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MEMORANDUM

Date: 01 March 2011
To: Board of Trustees
From: Tim Monds, Superintendent
Originator: Kelly Wilkins, Deputy Superintendent
Subject: 2012 Alberta Winter Games Report

Recommendation

That the Board of Trustees receives as information the 2012 Alberta Winter Games Report as presented at its Regular meeting 01 March 2011.

Background

The 2012 Alberta Winter Games are coming to Stony Plain, Spruce Grove and Parkland County February 9-12, 2012. The 2012 Alberta Winter Games celebrate the achievements of youth in sport and culture. More than 2,800 athletes, coaches, officials, and performers will participate in the Games, competing in a variety of sports in and around the tri municipal region. These Games provide the opportunity for many of Canada's future elite athletes to enjoy their first taste of competition at a provincial level.

In addition to the sports component, the Games also feature a celebration of culture, which will enable visitors and residents to experience local and Alberta cultures through a variety of performing and visual arts events and activities. The Games is a great opportunity to showcase our community to family, friends and sports/culture enthusiasts from across the province.

Parkland School Division is a proud supporter of the Alberta 2012 Winter Games. As a responsible and enthusiastic partner, Parkland School Division will take an active role in promoting and supporting the Games that will be hosted in our community during February 2012.

Administration would be pleased to respond to questions.

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*Presented to Board of Trustees, 01 March 2011
Kelly Wilkins, Deputy Superintendent*

The Tri-Municipal area will play host to the 2012 Alberta Winter Games, February 9-12, 2012. Parkland School Division sees this as a wonderful opportunity to promote healthy, active lifestyles and meaningful community involvement and to model those foundational values that are the cornerstone of our learning organization.

Trustees, members of Senior Administration and Managers attended the Friends of the 2012 Winter Games Wine and Cheese Reception at the Best Western Hotel in Stony Plain on the evening of January 19, 2011. Superintendent Tim Monds and Associate Superintendent Claire Jonsson were present at the official Opening of the Games Office – February 9, 2011.

The Transportation and Facilities Departments of Parkland School Division have been in communication with Games organizers for some time as they cooperate in planning accommodation and transportation strategies for athletes, officials and volunteers.

The Games Office has a direct communication channel to our schools through the Principals' offices. We anticipate a number of excellent opportunities will be presented to our students over the course of the next year. Games representatives plan to share a Winter Games update at a future Board Meeting.

Games organizers are planning for mascot visits to the schools, student contests and a host of activities that teachers may use to integrate the 2012 Winter Games with curricular objectives. It is hoped that teachers will capitalize on this local event so that students will benefit with a rich and meaningful experience.

Parkland School Division is taking an active role as a community partner in supporting the Games and in preparing for students and schools to be engaged in many aspects of the Games.