

**ST. JAMES-ASSINIBOIA SCHOOL DIVISION**

**REPORT OF THE MEETING WITH NDP MLAs**

**Meeting Held:** Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**In Attendance:**

**MLA**

Nellie Kennedy, MLA (Assiniboia)  
Logan Oxenham, MLA (Kirkfield Park)  
Nicole Dvorak, Executive Assistant to Adrien Sala, MLA (St. James)

**St. James-Assiniboia School Division**

Holly Hunter, Chair of the Board  
Sandy Lethbridge, Vice-Chair of the Board  
Michael Cabral, Trustee  
Angela Dunn, Trustee  
Fiona Shiells, Trustee  
Tara Smith, Trustee  
Cheryl Smukowich, Trustee  
Rachelle Wood, Trustee  
Jenness Moffatt, Superintendent  
Carrie Melville, Secretary-Treasurer (Teams)

**Regrets:**

Malaya Marcelino, MLA (Notre Dame)  
Adrien Sala, MLA (St. James)  
Craig Glennie, Trustee

**DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**1. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

**2. Funding Model Update**

The Board of Trustees discussed the anticipated new funding model and expressed concern over the levels of funding and shortfalls that could occur without the ability to increase property tax.

**3. Phoenix School**

The Board of Trustees advised that the community of Headingley is growing quickly. Phoenix School and its gym are small and will soon not meet the needs of the community.

**4. Coordinated Clinical Services**

The Board of Trustees shared that the School Division employs a variety of individuals in the clinical and social supports field that go beyond the education mandate in order to develop appropriate supports and interventions for students as outlined in the appropriate education legislation.

The Board requested that additional funding and increased government services be considered to better assist in meeting the needs of students and families in our community.

**5. Britannia Annex**

The Board of Trustees shared that the School Division owns a surplus building that is leased out in its entirety to two childcare centres on a cost neutral basis. The building is older and requires ongoing maintenance which the childcare centres claim is a hardship to manage with their resources.

The Board suggested several options to address the concern, for further consideration.

**6. InformNet Contract**

The Board of Trustees provided a history of the InformNet program that provides online courses to grade 9 – 12 students throughout the province. The division operates the program with support of provincial funding and employs 13.5 permanent teaching units.

The Board requested timely follow-up from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning regarding the upcoming contract for partnering on this initiative.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Carrie Melville, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO  
Minutes presented by Sandy Lethbridge, Board Vice-Chair