

Board Highlights April 9 2024

Eagle Butte High School Presentation

Eagle Butte High School administration, which included principal Rocheal Howes and vice principals Greg Elgie and Lyall Loran, provided trustees with an overview of the school and programming options. It was shared that school staff have broken out into groups and, during PD days, brainstorm opportunities to enhance learning under the four PRPS education goals of ignite minds, forge futures, kindle hearts and First Nations Métis Inuit. Some examples shared include an upcoming field trip to Blackfoot Crossing, where Treaty 7 was signed, a new team of Mathletes who are headed to Edmonton to compete in a Math competition, Alumni Day, where the school invited several former students to speak to students about their current careers, a collaboration between the STEM class and Elkwater to use drones to geo map a section of land, and regular Spirit Days and events where students celebrate accomplishments and promote Talon pride. It was also noted that the school is projecting an enrollment increase for the 2024-2025 year from 497 to 550 students. This will be the highest enrollment count for the school since it opened in the 1990s.

Executive Report Highlights

The PRPS Executive team attended the Special Areas Advisory Meeting. The Oyen and area revitalization report was provided at the meeting.

Parkside Jr High School will be hosting an open house on April 11th where the public can come and provide input on the design and layout of the school modernization. The event takes place from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Transportation RFP closes on Friday, April 12th at noon. A public tender opening will take place at the office immediately following.

Finance Update

Finance Controller Candice Hintz provided a fiscal update to the board which represents spending and revenues for 60% of the school year, or 50% of the fiscal year. It was shared that PRPS is expecting revenues to come in \$1,263,606 higher than budgeted, while expenses are expected to increase by \$1,326,513. The difference will be an increased overall deficit of \$62,907 from (\$167,381) to (\$230,288).