

Board News

October 18, 2017

Our Board of Trustees is comprised of Brenda Rosadiuk, *Chair*, Joan Zaporosky, *Vice Chair*, Ellen Aust, Shirley Caputo, Ken Fate, Fiona Fowler and Dale Karpluk

Welcome to our new Board of Trustees!



- Trustees held their annual organizational meeting prior to the start of today's Public Board meeting. Incumbent Brenda Rosadiuk was re-elected as board chair for the 2017-18 school year and incumbent Joan Zaporosky was also re-elected to the vice chair position. During the meeting, trustees also re-established their committee assignments for the upcoming year.
- The board approved up to \$6,800 towards assisting expenses for members of the new Superintendent's Youth Council to attend a student engagement session in Edmonton *Student Voice 2017* with the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta. GYPSD fully supports Alberta Education's belief that student voice plays a critical role in shaping every level of the education system and the educational experience. The Superintendent's Youth Council will allow high school students to build positive working relationships with others across the division, lead by example in their schools, provide valuable input on education initia-

tives and participate in leadership opportunities. As part of their fiscal responsibilities as trustees, the board also received a report on the last six years of financial support that has been forwarded to assist various student initiatives and events.

- A detailed update from transportation services included information on the current student ridership, number of ineligible students currently being transported, waiting lists and ride times. Grande Yellowhead has 2,599 students registered on 53 school bus routes with ineligible riders equalling 9% of the total ridership, or 287 students. This week is School Bus Safety Week and Chair Rosadiuk thanked all GYPSD drivers who work hard to ensure that our students arrive safe to school.
- A number of facility maintenance projects will have the green light this year including the installation of new LED lighting in some gymnasiums, painting, and partial heating and ventilation upgrades. For the 2017-18 school year, Grande Yellowhead received their annual Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal funding in the amount of \$1.7 million. An amount for the replacement of flooring and roofing plus a contingency fund are also included in the department's expenditure plan for the current year.
- Trustees discussed the possible financial impacts to schools and the possible reduction of learning opportunities as a result of the province's announcement of a 45 credit cap for high schools. The 45 credit cap may impede the ability of boards to generate revenue from summer school, alternative/enhanced learning, and dual credit opportunities to offset operating expenses as schools will not receive any funding over and above the limit. Trustees will be bringing this concern forward for further discussion with other school boards at the provincial level.

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