Ashoro Delegation Presents Gift to WRPS
The City of Wetaskiwin and the Town of Ashoro, Hokkaido, Japan have been twinned since 1990. Both municipalities share the sincere desire that the twinning will contribute to the development of the two regions. The twinning of Wetaskiwin and Ashoro involves individuals, schools, businesses, service clubs, civic, cultural and recreational organizations and strengthens bonds between cultures, and promotes co-operation by fostering friendly relations between two regions. Recent delegates from Ashoro presented Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools with a gift of a framed Japanese Calligraphy.

Rosebrier School Property Disposal
The Board was apprised of the recent developments regarding the sale of the Rosebrier School property. The Rosebrier School was closed effective June 29, 2012, and in investigating the possible sale of the property several issues arose. There are three separate land titles on file for the Rosebrier property, one that has a municipal reserve registered against it and the other that has a school reserve registered against it. Cooperation between the County of Wetaskiwin will be required in order to remove the reserves registered against the two land titles as well it has become evident that there are access and encroachment issues for an adjoining property which will need to be addressed before the properties can be sold. Administration will discuss options with the interested parties and continue to work with the County of Wetaskiwin to see if property lines could be adjusted in such a way that the access and encroachment issues are solved.

Board Enters Town of Millet Land Use Agreement
The Board of Trustees agreed to a Joint Land Use Agreement which allows Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools to take over complete care and control of the property on the southwest side of the school for public parking usage. This agreement will provide handicap parking access with easy access to the handicap ramp presently on the south side of the Millet School.

Pipestone School Sanitary Sewer Update
Submissions for the installation of a new Waste Water System upgrade at the Pipestone Elementary School were received. Five contractors picked up tender packages but only two submitted bids by the tender closure time on September 19, 2014. Preliminary cost estimates in July indicated that a Waste Water System for Pipestone Elementary would be $123,000.00 - $139,000.00 however the tenders received were $199,000.00 and $230,000.000 which is substantially higher than originally anticipated.

Lakedell School Gymnasium Restoration Project
The Lakedell School gymnasium floor is being replaced due to a sewer line break under the gymnasium floor which occurred in June of 2014. In order to safely restore the gymnasium the entire gymnasium floor was removed, and the soil below was sprayed with an antibacterial spray to eliminate any form of protein containing materials and then covered with a plastic membrane sheet to seal the crawlspace dirt floor. The previous hardwood gymnasium floor will be replaced with a cushion vinyl gymnasium floor material, a satisfactory product for an elementary school. Upon removal of the flooring system it was determined that the previous air ducts located within the gym crawl space providing air supplies to the gym had to be removed and will be replaced with new materials in overhead locations within the open ceiling space of the gymnasium. During the process of running new overhead ducting back to the main distribution location it was noted that not only did flooring materials within the upper northeast storage room contain some asbestos content, but also an asbestos floor leveling compound was tested and determined to contain asbestos content as well. In order to install the required ducting through the floor a full asbestos abatement will need to be conducted in the upper northeast storage room to remove these materials. This will be done in the near future by a professional asbestos abatement firm. During abatement activities another firm will be on site to conduct and monitor air qualities both in and out of the containment area.

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