**Swan Valley School Division**

**Topic: Executive Summary – November 27, 2017 Board Meeting**

**Date: November 28, 2017**

**From: Tim Mendel, Superintendent/CEO**

1. The Board spent a few hours before the Board Meeting discussing the survey results of the Community Meetings. There were 382 responses. The Board had Doug Coulthart, Transportation Supervisor, present at the meeting in order to answer questions about the transportation system and how the system might be affected by each option. The Board will continue to study all the options. It hopes to have a way forward early in the new year. Thanks to all who came to the community meetings and took the time to complete the survey.
2. Doug Coulthart presented his quarterly report to the Board. All departments present quarterly reports to the Board in order to keep the Board apprised of pending issues and to provide relevant information so that the Board can be confident in its oversight function.
3. The Board was informed that a number of meetings have been held to explore possible partnerships and opportunities for the Division to increase its revenue. The public should know that the Board is not only looking at reducing its costs and becoming more efficient; the Board is also pursuing partnerships and exploring options to increase our revenue and enrollment.
4. The Board Chair, Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent reported on a meeting with the RM of Mountain to look at potential repurposing/sharing Birch River School. Good initial discussion. Work will continue to explore what is possible and realistic.
5. The Board was informed that a drug dog visited a number of our schools. The Board wants the public to know that it will not tolerate drugs in schools and it will periodically bring back the dog for further searches. The goal is not to criminalize but to educate and encourage our young people to make healthy and wise choices.
6. The Board was informed that Apple School reps visited the Swan Valley School Division. Two schools have been selected as pilot school sites. Apple School Program is about making healthy life choices. Apple Schools will provide funding to the Division for up to two half time positions. These positions can be teachers. The two schools chosen to pilot are Minitonas Middle and Ecole Swan River South School.

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