

FROM THE BOARD

Highlights of the Horizon Board of Education Monthly Meetings

February, 2020

School Community Council Workshops

On March 4, Horizon will be hosting two sessions of our annual School Community Council Workshops at central office in Humboldt. There will be one session in the late morning / early afternoon, and one in the evening. This schedule was decided based on SCC member responses to a feedback survey.

This year's agenda will include a review of SCC duties and powers, roles and responsibilities, AGM information, fundraising information, breakout sessions, and more.

SCC Members can RSVP by contacting their SCC Chair or school principal before the end of the day on Wednesday, Feb 26.

February 2020 Regular Meeting

A regular monthly meeting of the Board took place in the Horizon School Division office boardroom on Wednesday, February 12. In attendance for this meeting were Linda Mattock (Vice-Chair), David Holinaty, Jennifer Lemky, Mark Fedak, Christine Gradin, Wil Lengyel, Cheryl Vertefeuille, Jolene Koopman, Paul Crow-Buffalo, Albert Pinacie, and Sheryl Kayseas; with Jim Hack (Chair) joining via video conference.

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

"Our SCC Engagement Committee and central office staff have been working hard to put together a great agenda for our upcoming workshops. We look forward to bringing our SCC members together for this day of learning and sharing.."

*- Jim Hack,
Board Chair*



Board Vice Chair, Linda Mattock, reading to students at the HCI Literacy Blast on February 5 (more on page 3)

Discussion Items:

- Committee Reports
- 2020-2021 School Year Calendar
- 2020 Board Elections Discussion
- and more...

Governance Committee Report

Jennifer Lemky, Chair of the Governance Committee and Trustee for Subdivision 3, shared a report and continued discussions from the committee's meeting on January 30. The Board also discussed the agenda for their upcoming Enterprise Risk Management and strategic planning session, scheduled for late March. Trustees who serve as members of this committee are Christine Gradin, Paul Crow-Buffalo, Jolene Koopman, and Board Chair Jim Hack and Vice Chair Linda Mattock as ex-officio members.

SCC Engagement Committee Report

Christine Gradin, Chair of the SCC Engagement Committee and Trustee for Subdivision 6, shared a report from the committee's January 30 meeting. During that meeting, they reviewed the draft agenda and other planning details for the upcoming SCC workshops. This committee includes Trustees, Jolene Koopman, Sheryl Kayseas, Jennifer Lemky, Cheryl Vertefeuille, and Board Chair Jim Hack and Vice Chair Linda Mattock as ex-officio members.

2020-2021 School Year Calendar Finalized

Director of Education, Kevin Garinger, shared results from a survey shared with Horizon's staff and SCC members, regarding next year's calendar. The Board then carried a motion to approve the calendar option with over 74% support from respondents. The first day of school for students will be Tuesday, September 1, 2020. The complete calendar can be found on horizonsd.ca.

Preliminary 2020 Board Election Discussion

During the February meeting, the Board passed a motion to name Superintendent of Finance Services / CFO, Sarah Reding as Returning Officer for Board elections in the fall of 2020.

Finance Services Update

Superintendent of Finance Services / CFO, Sarah Reding, shared an update regarding Horizon's work to develop the 2020-2021 budget. This included a high-level review of the annual timeline, and a month-by-month breakdown of the work that goes in to develop Horizon's annual budget.

Human Resource Services Update

Deputy Director, Randy MacLEAN, joined the meeting to provide an update regarding staffing and provincial collective bargaining agreement negotiations.

Operational Services Report

Superintendent of Operational Services / COO, Justin Arendt, joined the meeting to provide his monthly report on Transportation, Facility Services, and Information Services. This report included Horizon's 2021-2022 capital funding application to the Ministry of Education. This application, which was approved by the Board, includes proposals for renovations at Muenster School, the consolidation of Lanigan Elementary School and Lanigan Central High School into a new facility, and updates to Winston High School. Each year, school divisions submit proposals for capital funding from the Ministry, and funding is allocated based on provincial priority.

Literacy Blast at HCI



Humboldt Collegiate Institute held their second annual Literacy Blast on February 5. Students from all three elementary schools in Humboldt -- Horizon's Humboldt Public School and Greater Saskatoon Catholic's St. Dominic and St. Augustine -- were invited for a day of activities centered around reading, writing, and speaking. Elementary students were paired with students at the high school, and made their way through several stations to read, write, craft, and listen to stories read by guests from the community. Horizon's Subdivision 2 Trustee and Board Vice Chair, Linda Mattock, joined students to read books like "The Dinky Donkey" (sequel to "The Wonky Donkey"), and "Thelma the Unicorn".

The day is part of HCI's annual Learning Improvement Plan. It comes together with the help and planning of the HCI School Community Council, staff, SRC, and students. Special thanks to Humboldt Sobeys and Humboldt Co-op for donating snacks for the day!

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 Board Meeting Scheduled for March 19, 2020

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