



Topic: Executive Summary - Board Meeting
Date: May 11, 2020
From: Jon Zilkey, Superintendent/CEO

1. The Superintendent reported on many positives in the Division, the parade that SVTA is organizing, the work the Town of Swan River is doing with SVRSS for our graduates, and Taylor's video of support for their parents and children.
2. The Board reviewed Policy 14 - Audits.
3. The Vocational/Technology Director, Cam Mateika, gave his annual report to the Board. He talked about the many partnerships SVSD has within our vocational field including the Home Builder's Program, and the Heavy Duty Program, which has been halted due to Covid-19. An overview of each vocational technical area, and the work of the instructors regarding the programming changes in their respective area was given. The Technology Department has been very busy with the change to distance learning at SVSD. The Board talked about the platforms the Division is using with Cam right now, and how that might look in the fall.
4. The Secretary-Treasurer updated the Board on the Disposal of the former Birch River School and Property.
5. The Board discussed the recent Louis Riel Arbitration decision.
6. In regards to Covid-19:
 - a. The Board discussed the technology and student engagement at SVSD. The Technology Director talked about the challenges with technology that exist right now, particularly in our rural areas.
 - b. The Board discussed the challenges that exist for Graduation at SVRSS given the restrictions on gatherings. Similar to other school divisions, SVRSS is going to look at alternative ways to recognize their students.
 - c. The Board discussed that the province may be loosening student access guidelines to allow a few students into the school to get extra support and technology in the future. The document will be released on Friday, May 15. We will primarily focus right now at the high school level.
 - d. The Board discussed edwin and the release this week and next to our grade 6-8 classes.
 - e. The Board discussed the potential changes to access SVSD playgrounds.
 - f. The Board discussed the draft plans for Recovery Learning for SVSD. The Superintendent has met and continues to meet with K-8 and 9-12 admin groups to go over plans in this area. They also discussed common themes among other divisions. The Superintendent reported on different potential options that we need to consider for September.
 - g. The Board talked about the realization of how difficult it is for parents, students and staff right now in sustaining the distance learning, how we must all work to support each other, check on each other, and make connections with our students and parents.