

MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL DIVISION



Keeping Learners at the Centre

March 13, 2017

NEWS DIGEST

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Board Approved

- That Mountain View School Division Board of Trustees approve the 2017-2018 Operating Budget in the amount of Forty-Two Million, One Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars (\$42,187,279)
- That the 2017 Special Levy be approved in the amount of Fifteen Million, Nine Hundred Eleven Thousand, Five Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$15,911,516)
- That the Agreement in Committee between Mountain View School Division and the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 3305 for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020 be accepted and ratified pending ratification of the agreement in committee by the union members
- That the Board of Trustees, approve in principle, the request from Ms. C. Hlady, D.R.C.S.S., for students to participate in an out of country trip to London and Paris in March 2018.

HR Report

New Hires:

Lori Bogoslawski, Educational Assistant
Megan Devlin, Limited Teacher-General
Esther Fyk, Limited Teacher-General
Ashley Harlow, Educational Assistant
Teresa Myers – Limited Teacher-General
Kayla Pasternak – Educational Assistant

Whitmore School
Grandview School
Smith-Jackson Elementary School
MacKenzie Middle School and Henderson Elementary School
Grandview School
Dauphin Regional Comprehensive Secondary School

Resignation:

Vanessa Pascal – Educational Assistant

Winnipegosis Elementary School (March 16, 2017)

Retirements:

Elizabeth Moroz – Assistant Custodian
Evelyn Vogel – Educational Assistant

Ethelbert School (March 31, 2017)
Goose Lake High School (June 29, 2017)

Board Information

Celebration of Learning Presentation

- Gilbert Plains Elementary School – Presenters Ms. J. Mischuk, Principal, and Mr. C. Fisher, Instructor

Policy Committee

- Policy Committee Meeting Minutes February 27, 2017 were received

Superintendent/C.E.O. Report

Division Planning

- Review of the action plans for each focus area in the Division Plan

Administration

- Information was shared on the following reports:
 - MVSD Enrolment Report ending February 28, 2017
 - Grade 6 Transition Meetings held with all K-8 staff in the community of Dauphin
 - Trustee Tours to be held April 17, 24 or 25, 2017
 - Odyssey Program 2017-2018, Division's intent to apply for a French Language Assistant for the 2017-2018 school year

Correspondence

- Darryl Gervais, Director, Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment Branch, Manitoba Education and Training, Re: Call for Nominations – Members for two Technical-Vocational Education Curriculum Revision Teams, March 2017

Secretary-Treasurer Report

Finance and Administration

- February 2017 List of Accounts was received

Operations

- Five-Year Capital Plan was shared, and will be brought forward to the April 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting for review and approval
- Capital Project Summary Report – a full structural assessment will be completed on the Gilbert Plains Elementary School Gymnasium floor
- 2017-2018 School Bus Order was shared
- Bus Driver Training was held in Grandview February 13-17, 2017.

International Education

- Mr. Kunza, Coordinator, International Student Program reported on the Recruitment Fair, Japan, South Korea and Vietnam

Assistant Superintendent Programs and Planning Report

Curriculum and Instruction

- A report was shared on high school common divisional assessment reporting practices. Principals met March 10, 2017, to develop a common framework on how assessment grades are calculated and reported, with changes to be implemented in the fall of 2017
- A report was shared on the division's French Language Education Profile

Educational Services

- Reports were shared on:
 - Tell Them from Me Survey Divisional Questions
 - Student Services Focus Area – Literacy Instructional Intervention Strategies

Information and Communication Technology

- Information was shared on Video Conferencing Course Planning for 2017-2018

Divisional Newsletter – Events and Programming

- MVSD Happenings March 2017 Newsletter was shared

Conferences:

- 2017 M.S.B.A. Annual Convention, "The Effectiveness Equation: Governing for Student Success," March 16-18, 2017, Winnipeg
- 22nd National Congress on Rural Education in Canada, March 26-28, 2017, Saskatoon
- Save the Date, "Our Human Rights Journey, Educating for Action Conference," April 20-21, 2017, Winnipeg, hosted by the Manitoba Teachers' Society and Manitoba Association of School Superintendents

Future Meeting Dates

March 16 - 18, 2017	2017 M.S.B.A. Annual Convention
March 20, 2017, 5:30 p.m.	Board Development Committee Meeting
April 3, 2017, 5:30 p.m.	Community Relations Committee Meeting
April 10, 2017, 5:30 p.m.	Policy Committee Meeting
April 10, 2017, 6:30 p.m.	In-Camera Meeting
April 10, 2017, 7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting
April 24, 2017, 6:30 p.m.	In-Camera Meeting
April 24, 2017, 7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting

Contact Superintendent/CEO Department, Mountain View School Division, for further information



NEWS RELEASE

MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL DIVISION

APPROVES 2017-2018 BUDGET

Mountain View School Division approved its 2017-2018 Operating Budget at its regular Board Meeting held Monday, March 13, 2017. The provincial funding announcement delivered on February 1st provided an education funding increase of 1.0% provincially. A reduction in support from the previous year in the area of Student Services and a change to the formula guarantee resulted in a decrease in provincial support of \$359,000. Based on the announcement and a review of all other revenue sources, revenues for 2017-18 will be approximately \$277,500 lower than the 2016-17 revenue levels.

In approving the 2017-2018 budget, the Board of Trustees is mindful of resources required as we work towards meeting the newly established goals of the 2016-2021 Division Plan. The Division Plan focus areas are literacy, numeracy, career education, mental health and safe and caring schools.

The desired outcome of the 2017-2018 school year is to channel resources to support initiatives identified in the Division Plan. By utilizing student achievement data, we can ensure resource allocations are used for maximum benefits in the areas they are most needed. These benefits will include quality instruction by maintaining professional staff and providing supports for students requiring assistance to meet prescribed learning outcomes. The resources will also provide continued support in literacy and numeracy instruction through grade level professional development and focus on preparation for life after school through Career Exploration. Additionally, the resources will be used to strengthening teachers' knowledge and skills in supporting student mental health and wellness.

This was a difficult budget process with very little room for increased costs. The budget will increase 0.84% or \$350,260 which is the lowest budget increase approved by the division. With an initial shortfall of almost \$1.4 million, \$731,000 was removed from

the budget with the focus of the reductions coming from non-instructional resources and reduction to division staff only being considered as a last resort. Budget increases were included for contractual obligations and insurance costs, with many other areas of the budget, including the Board of Trustees budget, frozen at the prior year level or reduced where possible. Budgetary changes have resulted in a total increase in expenditures of \$350,260 to a total of \$42,187,279 for the 2017/2018 school year.

The Special Levy approved for 2017 is \$15,911,516, an increase of \$891,622 or 5.94%. With a relatively small change in property assessment, the mill rate will increase from 15.0 to 15.65 mills. The impact on a home assessed at \$150,000 will be an increase of \$44.20.

Since 1999, the government has increased the Education Property Tax Credit, provided an 80% rebate on Education Property Taxes levied on farmland as well as eliminated the Education Support Levy on all residential properties. The purpose of these initiatives was to alleviate some of the pressure tax levy increases have been placing on homeowners and farmland property owners. It is important to note that while this has not benefited all, the amount of relief provided in our division has offset over 85% of Special Levy increases approved since 1999.

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