

Schuler School Presentation

Schuler School principal Lisa Lindsay provided an overview of the school and highlights from the past year. Schuler is a K-9 school of approximately 70 students located 90 kilometres north of Medicine Hat. The school has implemented several new initiatives from the feedback received from students, parents, and staff through the 2021-2022 assurance survey. These include; new routines for junior high students during the recess and lunch break, increased choice in the option courses available, an active student voice, enhanced weekly communication to parents and the community, and opportunities for team building and collaboration amongst the staff. A summary of the school's education goals was shared, focusing on literacy, deeper learning and promoting a positive culture.

Technology Accountability Report

Director of Technology Wayne Rossler presented the 2022 PRPS Technology Accountability Report for information. The report includes a list of the division's technology assets, along with a summary of key projects and priorities for the current school year, which includes; the digitization of student records, security upgrades, the moving of files to a cloud-based data centre and the installation of Chromebook internet filtering. It was noted that during the 2020-2021 school year, Prairie Rose Public Schools spent 1.3 million dollars on technology purchases and licensing. The full report can be found in the meeting agenda package.

2022-2023 School Calendar Approval

The board approved the school calendar for the 2022-2023 year. The calendar has a start date for students of August 29, 2022, a mid-week start to the Christmas break, a day for all students and staff to honour Truth and Reconciliation, and the inclusion of two wellness days into the calendar. The approved calendar is available on the Prairie Rose website.

Capital Plan Approval

Chief Financial Officer Ryan Boser shared that Prairie Rose has been granted an extension by Alberta Infrastructure for late submission of the annual Capital Plan, which is usually required by the end of March. The division will be working with Ferrari Westwood Babits Architects to formally revamp the plan to ensure essential school facility needs are represented. The plan will be returned to the board for approval at the April public board meeting.

GP15 Trustee Development

A modification was made to GP15 to allow trustees the choice to attend the Rural Education Symposium or First Nations Metis Education Gathering conference annually as part of their allocated PD budget.

Edwin Parr Nominee – Lisa Dixon – Grade 5 Teacher at Ralston School

Parkside Jr High School Principal announcement

Congratulations to Jonn Baird who has been chosen as the successful candidate for the position of Principal of Parkside Junior High School in Redcliff. Jonn was transferred to Parkside last fall as Acting Principal following the reassignment of Boyd Craven to the Principal position at Eagle Butte High School. In addition to the Acting Principal role at Parkside, Jonn has spent eight years in school administration including seven years as Vice Principal at Eagle Butte and four months in the Acting Principal role at Foremost School.

2022 Preschool Screening Bookings

Prairie Rose Public Schools is now booking preschool screenings for children who are 3 years of age as of December 31, 2022.

As part of the booking process, parents will be asked to complete a short questionnaire and then be taken to our online booking appointment software with a list of locations and available appointment times. Appointments will be 30 minutes in length and each child who attends will receive a special gift package at the end of the screening.