

FROM THE BOARD

Highlights of the Horizon Board of Education Monthly Meetings

January, 2020

School Community Councils

With School Community Council elections happening this time of year, we want to share a reminder that a number of helpful SCC resources can be found on our website, at horizonsd.ca/school/SCC.

This page includes information on SCC functions and powers, the SCC constitution, annual meeting and election guidelines, fundraising information, and links to resources provided by the Ministry of Education and Saskatchewan School Boards Association.

Joining your SCC is a great way to contribute to the positive culture of your school and community. It provides opportunity for connection with teachers, administrators, our Board and other families to encourage and facilitate parent/caregiver/community engagement.

January 2020 Regular Meeting

A regular monthly meeting of the Board took place in the Horizon School Division office boardroom on Wednesday, January 15. In attendance for this meeting were Linda Mattock (Vice-Chair), Jennifer Lemky, Mark Fedak, Wil Lengyel, Jolene Koopman, and Sheryl Kayseas; with Jim Hack (Chair), Lori-Anne Proznick, Christine Gradin, Cheryl Vertefeuille, and David Holinaty joining the meeting via phone/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.

“SCCs play such an important role in our system. We deeply value the advice, planning, and support we receive from families and community members who give their time to this work.”

*- Jim Hack,
Board Chair*



Horizon's Board during their meeting on January 15, 2020

Discussion Items:

- Board Governance Committee Report
- Enrolment Projections
- 2020-2021 School Year Calendar Info
- 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 December 6. The Board carried an update to Policy 7 Section 13.5.1 regarding Trustee personal professional development funding allocations. The Board also reviewed their Annual Board Appraisal Report, including their Advocacy Plan and 2019-2020 Positive Path Forward. This committee includes Christine Gradin, Paul Crow-Buffalo, Jolene Koopman; and Chair Jim Hack and Vice Chair Linda Mattock as ex-officio members.

Enrolment Projections, School Year Calendar for 2020-2021

Director of Education, Kevin Garinger, shared Horizon's enrolment projections for the fall of 2020. The division is planning for a slight decrease in student numbers next year due to outside factors. Director Garinger also shared Horizon's preliminary information regarding the process of developing the 2020-2021 school year calendar. This process includes the Board, the Horizon Teachers' Association, and administration working together to meet the needs of students and staff.

SCC Workshop Survey

Director of Education, Kevin Garinger, shared results from a survey to Horizon's SCC members regarding the upcoming SCC workshops scheduled for March 4 at Horizon central office in Humboldt. The survey asked if participants would prefer an afternoon or evening session. Since the results were very close, the Board decided to hold two sessions that day — one in the afternoon and one in the evening — to accommodate everyone.

Board Indemnity Claim Form

Superintendent of Finance Services/CFO, Sarah Reding, shared an update regarding the Board's indemnity claim form, and the work of Finance Services to streamline this form and process.

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 an update on Project Maintenance and Renewal (PMR) projects and work that happened in facilities over the holiday break.

Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol Signing



Following nearly five years of work and relationship building, Horizon School Division now has 12 partner agency signatories for our Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) Protocol!

Representatives from the Ministries of Corrections and Policing, Education, and Social Services, as well as the Saskatchewan Health Authority, RCMP F Division, the Saskatchewan Association of Fire Chiefs, Saskatoon Tribal Council, Touchwood Agency Tribal Council, PARTNERS Family Services, Humboldt Regional Newcomer Centre, Safe Community Humboldt & Area, and Humboldt & District Ambulance Services have committed to this important protocol. The Horizon School Division VTRA Protocol is activated when there is a threat of violence, or a potential threat of violence, in a school or school community. The multi-agency process works to gather the appropriate information, build a data-driven assessment, monitor the situation, and intervene to prevent violence in the community. Visit horizonsd.ca for more information.

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 February 12, 2020

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