Clearview Public Schools
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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

December 21, 2023

Towards the Board's focus on moving forward in a positive way, please see the ***Clearview Spotlights*** section on the Clearview web page at www.clearview.ab.ca. We continue to highlight exciting stories about students and staff throughout Clearview on an ongoing basis.

Dates to Remember

January 1, 2024 - New Years Day

January 8, 2024 - Students return from break

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Highlights are provided as general information.

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For further information, please call Board Chair Guy Neitz at 403-741-4367 or Superintendent Scot Leys at 403-742-3331.

Leadership Highlights

- **Board and Committee Activities:** ASBA FGM meeting and trustee school visits are prioritized; the Board of Trustees and Superintendent Scot Leys visited Stettler Elementary and Wm. E Hay Stettler Secondary Campus this month.
- **Staff Leadership Focus:** LLT on Dec 7th included an Investigation Workshop highlighting staff leadership efforts as well as student engagement quality standards. Clearview is prioritizing student engagement within the school and classrooms resulting in quality learning and trusting relationships.
- **Key Events:** The CASS Conference, AERR completion, and Instructional Leadership meetings led by Stu Henry.
- **Strategic Discussions:** Engagements involve discussions on student engagement and strategic budget planning.
- **Operational Meetings**: Routine meetings cover technology, transportation, and school council presentations, emphasizing cost analysis.

Settler Solution Estimate - The Draft of The Stettler School Solution estimate has been forwarded to Clearview. The Stettler Solution involves modernizing Wm. E. Hay Stettler Secondary and Elementary on-site, using a phased approach to minimize disruptions. Clearview has submitted all information to Alberta Education and is hoping for an announcement during the Government's 2024 budget speech.

Bus Evergreening - On November 16, 2023, the Board passed the motion in regards to buying Three 53-Passenger Buses and Two 71-Passenger Buses. Senior Administration, with the Transportation Director, obtained three quotes through an RFP process. The Board approved the purchase of the buses.

Budget Development Plan Draft - Senior Administration seeks Board input on the 2024-25 budget and strategic planning process. The final plan is set for Board approval in January 2024. High-level considerations include enrollment projections due by January 12, 2024, and a Strategy and Budget Engagement meeting on March 14, 2024. Public consultations involve forums, online engagement, and direct conversations with stakeholders. Clearview's operating reserves are projected below Alberta Education's threshold. Clearview's decision-making framework prioritizes student success, ensuring budget decisions align with Clearview's plan, involve all partners, and prioritize fairness. Resources are allocated for optimal student support.

Board Annual Learning Workshop - Date still to be determined. Last year was spent with the Administration talking about the valuable work they were doing, as well as WIGS. This year will be similar, and the plan is to have Administration talk about instructional leadership and some of the successes and challenges they have faced.

Staff Appreciation Week Planning - Acknowledged by Alberta School Councils' Association, urges parents and communities to recognize teachers and staff. The Board of Trustees show gratitude in mid-February by delivering tokens like fruit baskets, treats, and more to schools. In 2024, Staff Appreciation Week is from February 12th to 16th. Trustees will plan their appreciation, considering it coincides with the teachers' convention.

Collection Fees - Schools strive to collect outstanding fees, sending reminders to guardians, noting payment that is required. Policy 28 allows fee waivers for economic hardship. Extracurricular fees require principal recommendations for waivers. Clearview continues to strive to gather all fees owed through use of a collection agency. The minimum amount was increased to compensate for inflation and the financial data around fee collection.