

Trustee Report

Superintendent's Report

First Nations, Metis & Inuit supports: Tentative Dates for Cooking for Reconciliation with Mr. Rich Francis: October 4-5. Our Director of Student Services is currently reconnecting with Elder Theresa Strawberry and the Metis local to discuss possible formats for this event. Consideration will be given to hosting the event at a school rather than the community center. We are confident that things will fall into place, however the planning process evolves slowly and final details may not be confirmed until closer to the event date.

David Thompson High School Modernization update: On August 28, 2017 Clearwater County received a report from a third party geoengineering service provider regarding the DTHS sewage lagoon. The recommendations in this report confirm that the current lagoon must be remediated. Recommendations included building a larger lagoon in a new area on the school site, piping sewage to the Condor sewage lagoon, or the use of above ground sewage containers. Division and County of Clearwater administration met on August 31, 2017 to discuss the pros and cons of each option. It was decided that further information was needed, after which we would meet again sometime during the last week of September, 2017. The Division needs to inform Alberta Education of our decision regarding the DTHS sewage lagoon by December 1, 2017. Actual work on the modernization is expected to begin in the spring of 2018.

Evergreen Elementary School Modernization update: We are still waiting to hear from the Minister of Education if our proposal for a new school rather than a modernization will be approved. If this new proposal is rejected, we will continue to pursue the original modernization plan.

2017-18 School Fee Schedule: On August 31, 2017 all Alberta School Divisions were informed by the Minister of Education that adjustments to previously submitted schools fees as well as any new school fees can be submitted to the Minister throughout the year on a quarterly basis on September 15, November 30, February 28 and/or May 31.

Invitation to Discuss Education Legislation: On September 6 & 7, 2017 representatives from each School Division in Zone 4 were invited to meet with Alberta Education representatives to discuss and advise government on several policy issues and potential amendments to the School Act. These policies included: Age of Access, Common Age of Entry, Education Service Agreements, School Fees and School Transportation. Alberta Education also made presentations regarding their Business Plan and Joint Use Planning Agreements.

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ASBA Public Engagement Nomination

- Drayton Valley School Closure

ASBA Premier's Award for School Board Excellence and Innovation Nomination

- Mental Health and Wellness Program

Enrollment Update

- Down significantly, final numbers will be in on September 30