

# Board News

February 21, 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 the budgeting principles for the 2018-2019 Budget. These principles form the basis for the budgeting process, and for the board to consider when following fiscal management guidelines. The approval of these principles also ensures that the board operates in a transparent and consistent manner, and that the appropriate allocation of resources is aligned to the identified priorities of the division and province. Trustee Shirley Caputo noted, “The principles align well with our board’s number one focus in making decisions that meet our students’ needs.”
- Amendments to Policy 18 - School Calendar were approved at today’s meeting to align wording under section 1.3 with proper naming conventions, and to include the addition of section 1.3 that allows for the option of a one year pilot calendar if desired by the board.
- This year’s Thoughtexchange process included excellent feedback from almost 300 parents and 200 staff members during the surveys completed from November 20 to December 1, 2017. The thoughts shared will be used to help the division strategically plan to address the identified areas for improvement, and continue with those that are creating successful, positive, and all-inclusive learning environments. Participants shared their answers to the following three questions:
  - “What do you think could be improved about your child’s education?”
  - “What are some positive things about your child’s education?”
  - “Share an example of a time when you felt that your child (or a child you know of) was successful at school?”
- A report on the division’s 2017-2018 application for transportation funding was provided to trustees. The report summarized the statistics from the application including number of students transported this year as well as those students requiring additional supports and resources. Maintaining current student information in the system optimizes the division’s access to available funding that ensures all students’ needs are met; either riding on division buses, or transported by the parent. GYPSD’s priority is to provide a safe, efficient transportation service with trained, caring individuals who are committed to all students’ well-being.
- Trustees shared information from the various events they attended on behalf of the board and Grande Yellowhead Public School Division.

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