superintendent of Operational Services / COO, Justin Arendt, shared reports and updates regarding Operational Services. Highlights of these reports included an update regarding Horizon's new school project in Lanigan, the 2022-2023 Capital Plan submission, a semi-annual Transportation Report, and a report from Information Services.

COVID-19 ACCESS SCREENING TOOL

Guests to the school: Please scan the QR code with your smartphone camera, or access the link below, and complete the Access Screening Tool prior to entry.



[HTTPS://FORMS.HORIZONSD.CA/SCREENING](https://forms.horizonsd.ca/screening)

Submissions & Feedback

To submit photos or stories regarding the Board of Education or an individual Trustee in your school community, please contact the Horizon School Division Communication Services Officer at lance.hiltz@horizonsd.ca.

We want this newsletter to be as informative and beneficial as possible, so feedback on how we can improve is always welcome.

Thanks for reading!

Next Regular Board Meeting Scheduled for March 10, 2021

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