

ST. JAMES-ASSINIBOIA SCHOOL DIVISION

REPORT OF THE MEETING WITH PC MLA

Meeting Held: Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

In Attendance:

MLA

Kathleen Cook, MLA (Roblin)

St. James-Assiniboia School Division

Holly Hunter, Chair of the Board

Sandy Lethbridge, Vice-Chair of the Board

Michael Cabral, Trustee

Craig Glennie, Trustee (5:40 p.m.)

Fiona Shiells, Trustee

Cheryl Smukowich, Trustee

Jenness Moffatt, Superintendent

Carrie Melville, Secretary-Treasurer

Regrets:

Angela Dunn, Trustee

Tara Smith, Trustee

Rachelle Wood, Trustee

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approval of Agenda

The Coordinated Clinical Services and Funding Model Update items were reordered and Item 5, General Information was added and the agenda was adopted.

2. Phoenix School Construction Plan

The Board of Trustees advised that the community of Headingley is growing quickly and provided a history of requests that have been made to address the small gym and expand the school to meet the needs of the community.

Administration will provide details of the history of requests to MLA Cook.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

This partnership is valuable for the provision of services to students and we look forward to working with MB Education and Early Childhood Learning.

6. General Information

MLA Cook requested general information on the bus service that is provided to Headingley residents and advised that an MLA scholarship would be provided for a Westwood grad.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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