

March 9 2023 School Council Report

Things are going well at school. Attendance has continued to improve with less student and staff absenteeism. Many of the deficiencies of the new build have been addressed with just a few items remaining.

One of our big goals this year has been to increase the amount one on one time and/or small group time each teacher gets to spend with individual students. The focus has been on having teachers provide targeted instruction to meet the needs of different levels of learning in their classrooms. This has been achieved through creative timetabling and through the use of station based learning centers. Most teachers have attended learning sessions to support them in developing targeted intervention practices into their daily classrooms.

I am very proud of the hard work all all teachers and support staff who continually go above and beyond to make learning fun and interesting. This includes taking the time and energy to plan hands-on learning activities, special events and project-based learning rather than traditional “sit and get” learning.

The government has provided money for “learning loss” due to covid for the past 2 years. The division received money based on student results in grades 1-4. An EA hired through the division has been doing short 6 week programs to maximize targeted instruction.

Our school has happily opened our doors to several groups of Education students from Red Deer Polytechnic who have been doing classroom observations and supporting students in small groups. So far we have hosted 15 students. We also hosted a basketball tournament and WRSD trustees for their last regular board meeting.

Next week we are excited to have Telus World of Science presenting virtual learning through their Earth Heroes program.

Mrs. McCurrach is excited to be able to host the book fair on the 21, 22, and 23.