

Community Consultation



October 26, 2017 7:00 p.m.

Carman Collegiate

November 2, 2017 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Collegiate

Purpose of the Consultation

To gather information from stakeholders (students, parents, staff, the community and businesses) on big picture issues before making decisions about the budget.

FOCUSED DISCUSSION

In small groups, please respond to the general questions listed below. Your comments will be recorded by a trustee or division administrator for later review by the Board.

Your group will be asked to share the highlights of your conversation with the whole group.

Individuals who have thoughts on other issues are invited to bring them to the Board's attention by completing the feedback sheet (due November 10, 2017) which has been provided or by accessing the website at; <http://www.prsdmb.ca>

Questions:

1. In February 2017, the provincial government announced an increase in funding for public education of 1.5%. When taking into account the provincial funding formula for Prairie Rose School Division, this actually resulted in a decrease of 2% in funding for 2017-18.

A. If Prairie Rose School Division was faced with another decrease in funding in the upcoming year, what would your priorities be? What adjustments or reductions would you consider? (Example: support for arts programs, sports programs, field trips, high school course options)

B. If you had to choose between increased taxation, or cutting programs/services, where do you stand?

C. In the past 4 years Prairie Rose School Division has invested and strengthened areas such as technology, facilities, numeracy, literacy, and student supports. What areas do you believe need to be strengthened or enhanced in Prairie Rose?





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The 2017-2018 Division Budget

Operating Expenses	\$31,549,688
Transfers to Capital	\$ 236,450
Total	\$31,313,238

Comparison to Other Manitoba Divisions

Pupil Teacher Ratios

All Teachers	
Prairie Rose	14.9
Prov. Average	16.7
Highest in MB	18.6 (Garden Valley SD)
Lowest in MB	13.3 (Turtle River SD)

Operating Expenses (per student)

	<u>2016/17</u>	<u>2017/18</u>
Prairie Rose	\$13,733	\$14,008
MB Average	\$13,016	\$13,187
Highest in MB (Frontier)	\$20,463	\$20,879
Lowest in MB (Hanover)	\$10,835	\$10,941

The Mill Rate

2016	11.6 Mills
2017	12.4 Mills

The Division's mill rate is the 9th lowest in the province.

The Board has supported:

- Enhanced student and family supports (Social Workers and Guidance Counsellors)
- Division wide technology plan
- Numeracy and literacy enhancements
- Building renewal
- Career Counsellors



Priorities

- Literacy Improvement K-12
- Numeracy Improvement K-12
- Celebration of Academic, Athletic, School and Community Service and Fine and Performing Arts Successes and Diversity
- Promotion of Student and Staff Health and Well Being
- Building a Cohesive and Connected Divisional Culture

