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Continued and steady growth has resulted in Western School Division requesting additional space from PSFB. By January 31<sup>st</sup> the division was required to make it's modular (portable) classroom request for this fall. With surging enrollment moving from early years to middle years, the division has requested the construction of 3 additional classrooms on the northwest corner of Morden Collegiate in lieu of more portables. If approved, students from École Morden Middle School would occupy several classrooms at the south end of Morden Collegiate. Projections for next fall have EMMS expecting its largest enrollment ever at 580+ students with a class of 156 Grade 5's moving in. This number will grow each of the coming years.

*A request was made to Public Schools Finance Board for additional space for fall of 2018.*

Other hi-lites from the meeting included:

Andrew Volk reported on a number of activities from Minnewasta School including the Artist in the Schools program and school planning. Trustees received very positive feedback from schools about the recent Student Leadership Forum they hosted. Early Kindergarten registrations for next fall project next year's Kindergarten cohort to exceed this years, which is currently WSD's largest ever at 163 students. Trustees reviewed the recent Funding of Schools Announcement and invite the public to their Budget Exhibition on February 28<sup>th</sup> at Morden Collegiate. Over the next few weeks the Board will be deliberating on budget additions and deletions to meet expectations of the Funding of Schools announcement. Secretary-Treasurer Pedersen shared the Year to Date Financial Report covering the period up to the end of January. The Board reviewed all student presentations through the Board Idea Challenge. A media release in regards to successful projects will be released in the near future. Information on a very successful vocational trades camp for Gr. 8 students hosted by RRTVA was shared.

