



2008-2009 Board Budget Estimates Approved

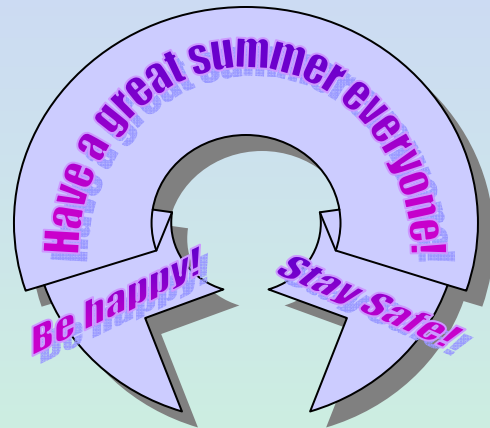
Superintendent of Business Bruce Rousseau reviewed the 2008-2009 Board Estimates in relation to the ministry's release of Grants for Student Needs (GSN) 2008-2009. The GSN outlined several important changes in funding for elementary and secondary education, notably:

- ◆ Full Implementation of enhancements announced August 2007
- ◆ Support for Safe Schools
- ◆ Facilitated provincial discussions with union groups.

The board estimates comply with the ministry's enveloping and accountability requirements and expenditures do not exceed the estimated revenues. Input from the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), school councils and the trustees of Superior-Greenstone DSB was incorporated in this year's submission.

Included in the budget submission are:

- ◆ Enrolment estimates of 1,936.00 (Elementary 849.00 and Secondary 1087.00).
- ◆ Elementary Teaching staff of 66.0 F.T.E. including:
 - * 8.90 Special Education / Early Intervention
 - * 7.10 French / Planning Time
 - * 2.75 Administration
 - * 47.25 Instructional Teachers.
- ◆ Secondary Teaching Staff of 91.50 F.T.E. including:
 - * 5.00 Student Success and Video Conferencing
 - * 5.00 Special Education
 - * 5.00 Guidance
 - * 0.83 Alternate Education / Credit Recovery
 - * 1.00 OYAP
 - * 1.67 Administration
 - * 2.50 Other Programming
 - * 70.50 classroom teachers).
- ◆ Awaiting Department of Indian Affairs approval for Educational Assistants covered by Tuition Agreements.
- ◆ School renewal allocation totals \$998,170 to cover the items outlined in the 5 year capital forecast.
- ◆ Implementing the Data Administrator position as a permanent assignment,
- ◆ A \$50,000 Winning Teams central account to assist in travel costs outside the region.
- ◆ Retirement Gratuity payments funded from the reserve set up for this purpose.



Date Changes for Summer Board Meetings

The Board carried a motion to cancel the Regular Board Meeting on July 21, 2008. As well, in consideration of other ministry meetings in August the Board rescheduled its Regular Board meeting to Monday, August 25, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

New Student Trustees Appointed

Three new Student Trustees were appointed to the Board for the period of August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009. They are Lisa Marszowski of Geraldton Composite HS, Kayla Richardson of Marathon HS and Kayla Kjellman of Nipigon-Red Rock DHS. The group will be sworn into office on Monday, August 25, 2008.

Director of Education Patti Pella extended her thanks to outgoing students, Lenay Hunking of Geraldton Composite HS and Stacey Whent of Nipigon-Red Rock DHS. She noted that their leadership was instrumental in the process of selecting the new trustees as they reviewed student applications from the five area high school students and conducted interviews to determine applicant recommendations to the Board. As well, she said thanked Ms. Hunking and Whent for the valuable student perspective each had contributed at board meetings and trustee work sessions throughout the year.

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