OUR VISION



Our school division endeavours to provide each student with the opportunity to fulfill their potential and pursue their dreams.

OUR MISSION

We nurture each student's education and well-being within an inclusive rural learning community.



Key Messages: May 5, 2021

District Priority 1: Student Learning

- ✓ The Board received a report from Managing Director of Learning Services Carra Aschenmeier, describing the Division's working and advisory groups teams of volunteer teachers and principals who take the lead on a variety of student learning initiatives, from curriculum review and implementation, to assessment and reporting practices, in support of student growth and achievement throughout GYPSD.
- ✓ <u>Summer School 2021</u> is taking registrations and provides a great opportunity for secondary students to free up room in their timetables for other courses during the school year!
- ✓ Preparation for 2021-2022 is underway. Families have received their returning student verification notices. CAMPUS GYPSD offers flexible and personalized distance learning in the new <u>Hāpara</u> Online Learning platform. GYPSD is proud to be an official provincial provider of <u>Home Education</u> and specialized options – such as the <u>Christian Learning</u> program pilot.

District Priority 2: Teaching and Leadership Excellence

- ✓ Board Chair Rosadiuk acknowledged

 <u>Education Week</u> and the great

 programming and learning experiences

 provided throughout GYPSD, applauding
 the "incredible teachers in our Division
 who step up and say, "YES TO KIDS!"
- ✓ Highlights from Superintendent Lewis'
 Report include:
- Meeting with teachers in the Teacher Advisory Group (TAG);
- Planning and Prep for Central Office and District PD;
- Interviews and Hiring of Staff: <u>Director of Inclusive Learning</u>, <u>École Pine Grove Middle School</u>, <u>Parkland Composite High School</u>;
- Meetings with representatives from Alberta Education and the College of Alberta School Superintendents;
- Preparation of the 2021-2022 Division Budget, one-on-one principal meetings, Anti-bullying and Mental Health support;
- Preparation for <u>Alberta Education's</u> Assurance Report;
- Attendance at the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards' Annual Spring Meeting;
- Policy Committee Meeting;
- Review of the Draft K-6 Curriculum.

District Priority 3: Community Engagement

- ✓ Board Chair Rosadiuk, Vice Chair Zaporosky,
 Trustees Fate, Karpluk, Aust, Caputo and Fowler are
 committed to leading advocacy for strong public
 education, building collaborative relationships and
 developing solution-focused partnerships to ensure
 success for GYPSD students and community.

 Highlights include:
- ✓ Board Chair Rosadiuk acknowledged the Board's deep appreciation for the Division's bus drivers and their role in ensuring safe, caring, welcoming and respectful environments on the bus while also transporting students safely to school and back, May 3rd being Bus Driver Appreciation Day. She also acknowledged the importance of reaching out for support and stamping out stigma highlighted during Mental Health Awareness Week.
- ✓ Attendance at the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards' Annual Spring Meeting.
- ✓ Board Chair Rosaduik shared correspondence from:
 - St Albert Public Schools
 - Minister LaGrange re: <u>access to vaccinations</u> for Education staff
 - The Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA)
- ✓ The Board of Trustees passed motions to:
 - Approve the Division's 2021-2022 Budget Allocation Method
 - Approve the new location of the Grande Cache TLC
 - Approve a FAQ on the <u>modernization process at</u> <u>Grand Trunk</u> in Evansburg as approved by Alberta Infrastructure