



Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division

Excellence for Every Learner

Board Highlights February 6, 2023

Transportation Accountability Report

As the first half of the school year completes, CFO Jerrold Piborochynski reported to the Board about the Transportation Department for the time period. Piborochynski presented statistics about the number of our routes (106), number route cancellations so far this year (326.5 due to weather), the average ride time (14 minutes for urban riders, and 29 minutes for rural), and the average age of our fleet (7 years). The Board was able to compare this information with the previous 5 years and noted the improvement in the age of our fleet and the number of route cancellations this year. The highlight of Piborochynski's report was the announcement of SRPSD participating in an electric bus pilot project, testing the viability of electric buses in our northern climate.

Provincial Education Plan

The Board reviewed the latest draft of the Provincial Education Plan (PEP). The Ministry has asked the Board to take the plan into consideration and endorse the initial priority actions, and milestones. After careful consideration, the Board has chosen to write an endorsement that is dependent on the Ministry's provision of the additional sufficient, stable, and predictable funding that is necessary to effectively implement the PEP. The Board discussed that, if funding conditions were in place to ensure these actions and milestones can be implemented in rich and meaningful ways, they could endorse the plan.

2023/24 Calendar Approved

The Board has approved the 2023/24 school year calendar. It will be released to the public once it has been approved at the provincial level. The calendar was created using provincial guidelines, and then through a committee that included members from senior administration, teachers, support staff, students and parents. The calendar created by the group balances PLC and convention days to meet the learning needs of teachers and students, and the want from families to have extended time together throughout the year.

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