

Board News

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Capital Projects Update

Facility Services updated the Board on two current capital projects in the division: the modernization project for Grande Cache Community High School (GCCHS) and Mary Bergeron Elementary, the new K-5 replacement school in Edson.

Grande Cache:

The final work is being completed on the full modernization project at Grande Cache Community High School! Exterior work is mostly completed with the construction area now cleaned up and new sod was installed over the summer months. The project was approved by the Province in January of 2014, and after the last three years of hard work, the community is very pleased with their modernized building which also houses their new community/ school library.

Edson:

Construction work on the new replacement school in Edson has been full steam ahead over the summer months in order to open the doors to students and staff in time for the beginning of the 2017-18 school year. Interior work on the classrooms and administration area is almost complete. The gym and learning commons are scheduled for completion in late September/ October and the playground is scheduled to start installation on August 28th. The furniture and equipment from both Evergreen and A.H. Dakin schools are being moved this week. The facility's exterior paneling and stucco work was started last week, and the parking lot and drop off loop is scheduled to be completed before the start of school. The school will be open to the public for registration on Monday, August 28th. A public open house and tour of the new school will be scheduled once the construction is complete, approximately late October.

Other News in Brief

- During the 2016-17 school year, the local RCMP detachment in Edson piloted a School Resource Officer program in Edson schools aimed to bridge the gap between the youth and the RCMP. For the pilot year, the project was fully funded under the Community Policing Agreement, reducing the number of officers serving the community and allocating that officer to the school program. Due to the pilot's success, Staff Sergeant P. King approached members of the community to seek supports to continue the program. The Town of Edson, Grande Yellowhead Public School Division and Living Waters Catholic Schools were invited to collaboratively fund the program moving forward which is approximately \$107,000. The Board approved a one-time financial contribution of \$30,000 to support the continuation of the program for the upcoming school year.
- Trustees approved the 2017-18 Schedule of Superintendent and Monitoring Reports which outlines when information on the division's various initiatives and results is brought forward for discussion throughout the year.
- As per Policy 19 - Staff Recognition, the Board was very pleased to learn that a total of 88 staff will be receiving continuous long service awards at this year's Welcome Back staff events. Celebrated annually throughout the division in the communities of Wildwood, Edson, Hinton, Grande Cache and Jasper, staff service awards are recognized in increments of 5 years - congratulations to all this year's recipients!
- Amendments to Policy 21 - Professional Growth of Support Staff were approved at today's meeting as per the recommendations brought forward from the C.U.P.E. Professional Growth Committee.

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