

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: August 25, 2021

District Priority 1:  
Student Learning

- ✓ Board Chair Rosadiuk welcomed everyone back for the new school year, and shared her excitement that students will be [returning to in-school learning](#), following the Health Best Practices recommended by the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Minister of Education.
- ✓ CAMPUS GYPSD provides a range of alternative, innovative and flexible program options for students and families – including distance learning through our [Learn-at-Home](#) option that offers [online](#) and/or print-based resources, hybrid programming (a blend of in-class and online), specialized courses for high school students, and [Home Education](#) – with enrichment opportunities for local families.
- ✓ Superintendent Lewis shared the local measures GYPSD staff used to capture student learning in June, and how similar [assessments](#) will be used in early September to identify students' strengths and areas for focus. These tools provide teachers with each student's baseline in reading and mathematics, which is used to inform targeted and purposeful instruction.

District Priority 2:  
Teaching and Leadership Excellence

- ✓ After attending the [Alberta International Airshow](#) on August 21<sup>st</sup>, Chair Rosadiuk arranged to meet with [MLA Shane Getson](#) on September 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss the possibility of launching an Aviation program for high school students at Parkland Composite High School in Edson.
- ✓ The Board received a report from the Recognition of Staff [Committee](#), chaired by Hinton Trustee Ellen Aust. During *Kick Off 2021*, GYPSD employees and 2021 Retirees will be recognized for their long service and contribution to excellent teaching and learning in GYPSD.
- ✓ The Board received a report from Managing Director of Learning Services Carra Aschenmeier about the exciting professional learning sessions GYPSD staff will attend during the annual [Kick Off](#) event on September 1<sup>st</sup>, featuring Keynotes from [Dr. Greg Wells](#) and [Mr. Kevin Cameron](#).
- ✓ Secretary-Treasurer Nicholson presented a report on the unfunded [services](#) provided by the Transportation Department and the upcoming work led by the Board Policy Committee to review boundary areas.
- ✓ Superintendent Lewis shared this year's leadership text – [Leading the High Energy Culture](#) by renowned leadership coach David Casullo – and agenda for the first DLT (Division Leadership Team) meeting of the Division's principals and assistant principals on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

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 shared correspondence from:
    - Minister of Education about Alberta Health Services' COVID-19 [In-School Vaccination plan](#) and a recent announcement to [support Parent Engagement](#) through the Alberta School Council Grant. Resources for parents are available on the [Alberta School Councils of Alberta](#) (ASCA) website.
  - ✓ The Board of Trustees passed motions to:
    - Approve the Board's annual [Self-Evaluation](#)
    - Approve the Superintendent's annual [Evaluation](#) and updated contract addendum
    - Approve the Board's Borrowing Resolution
    - Approve the Board's [COVID-19 Health and Safety Mandates](#) for the 2021 Return to School
  - ✓ The Board received a Modernization Report on the September 16<sup>th</sup> Vision and Design meeting regarding the amalgamation and modernization project at [Grand Trunk High School](#). The Board will also be hosting a potential partner/sponsorship meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> to support their fundraising goals for a second gym.
  - ✓ Trustee attendance and participation at the [PSBA Council Meeting](#), August 11 – 13<sup>th</sup>.