



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Oct 15, 2019 Board Meeting

- 1. 2019-20 September 30 Student Enrollment Count:** As of September 30, 2019, the WRSD 2019-20 student enrollment count was 4,649 students. This is a reduction of 97 students from our September 30, 2018 enrollment count. In terms of budgeting, we ended up with 42 more full time equivalent students than what we had projected in May, 2019 when preparing our 2019-20 budget. These additional funds are being used to add staffing to schools where class sizes were larger than anticipated.
- 2. Naming the new Drayton Valley replacement school:** As per [AP 541 Naming Of Facilities](#) a committee has been formed to help with the naming of the new elementary school that is scheduled to open in January 2021. This new school is being built to replace the old Evergreen Elementary School that was decommissioned in 2017. The committee consists of 10 members representing administration, staff and parents from each of the Aurora, Eldorado and H.W. Pickup schools. The committee had its first meeting on October 3, 2019 where they developed a process for seeking input from students, staff, parents and community members in Drayton Valley and Brazeau County regarding potential names for the new school. The committee's task will be to review the names that are suggested and then provide a list of 5 - 10 names for the Board to choose from at their December 17 Board meeting.
- 3. Creating Sensory Smart and Trauma Informed Classroom PD Session:** In partnership with CARC, Occupational Therapist Kari Lotzien presented to 45 WRSD staff which included teachers and Educational Assistants. The presentation was both timely and valuable and the feedback was positive.
- 4. Program Unit Funding:** WRSD is now supporting 70 children through PUF. This is an increase of 25 children from this time last year. We believe that this is due to our increased ability to identify children through a collaborative effort of therapists and WRSD staff. We have hired a Family Oriented Program Leader who will organize and support families in transferring therapy goals into the home environment. This program has grown exponentially over the past few years and not only supports many families but also brings in extra revenue to WRSD.
- 5. Microsoft Connected Learning Conference:** WRSD Director of IT, Jaymon Lefebvre and Desktop Management Specialist, Scott Hetherington, presented at Microsoft's national Connected Learning Conference. Both led a presentation on their cutting edge

adoption of Microsoft's Cloud Computing platform Azure. Microsoft followed up with a [write up on their LinkedIn account](#). For those not on LinkedIn - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sgr6xntf9TamDWQ27rj-b2fJiggBa60PmzxF1CQU LRw/edit?usp=sharing>

6. **Meeting with Drayton Valley Town Council:** On October 9, 2019 Board Chair Russ Hickman, Trustee Mae Tryon and WRSD Superintendent of Schools met with the Drayton Valley Town Council and Chief Administrative Officer. This was a very productive meeting in which both organizations were able to discuss future goals and potential projects where we might be able to partner together and add value. We are very excited about this growing partnership.