

Board News

June 19, 2019

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

- On June 19, 2019, the GYPSD Board held their organizational meeting. As part of the special meeting, the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2019/20 school year were selected. B. Rosadiuk, trustee from the Lobstick zone, was re-elected as Board Chair, and J. Zaporosky, trustee from Edson, was also re-elected as Vice-Chair. Trustees also appointed representatives to board committees as identified in Board [Policies 8](#) and [9](#).
- The Board regularly reviews all division policies to ensure alignment with current legislation, regulations, and government policies. [Policy 19 - Recognition of Staff](#), [Policy 17 - Student Transportation Services](#), and [Policy 17 - Appendix A](#), were amended. Please see the separate [release](#) for changes to student transportation services for the 2019/20 school year, upon ministerial approval.
- School instructional times for the 2019/20 school year were shared with trustees.
- The board's annual [Communications Plan](#) was approved.
- C. Wang, Secretary Treasurer, reported on the division's financial results as of May 31, 2019, as well as projections for the year ending August 31, 2019. The Division is on track to achieve its financial target that was set out in its annual budget.
- The Board also approved the 2019/20 School Year Budget and School Fees Schedule. The upcoming budget is projecting a \$1.2 million deficit due to expected declining enrolment, and the uncertainty of government funding at this time. Please view the separate [release](#) on the 2019/20 Budget for more information.
- Trustees approved the 2019/20 schedule of board meeting dates. Please note that this is the last Public Board meeting before breaking for the summer; the first meeting of the new school year for the Board is August 21, 2019.
- Trustees shared information and highlights about their governance and advocacy on behalf of the division as they recently attended the Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA) Spring General Meeting, Rural Caucus, and the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Spring General Meeting. In addition, trustees

discussed their visits to schools, end of the year school celebrations and graduation ceremonies. The Board also voiced their appreciation of the outstanding teaching and learning they observed in their recent school visits to Jasper and Grande Cache schools.

- Superintendent C. Lewis provided key updates addressing how she is meeting the competencies in the Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard. In addition, the superintendent discussed how rural school boards may be affected by changes to the Funding Framework. The superintendent shared that she too was in attendance at PSBAA, Rural Caucus, ASBA and school walk throughs in Jasper and Grande Cache. The superintendent also discussed her work with principals and assistant principals as well as the strategic planning taking place in preparation for the upcoming school year. Furthermore, the superintendent was honored to share that she has been invited by the College of Alberta School Superintendents to facilitate the summer Superintendent Leadership Quality Standards certification.

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Trustees proudly hold their personal plaques created by high school students in Jasper.