

Board Development Topic: Understanding Colony Schools

Date of Board Meeting:

March 30, 2023

Strategic Priority:

- High Quality Teaching and Learning
- Engagement of All Students, Families, and Communities
- Effective Policy and Procedures
- Healthy, Sustainable Physical & Social Environments

Quality Indicator(s):

- **QI 1.1** Facilitating environments where students feel a sense of belonging and have high levels of intellectual engagement.

Information for the Board (10 fast facts):

1. Colony Locations in GSSD
 - Clarion Colony- Bear Stream School (located 10 Km south and east of Kamsack.)
 - Enrollment: 9 students in grades 1, 3, 3, 7, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12.
 - Hofer Colony School - (located 6 Km west and south of Norquay.)
 - Enrollment: 8 students in grades K, 1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 6.
 - Silver Stream School - (Located 49 Km south and west of Yorkton)
 - Enrollment: 8 students in grades K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9.
2. The Hutterite Colonies have access to technology with a ratio of 1-1. Each Principal/teacher closely monitors technology usage.
3. Each physical school is supplied by the Colony, and GSSD provides the Principal/teacher.
4. The Colony oversees their own facilities and maintenance.
5. Students at Bear Stream have graduation opportunities for both male and female students.
6. Students are able to graduate by accessing GSSD DLS courses.
7. Silver Stream Colony allows students to exit school in grade 9, dependent on their birthdate.
8. GSSD offers professional service providers as needed such as:
 - School Counsellor
 - Speech Language Pathologist
 - Occupational Therapist
 - Educational Psychologist
9. Instrumental music is not permitted but singing acapella/choir is allowed.
10. The Colonies follow the Saskatchewan Curriculum outcomes except for teaching dinosaurs and evolution. Field trips outside of the Colony are allowed with permission granted from the Colony boss.

Respectfully submitted,

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