

# Board News

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## Moving Forward with Learning Partnerships

Grande Yellowhead is pleased to be a partner with Grande Prairie Regional College and Shell Canada Inc., in providing the Dual Credit Program throughout the division. The Program offers high school students the opportunity to enroll in first year college level courses while still attending high school - receiving 'dual credits' towards their high school diploma and credits for first year college courses. Although the cost of books is up to each student to cover, the balance of the tuition costs are covered by the division upon completion of the course. The Program began in January of 2015 and the number of dual credit options available to students continue to increase: for the Fall of 2016, Cree Language, Introduction to Native Studies, Vet Terminology, Business Administration, Aboriginal Administration Diploma, Parts Technician are just a few of the exciting new sessions being offered. Students interested in learning more about the Dual Credit Program can visit [www.gypsd.ca](http://www.gypsd.ca) under Students, Dual Credit Program.

vided transportation agreements are for those students not able to access the school bus due to mobility or severe needs, or are living in areas where school bus service is not available.

- As part of monitoring finances for the division, trustees went over a report on school allocations and expenditures to date as well as projections on those schools who may be in surplus or deficit positions by year-end. The Board has clearly indicated that school resources are to continue to be allocated to students that are currently in school which is evident in the Board's redistribution of those resources when they become available.
- Technology in the digital classroom continues to thrive across the division as noted in the report presented on the expansion and range of course delivery options and program enhancement sessions that take place in GYPSD classrooms on a daily basis.

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## OTHER News in Brief

- Business Services gave a detailed presentation on the proposed 2016-17 Budget Allocation Model and Assumptions that trustees subsequently approved in order to move forward with the development of the 2016-17 Budget which will include a \$640,000 deficit. Ed Latka, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services also cautioned the Board that two significant uncertainties exist which may affect the current proposed Budget: the Provincial Budget will not be announced until April 14<sup>th</sup> and the current collective agreement between the division and the Alberta Teachers' Association expires on August 31, 2016, which is being negotiated provincially as well as locally.
- The Board received a summary report on the number of students using parent provided transportation services to get to school over the last seven years. Parent-pro-

