

BOARD OF TRUSTESS KEY MESSAGES

Following are the Key Messages from the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022.

- 1) Ten Year Facility Plan/Three Year Capital Plan The Board of Trustees approved the updated Livingstone Range School Division Ten Year Facilities Plan and Three Year Capital Plan. The plans first priority will be the Community of Nanton, modernization of J.T. Foster and A.B. Daley Schools, second priority is the modernization of Livingstone School, third priority is the Community of Pincher Creek, modernization of Canyon and Matthew Halton Schools. The plan will be submitted to Alberta education April 1, 2022.
- 2) Edwin Parr Nomination The Edwin Parr Award honours outstanding first-year teachers in Alberta. School boards across the province nominate one exceptional candidate for the award to their Alberta School Boards Association zone committee each year. As the 2021-22 LRSD nominee, we congratulate, Ben Paskal, a first-year teacher at Granum and F.P. Walshe schools. For more information on our LRSD nomination please click <u>here</u>.
- **3)** First Nations, Metis and Inuit & Innovation in First Nations Education Mr. Richard Feller, Associate Superintendent, Human & Learning Services provided the Board of Trustees with an update of the work being accomplished throughout the division. In commitment to his work in Truth and Reconciliation and the importance of the Blackfoot language, Mr. Feller, introduced himself by his given Blackfoot name, given to him by Elder Peter Weasel Moccasin. A short Blackfoot language lesson was given which included the following:
 - a) English Hello, how are you? Blackfoot Oki, tsanitapi?
 - b) Possible replies:
 - i) English good Blackfoot sokapi
 - ii)
 English really good
 Blackfoot ittsokapi

 iii)
 English really good
 Diackfoot ittsokapi
 - iii) English not well Blackfoot Matssokapi

LRSD has had professional learning such as: Day on the Land with Elders Morris and Betty Ann Little Wolf; Connection Through Story with Sean Lessard; Shelly Moore: Building; Inclusion and Equity in Schools; Collaborative Response with Jigsaw Learning; Indigenous Numeracy Day with Sharon Meyer; Traditional Games with Ty Provost and Justin Zoteman; and Historical and Sacred Sites tour with Elder Joe Eagle Tail Feathers. LRSD is working in partnership with Actua's National Indigenous Youth in STEM (InSTEM), to host a Land Based Camp. Currently LRSD has a pilot project taking place with MHHS students that is aligned with school based ELW to attract more students.

The division has: a) commissioned 10 Blackfoot Language books by Jason Eagle Speaker; b) Supported Elders in Residence; c) Hosted the Legacy of Hope Exhibit (Killing the Indian in the Child: Generations Lost and Peter

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Henderson Bryce: A Man of Conscience); d) Supported the work of Dr. Massie and Dr. Schwartzenberger in schools around the areas of Trauma and Relationship.

Livingstone Range School Division truly believes in every student, every day. As quoted by Lisa McCullough, BC SD#48, (Sea to Sky): "Elders would say to me, what's good for our children is good for all children. When you focus on those most vulnerable people whoever they are, wherever you work, wherever your responsibilities are, the strategies that you employ to support them end up being universally available to everybody."