**Trustee Report – LLR School Council**

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**Over the summer**

* Facilities department completed over 200 projects throughout schools, ranging from routine maintenance to school builds, including the installation of air conditioning units in all six portable classrooms at LLR.
* Communications department developed a draft of a new Public Engagement Framework that will enable a systematic, consistent approach for central office and schools in this important work.
* In June, Chair Boymook was elected to vice president of the Alberta School Boards Association
* Attended the sod-turning of the Wye replacement school in Heritage Hills on August 29.

**Back to School**

* August 30, 2018:
  + Trustees cooked and served a “Welcome Back” breakfast for Central office staff.
  + Advocacy Committee meeting – refining drafts of strategic advocacy plans re: education funding and board autonomy. With an election coming this spring, the work of this committee will become even more intensive.
  + Board meeting, the trustees re-elected Trina Boymook as Chair and Heather Wahl as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees.
* I will continue to serve on the Advocacy committee, co-chair the Teacher-Board Consultation Committee and represent trustees on the Partners in Education Foundation
* Davidson Creek Elementary opened on time. Looking forward to its grand opening in October.
* Trustees will continue to serve as liaisons to the same schools as last year.

**Coming up**

* Board retreat September 18-19, where we delve into deeper discussions about some “big picture” issues.
* Public board meeting on September 27, 2018. The board will receive the unaudited financial reports for August 31, 2018 year end. Anyone can attend to observe.
* September 30th is a key date as student enrolment is on that date is used to determine actual funding, therefore impacting the budget we passed in June. We will approve a fall budget based on actual numbers in November.

**FYI: Bussing**

* EIPS Transportation fielded over 1100 calls in the last week of August, resulting in routes being distributed to drivers on Friday, August 31st and calls to riders not taking place until the long weekend.
* Funding and fees
  + Alberta Education provides funding for students who reside over 2.4 km from their designated schools.
  + It does not provide funding for those less than 2.4 km OR those attending a non-designated school, i.e., “school of choice.” These are services that EIPS offers but are not mandated to do so and for which it receives no funding.
  + There is often discussion about the cost of bus fees to families. To give context: the cost of an urban bus route with an 82-passenger capacity is $55,000. Total Payride revenue generated with 82 students registered is $34,000, therefore operating at a shortfall of $21,000 (this does not take into account those who may be eligible for funding or paying additional “choice” fees, but you get the idea.)
  + Transportation is under review by Minister Eggen; he has stated that new regulations will be announced this fall and would take effect for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Parent Information Sessions**

Elk Island Public Schools, Elk Island Catholic Schools, and Family and Community Services are collaborating to offer a series of sessions for parents and students throughout the 2018-19 school year.

**Cannabis 101**

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: Rudolph Hennig Junior High, library

This session is for parents with students in grades 7-12

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

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: Strathcona County Family & Community Services

This session is for parents with students in grades 7-12

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