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Welcome back to another great school year at Grande Yellowhead Public School Division!



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Board News

The Board of Trustees approved the *2015-16 Schedule for Superintendent's and Monitoring Reports* that will take place over the upcoming year. This document enables the Board to monitor and receive information on the activities related to the division's *Annual Education Plan* and any significant initiatives the division is involved in. Reports also include all aspect of governance issues for the Board to address including status of maintenance projects, enrollment projections, program highlights, transportation updates and budget approval processes.

An amendment to *Policy 21 - Professional Growth of Support Staff* was approved to expense the use of private accommodation during approved professional growth activities which mirrors similar expenses approved under *Policy 20 - Professional Growth of Teachers*. *Policy 21* was also amended to approve support staff's attendance at a second conference, if applicable.

Trustees agreed to provide funding for transportation and up to \$1,400 towards a healthy lunch for all participants for the Building Assets Together Team's annual "Imagine" Conference for all grade 6 students in Hinton on November 18th. This is the seventh year that the Board has proudly supported this important conference for youth that focuses each year on a few of the 40 developmental assets which provide the building blocks for positive youth development known to help youth grow up to be healthy, caring and responsible citizens.

After a review of interested stakeholder applications in June, two members of the public were appointed to the division's Audit Committee, Mr. G. Malcom Goldie and Ms. Keri Mitchell. Under the proposed new *Education Act*, the Board shall establish an audit committee to recommend external auditors to the Board and review the annual financial statements and report to the Board. Although the *Education Act* has now been delayed for another year, GYPSD's Board determined that the process to establish an audit committee that was started last spring should be finalized.

Trustees authorized a line of credit up to \$400,000 for the 2015-16 school year which may address any possible short-term cash shortages that may occur in the current fiscal year. This borrowing resolution is done annually and is in accordance with *Sec. 183(1)* of the *School Act*.

Administrative Procedure 486 was amended to reflect the current roles and responsibilities of Learning Services' Supervisors for Technology, Inclusive Learning and Curriculum and First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI).

A total of 93 employees will be receiving continuous long service awards from five years up to 35 years at the upcoming 2015 Welcome Back events being held across the division next week. The Board is proud to recognize these hard working individuals for their sincere dedication and commitment to youth in assisting them in achieving their educational goals.