

Board Highlights

November 29, 2011



Livingstone Range
SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 68

Audited Financial Statements

Mr. Darren Adamson from Young, Parkyn, McNab and Company attended the meeting and reviewed the recently completed audit. Trustees had the opportunity to raise questions and engage in discussions in order to fully understand the financial statements. The Board of Trustees approved the Audited Financial Statements for Livingstone Range School Division. Those statements have been posted on the Division's website at www.lrsd.ab.ca.

Annual Education Results Report & Three Year Plan

Mr. Stephen Harris, Assistant to the Superintendent, presented the Annual Education Results Report. He acknowledged that the report was developed collaboratively with input from Instructional Council, Management Council, Admin Council and Trustees.

The Report provides an update on the jurisdiction's progress related to Alberta Education's three goals: *Success for Every Learner, Transformed Education Through Collaboration, and Success for First Nation, Métis and Inuit Students*. Included in the results are 5 year trend data, strategies for improvement and survey data from both the jurisdiction and the province. The report concludes with identifying future areas for growth. A copy of the Annual Education Results Report and Three Year Plan has been posted on the jurisdictional website at www.lrsd.ab.ca.

As well, trustees were provided with updates and results for 2010-2011 on the following jurisdictional plans that were created to address jurisdictional priorities:

- Enhancing High School Programming
- From School to Work: Career and Technology Studies
- Enhancing First Nation Success and Achievement
- Improving Junior High Achievement in Science and Math
- Enhancing Student, Parent and Community Engagement
- Communications Plan
- Learning Support Plan
- Technology Plan

A copy of each of these plans with results for 2010-2011 is available on the jurisdictional website at www.lrsd.ab.ca

2011-2012 Budget Fall Update

This year, Alberta Education required Boards to complete a Fall Update to the 2011-2012 budget. The update provided supplemental information related to the additional funding that was received in October 2011. It also provides information about the changes in funding amounts and the disbursement of additional funds. Livingstone Range School Division received an additional \$864,491 of which \$661,591 was dispersed directly to schools. The remaining \$202,900 for Classroom and Community Supports was added to school AISI allocations. Schools used those funds to increase teacher FTE time and, in some cases, to increase support staff time. The update has been posted to the LRSD website at www.lrsd.ab.ca.

Planning for Upcoming Meetings with Elected Officials

The Board of Trustees and Central Office staff is meeting with MLA, Evan Berger on Friday, December 9, 2011. Trustees took time to develop an agenda for that meeting. Items for discussion include: 1) Modernization of WCCHS, 2) LRSD Trustee Bi-Election, 3) Funding for Education, 4) FNMI Update, 5) Funding of the Health Care Assistant program, 6) Alberta Education's Bridging to Teaching Program, 7) Technology Evergreening in LRSD and 8) Kindergarten Programming.

Dick Peterson, Board Chair and Ellie Elliott, Superintendent will be attending a meeting of Zone VI Boards, hosted by Thomas Lukaszuk, Minister of Education on Monday, December 12th. Each Board has been asked to bring forward 3 highlights and 3 areas of concern. Trustees discussed ideas that could be brought forward during that meeting.

Process to Review Coordinated School Day

Stephen Harris provided trustees with an overview of the process and timelines to revisit the coordinated school day. Input will be gathered from schools, school councils and students. That information will be synthesized and brought back to the Board in February.

Update on J.T. Foster School

The necessary roof repairs to J.T. Foster School have been made and students were back in school on Monday, November 28, 2011. A roofing company has been involved in the process to-date and will continue to ensure that the building is safe, sound and fit for occupancy for the remainder of the current 2011 - 2012 school year. During the summer of 2012, the affected sections of the J.T. Foster School roof will be completely replaced to provide a reliable, quality roofing system on the school for future years.

The Board thanked Mike Mahaffy and his department as well as representatives from the Town of Nanton for their cooperation and involvement in preparing a contingency plan to ensure continuity of student learning.

Christmas Concert Schedule

This year there are 31 Christmas Concerts and Band Recitals scheduled during the Christmas season. Some schools have a concert in the afternoon as well as one in the evening. Trustees and Central Office staff signed up to attend the concerts. There will be at least one representative at each of the concerts. By far, the most popular date for concerts this year is December 21st when there are 11 concerts scheduled.

A copy of the Superintendent's report can be found on the Livingstone Range School Division website at www.lrsd.ab.ca – Board / Agendas, Minutes, Highlights.

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