



Following are the Board of Trustees Key Messages from the Board Meeting held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016.

1) *Preliminary Enrollment*

Preliminary enrollment numbers as of September 9, 2016 are up 92.5 FTE (2.78%) from projected numbers. Factors which contribute to a higher enrollment are, 1) Jumbo Valley Colony School start-up, 2) International Students, and 3) Home studies. Official numbers will be taken at September 30, 2016.

2) *Board of Trustees supports the Fort Macleod Aquaponics Greenhouse Project.*

Linda Gonnet and Rob Charchun presented information on a community initiative to build an Aquaponics Greenhouse in Fort Macleod. This project embraces an "entrepreneurial spirit". It is designed to be collaborative; citizens of Fort Macleod, the School Division and the Town all have roles to play. It is geared toward enhancing opportunities for young people as well as the community at large. There are many advantages to building this structure: 1) the facility will provide an innovative learning environment; 2) Students will have opportunities to grow, harvest, prepare and serve produce grown in the greenhouse; 3) Students will have opportunities for Work Experience and Green Certification; 4) Students will observe responsible environmental practices such as passive solar heat storage, solar panel energy production and water conservation strategies through Aquaponic growing and rainwater recapture. Additionally, the committee hopes this to be a community gathering place; opportunities for workshops, meetings and maybe even coffee are intended.

3) The first *Regional Parent Council* of the 2016-17 school year will be held on October 17, 2016.