

April 3, 2019

- Trustees approved the transfer of the junior high program (Grades 7-9) at Wildwood School to Grand Trunk High School in Evansburg, effective the 2019/2020 school year.
- The bi-annual Council of School Councils' meeting will be held on May 23, 2019, at Parkland Composite High School in Edson. The board hosts this meeting with representatives from each school council, the board of trustees, school administrators, and members from central office administration, to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to learn more about the division's operations and contribute to long term planning.
- The board affirmed a request for a student memorial plaque from a local Edson family at École Westhaven School.
- A new joint public/school library agreement for Grande Cache between the board and the Municipal District of Greenview was approved.
- Trustees were pleased to learn that the Division is on track to achieve its financial target that was set out in the 2018/19 budget.
- A report on the MHCBC (Mental Health Capacity Building In Schools Initiative) and B.E.S.T (Bringing Empowered Students Together) were presented. The B.E.S.T project promotes positive mental health initiatives in schools and community based on identified needs.
- Superintendent Carolyn Lewis shared highlights from the Superintendent's Youth Council's activities and leadership initiatives. Engagement in educational issues and working collaboratively with each other allow students to serve as leaders in their schools, engage their peers in conversations, and lead change through action projects. Students from all five high schools and from the Learning Connection serve on the current council.
- Trustees provided individual reports on their attendance throughout the region at various stakeholder meetings and school events.
- Hinton Trustees Ellen Aust and Shirley Caputo attended Hinton school council meetings which included topics on school breakfast programs, recruitment of host families for international students in local high schools, and GYPSD's new junior kindergarten and playschool programs. They also joined local Chamber members for a presentation from Big Horn Mining.
- Trustee Caputo also encouraged local Interagency representatives to share information about the division's pilot calendar survey, and community engagement sessions on the Three-Year Education Plan.
- Jasper Trustee Dale Karpluk shared information from the last ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting which included highlights from a presentation on the new concept-based curriculum from Alberta Education.
- Edson Trustees Fiona Fowler and Joan Zaporosky enjoyed student drama presentations at both Fulham School and Mary Bergeron Elementary (MBE). They were also present when MBE choir students sang to local seniors after presenting them with a fundraising cheque of over \$1,300 towards new furniture from the school's recent bake sales.
- Grande Cache Trustee Ken Fate shared that the MD of Greenview has been actively assisting the Grande Cache Chamber of Commerce to recruit new members.
- Board Chair, Brenda Rosadiuk, met with local community members in her ward to discuss the transition of Wildwood Junior High students to Grand Trunk Jr./Sr. High School. She also spoke to the upcoming election and commended ASBA for their recent release of election resources for school boards.
- Superintendent Lewis provided an update on her current work, and how it aligns with the Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard and Board Policy 12 - Role of the Superintendent. She spoke to the many initiatives focused on student learning and building teacher and leader capacity. She also welcomed John Beaton, as the division's acting Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, and recognized K. Shipka, as acting Deputy Superintendent.

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