

## **School District 57**

### **March update**

**Rachael Weber**

**Board Chair**

### **Leadership changes**

Cindy Heitman is no longer working for SD57. Her last day was Friday March 10, 2023. Pam Spooner has accepted the role of Acting Superintendent while a Canada wide search will happen for a permanent Superintendent. We are happy to welcome Pam Spooner who is well known to the district with over 28 years of experience and was in the position of Indigenous Assistant Superintendent before stepping into her current role. We have full confidence in her and with the amazing staff we have in all our schools to continue moving forward with the districts strategic plan and supporting all students.

I would like to acknowledge the uncertainty that comes with change, the board is committed to working collaboratively with the Acting Superintendent, district staff, teachers, students, families, Rights Holders, and communities as we navigate the future.

I know you will join me in welcoming Pam to this new role and to working with her to strengthen all relationships.

### **Spring Break update**

SD 57 is currently on a well-deserved 2-week spring break. Many of our staff will continue to work during the break. Our facilities and technology staff will be working hard during this time to address building needs, the custodial staff will work hard to give the schools a polish and the HR and Finance staff will continue to make sure the personnel and financial operations continue.

In addition, this spring break, we are welcoming back the RCMP Youth Academy which requires staff supervise students and we have some camps running for kids. Without the support of the staff, so many opportunities would not happen.

During our first week of March, we added 7 more people to the SD 57 team. Hiring has slowed down, but we are consistently working daily to bring more people into the organization.

### **Next public board meeting and location**

Our next Public Board meeting is Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup> in McBride- As per our bylaws which state every other year, we hold a public board meeting in one of our rural communities. Last April we were in Mackenzie. If this changes, we will notify the public on our website accordingly.

### **Dates to consider for April**

SD 57 Easter break will be from Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> to Monday April 10<sup>th</sup>.

A non-instructional day will also take place Friday April 28<sup>th</sup>.