

Board News

Dec. 14, 2016

Our Board of Trustees is comprised of Brenda Rosadiuk, *Chair*, Joan Zaporosky, *Vice Chair*, Shirley Caputo, Betsy DeClercq, Carol DeMong, Ken Fate, and John Stitzenberger

Capital Projects Update

Facility Services provided their regular updates to the Board on two current capital projects in the division: the modernization project for Grande Cache Community High School (GCCHS) and the replacement school in Edson.

GCCHS: Masonry and structural steel work is now completed. The gym roof installation is completed and exterior cladding work has started. The mechanical installations have begun on the mezzanine with the mechanical equipment lifted into place. The gym and gathering area concrete slabs are to be poured after the Christmas break.

Edson: The foundation has been water proofed and backfilled, block work installation is continuing on the gymnasium and steel installation start this month.

Other News in Brief

- Trustees approved an amendment to the transfer of funds to operating and capital reserves for the completion of the Audited Financial Statement for the year ending August 31, 2016. After a detailed presentation from Juha Karén, Assistant Superintendent - Business Services, the accepted Statement will now be forwarded to the Minister of Education as directed.
- School councils' provided their individual Annual Report which included an outline of their goals and objectives over the past year to the Board of Trustees at today's meeting.
- Sandy Axmann, Supervisor of Learning Services, spoke about the various initiatives and events that are part of the division's very successful First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) programming. GYPSD's goals continue to be focused on improving high school completion rates, successful transition rates, and raising achievement levels for FNMI students by implementing strong foundational research and strength based

programming, forming community partnerships and engaging parents.

- The 2016-19 Learning Services Action Plan was presented to trustees which outlines the department's inclusive educational goals and objectives for the upcoming three years. Please visit <http://www.gypsd.ca/Learning%20Services.php> to read the full plan.

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See you in 2017!

