



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Nov 26, 2019 Board Meeting

- 1. First Health & Safety Committee Meeting:** WRSD held its first Health & Safety Committee meeting on November 1, 2019. The committee consists of 4 members representing employees and 4 members representing the employer. The committee also has two division office support members. The co-chairs for the 2019-20 HSC are Julie Andrew (employer chair) and Brent Turner (employee chair). The committee reviewed the Accident Report from September 1 to November 1, 2019. They also reviewed a fire inspection report for one of our schools, the [WRSD HSC Terms of Reference](#), and [Bill 201: Protection of Students with Life-Threatening Allergies Act](#). The committee discussed the possibility of purchasing a [Public School Works](#) account in order to provide online safety training modules for all WRSD staff. The WRSD Occupational Health & Safety Officer informed the committee that between now and the next HSC meeting scheduled for January 24, 2020, he will be visiting with the Health & Safety Liaison from each of our schools to do a safety walk-through of the school.
- 2. Corridor Capital Plan Announcement:** Wild Rose School Division was very pleased to announce the Alberta Government has approved the David Thompson High School Corridor solution - modernization of Condor school, replacement (high school) in Leslieville and closure of David Thompson High School. See [news release](#) for further details. WRSD administration met with Clearwater County administration on November 25, 2019 to discuss this project further. The *Friends of The Corridor Schools Society* have been meeting and developing plans for fundraising in order to enhance these projects. We are waiting to hear back from Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure regarding timelines for the planning phase.
- 3. Drayton Valley Public Meeting:** On November 4, 2019 WRSD held a public meeting in Drayton Valley to discuss the possible closure of Eldorado Elementary School in 2020-21 as well as a capital plan strategy for our Drayton Valley schools given the growing structural issues at H.W. Pickup School. Please see the following link for a summary of this meeting and the feedback from the community: [Summary of Nov 4, 2019 Public Meeting Regarding the Possible Closure of Eldorado Elementary School & Drayton Valley Capital Plan](#). The Board will use this feedback along with data from administration to make a decision on the closure of Eldorado Elementary School at their December 17, 2019 Board meeting and a decision regarding the Drayton Valley capital plan at their March 24, 2020 meeting.

4. **North Umbrella School Council Meeting:** On November 5th, 2019 the Board hosted its North Umbrella School Council meeting. We had representatives from 5 of our 8 schools in the northern part of our division. This was an excellent opportunity for the Board to bring their issues of interest to the parent reps for feedback and for the parent reps to raise their issues of interest with the Board. For further details please see: [Nov 5, 2019 Umbrella School Council Meeting Summary](#). The Board will be hosting a South Umbrella School Council meeting on March 5, 2020 in Rocky Mountain House.
5. **Learning Services Grant:** Repsol Oil & Gas Canada Inc has awarded Wild Rose School Division a \$10,000 Grant for literacy resources with First Nations, Métis and Inuit representation and perspectives. The grant is specifically for schools in the south, but Learning Services has budgeted to match the grant to get the same resources for schools in the north. We will be spending the money to increase our OverDrive digital book subscription (aimed more at the middle and high school readers) and getting guided reading materials for elementary classrooms. We would like to thank Repsol Oil & Gas Canada Inc for their continued support as this is the second time we have received the grant.
6. **Digitization of Cumulative Files:** The Learning Services department has started the process of digitizing all student cumulative files in the school division. The mandate of Alberta Education is to not transfer any paper files between school divisions by September 2020. We are working on transition grades first (eg. Gr. 5 at Locheearn because those files would move to Pioneer), schools with high rates of transition (Outreach) and early grades, as those files are very small. We have purchased two portable scanners that are rotating between schools and are using our own Admin Support staff to digitize files and add them to PASI (Provincial Approach to Student Information). Staff can view the digital files electronically through their Alberta Education log in.