

# Board News

April 4, 2018

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

- Trustees approved funding to a maximum up to \$1,500 per year for a maximum total of \$4,500 over the next three years in support of the partnership with Yellowhead County in the installation of commemorative signs at one-room schoolhouse locations throughout the division. Over the last three years, GYPSD and the County have installed 23 signs through this initiative.
- Information on the division's Program Unit Funding (PUF) for the current school year was provided to the board. Funding is provided to school authorities for Early Childhood Services (ECS) children with severe disabilities/delays who require additional supports beyond those offered in a regular ECS program. Eligible children between the ages of 2.5 and 6 (by September 1) can access the funding for up to three years. As of February 1, 2018, 75 children had applied for PUF in comparison to 63 for the previous year.
- A review of transportation services' budget up to March 31, 2018, noted that expenditures to date are within targetted projections for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Corey Halabi, Director of Transportation Services, noted that the division has twenty parent provided transportation contracts for the current school year. Provincial guidelines have provided school jurisdictions with options such as Parent Provided Transportation Contracts for the transport of eligible students when:
  - ~ school bus service is not available, or in situations where hazardous conditions prevent the school bus from safely accessing travel to the student residence
  - ~ students require additional transportation supports, or
  - ~ students who reside in areas not accessible by a school bus.
- Superintendent Lewis discussed an update in regards to the recently released provincial Budget 2018, and how it relates to the 2018 Education Budget and its possible impacts on school jurisdictions.
- The board will be forwarding a letter to Honourable S. Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, requesting funding from the new Renewable Energy for School Program, for the installation of solar panels at Mary Bergeron Elementary School in Edson.
- The next Public Board Meeting is on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 10am and will be held in the library at Jasper Junior /Senior High School in Jasper. The public are welcome to attend.

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