

December 12, 2018

## ► Governance in Action

Amendments to Board Policies one, two and eight were approved at December's meeting based on recommendations from the Board's policy committee.

### *Other Key Notes of Interest*

- Trustees were pleased to provide a letter of support to the Jasper Community Team Society, who is applying for mental health funding under a Family and Community Safety Grant. The board believes that education and the health and well-being of community members and families are shared responsibilities, and welcomes the collaboration, engagement and empowerment of all their stakeholders to inspire all students to achieve and be successful.
- James Trodden, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Learning and Programming, provided highlights from this year's Indigenous Teacher Camp that was held October 24 to 26, 2018, at the Palisades Stewardship Education Centre in Jasper National Park. The camp was held in partnership with the Palisades, Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium and Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD). Forty-five people attended the camp including three Elders from neighbouring communities.
- Brenda Rosadiuk, Board Chair, and Carolyn Lewis, Superintendent of Schools, shared highlights from their attendance at the [Thought Leaders Forum on Environmental and Energy Education and Sustainability](#) in Edmonton on November 30, 2018. Superintendent Lewis was invited to speak at the forum where she highlighted the many

GYPSD environmental initiatives to the 165 participants, which included Education Minister David Eggen, superintendents, trustees, Indigenous leaders, student leaders and teachers, as well as representatives of government, non-government organizations, and industry.

- Upcoming Christmas activities and school concert dates were shared at today's meeting with the month winding down for the holiday break. A full schedule of events can be found on the division's website under [December School News](#).

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*GYPSD's Board of Trustees offers everyone holiday blessings and well wishes over the Christmas break. Schools close as of Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> and resume on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Happy holidays!!*