

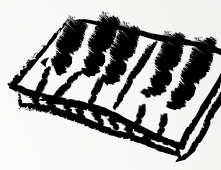
# Slave Lake Community Engagement Session

On Wednesday, May 10th, High Prairie School Division met with staff, parents, and community members to host a community engagement session. The facilitated session sought answers to 3 questions on improving education in Slave Lake. Those questions and their respective answers will be used to shape decisions made at schools in Slave Lake.

## Q1

**How can schools and community work together to address social issues such as bullying and drug use? Are our current wellness programs meeting the needs of our students and community?**

Stakeholders would like to see more relationship building between the school, students, parents, and community members. They would like to see parental involvement in school activities, where possible. They would like to see continued partnerships with organizations to promote healthy school communities. Stakeholders would like to learn more about the HPSD wellness team and the current/future initiatives that are planned to reduce bullying behaviour and address drug use. They would like to see continued mindfulness and wellness activities embedded throughout the day. Lastly, stakeholders would like to see continued communication regarding the current wellness initiatives in schools and public service announcement style campaigns on social issues.



## Q2

**What programming is needed in our Slave Lake schools to increase student knowledge, skills, and assets to be prepared for the workplace/careers in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? What skills do our students need to be happy, productive community members and citizens?**

Stakeholders would like to see more partnerships with the business community to allow for more career shadowing opportunities to job shadow. They would like to see the CALM class provide more training to prepare them for the workplace including effective communication and social skills. They would like to see past students come in and speak to their experiences in post-secondary and the workforce. They would also like to see basic transferable skills like problem solving, punctuality, commitment and follow-through, and digital literacy emphasized.



## Q3

**How do we ensure our schools are welcoming to all of our parents/students?**

Stakeholders and parents suggested schools continue to respect and bring awareness to the diverse cultures of students in our schools. As well, they would like to see our schools continue to maintain a welcoming and inviting environment. They would like to continue to have parental involvement at the school. Stakeholders appreciate the flexible seating options and would like to see those expanded to more classrooms. Stakeholders appreciate the commitment to respecting and sharing the rich and diverse cultures that make up the school community; they would like to see this sharing and respect continue. Lastly, stakeholders would like to hear more from the school and its school council regarding the great work they are doing to improve education for all.



Thank you to everyone for providing valuable input on these key questions. Your answers will shape future education decisions at schools in Slave Lake and in High Prairie School Division.

