

Trustee Report – Annette Hubick

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New K-4 Curriculum

The latest draft K-4 curriculum was announced and is available to view online at new.learnalberta.ca.

French Immersion Programming

- Last fall, the board began the process of looking at ways to strengthen the French Immersion Program. Step one was to survey parents of FI students, which provided valuable feedback.
- Following a thorough assessment of all aspects of the program, a decision has been made to continue offering French Immersion in schools where it's currently housed.
- Note: it will likely be a 2-3 year time frame to work through all elements in strengthening French Immersion program. We are only sharing the pieces that have been determined and there will be multiple updates, such as this one, during that course of time. Some of these decisions will be made by the Board and some will be made by the Superintendent. Further engagement may be required as the Board and senior administration work through every element of this review.

Cannabis legalization – October 17

As many of you have already seen, the division sent an email in anticipation of the legalization of Cannabis on October 17th to remind EIPS students and families that the same restrictions in place for tobacco and alcohol use apply to the consumption of cannabis products, meaning **cannabis in any form can't be sold, served or consumed in Division facilities, including schools or on buses.**

2018/19 Enrollment

EIPS serves 17,170 students, which is 23 more than budgeted (meaning it was prudently estimated).

EIPS board meeting

At the next public board meeting, the board will receive the unaudited financial report for the 2017-18 school year. A reminder that the board's meeting package, including these reports, are available on the EIPS website. Highlights are:

- The Division ended the fiscal year with a deficit of \$3.06 million. In June, EIPS projected a \$3.23 million deficit. The resulting favorable variance of \$0.17 million equates to 0.08% of the overall budget.

Expenses by Program	\$	%
Instruction (excluding SGF)	150,751,622	78.3%
Plant Operations & Maintenance	22,733,263	11.9%
Transportation	11,050,204	5.7%
Board and System Administration	6,804,086	3.5%
External Services	1,192,666	0.6%
	\$ 192,531,841	100.0%

- This deficit decreases the Accumulated Surplus to \$20.62 million. The accumulated surplus includes:
 - investment in Board-funded tangible capital assets (\$5.35 million)
 - capital reserves (\$1.35 million).
 - operating reserves (\$13.92 million)
 - \$3.96 million are designated for use by schools (they are allowed to carry forward a maximum of 2% of their annual budget to future years)
 - \$4.04 million Division Allocated Reserves have a balance of; these reserves will be used to fund specific expenses as identified by the Board (e.g., mechanical cooling units, Off to a Good Start program for new to EIPS teachers, costs of the new schools not covered by the Government)
 - Leaving us with \$5.92 million in unallocated reserves (2.96% of the budget) to cover emergent issues, price fluctuations and stabilize funding in the future.

Caregiver Series

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Caregiver Series: Parenting in the 21st Century: Respectful Limit Setting with Adolescents

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: Strathcona County Family & Community Services

Caregiver Series: More than Just a Bad Day: Understanding Depression and Self-Injury

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: St. Andre Bessette School (Fort Sask)