

Board NEWS

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

May 8, 2019

- Trustees approved the tender results for the almost \$500,000 heating and ventilation upgrade at Summitview School in Grande Cache, subject to approval from Alberta Infrastructure. This is the final phase of a multi-year project to replace the entire system.
- The board was pleased to provide a letter of support for their continued collaboration with the Jasper Local Immigration Partnership (LIP). LIPs re a community-wide, multi-sector partnership that works to increase collaboration between settlement agencies, and smooths the experience for newcomers at both the school and community levels.
- A detailed summary report from the feedback for the five community engagement sessions on the current Three-Year Plan was summarized by Deputy Superintendent, K. Shipka. Trustees will review the report in more detail at their next Board Retreat, and schools will use the collected input to align their own community engagement sessions in the fall around their school continuous improvement plans.
- Trustees ratified the school bus route contract for the three years from 2018/2019 to 2020/2021 with the Yellowhead Bus Contractors Association. The division has nine school bus contractors currently operating 19 bus routes.
- The Alberta School Boards Association's (ASBA) spring general meeting is from June 3-4, 2019, where trustees will support for the ASBA bylaw amendment proposal to establish that the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards (RCASB) be established as Zone 10 of the ASBA. Initially established in 2015 to discuss rural transportation issues, the RCSAB expanded their scope in 2016 to include mental health and funding. In 2017, the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards was formalized and represents over 40 rural school boards.
- Trustees shared information and highlights from activities around the division including their volunteer events for Education Week, monthly school councils meetings, and a meeting with representatives from the Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA). In addition,
 - Hinton: Trustee S. Caputo enjoyed two theatre and rock band performances at École Mountain View and at the Yellowhead Regional Arts Festival. Trustee Aust spoke with new West Yellowhead MLA, M. Long, at a chamber of commerce event.
 - Jasper: Trustee Karpluk went to a recent Alberta School Councils' Association conference, and

- shared information from her recent attendance at the ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting as the board's representative.
- Grande Cache: Trustee Fate participated in the selection process for a new assistant principal at Grande Cache Community High School.
- Edson: Both Trustee Fowler and Zaporosky attended the Bus Driver Appreciation Lunch at the Education Services Centre on May 6, 2019. They also congratulated the Edson schools on their booth showcase at the Edson and District Trade Show.
- Lobstick: Board Chair B. Rosadiuk noted her participation on a recent selection process for an assistant principal for Grand Trunk High School. The recent fundraiser for Evansview School, the Grouch's Ball, was another successful venture. She also appreciated the meeting with the PSBAA members where the board enjoyed some thoughtful discussions on board advocacy and collaboration strategies.
- Superintendent C. Lewis provided a Superintendent's Update which included key topics of interest from the annual Principals' Retreat in Edmonton. Held over two days, the retreat focused on strategic planning, instructional leadership and effective instructional walkthroughs, moving forward with literacy practices, budget insights, and the sharing of various learning and curriculum updates. A common report card for K-Grade 12, school community and stakeholder engagement sessions, and a focus on effective assessment practices are some of the upcoming priorities for the 2019/2020 school year.

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Due to an unexpected power outage at the Education Services Centre, Mary Bergeron Elementary graciously hosted today's Public Board Meeting.