

April 2019 Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board for April 2019 took place in the Fairview Education Center Board Room on Tuesday, April 16, 2019. In attendance at this month's meeting were Lois Smandych, Chairperson, Bob Simpson, Vice-Chairperson, Trustees Jade Anderson, Chris Balyski, Gord Gendur, Jaime Johnson, Shannon Leson, Jan Morrison, Florence Stachura, Assistant to the Director Heather Morris, Director of Education/CEO Quintin Robertson, Chief Financial Officer Keith Gervais and Deputy Director of Education Donna Kriger.



Accountability Report

Facilities Presentation

Director of Education/CEO Quintin Robertson led the Board of Education through a Facilities Report focussing on the Preventative Maintenance Renewal Plan (PMR), which is to be reviewed annually. Each year, school divisions are to prepare a PMR plan in advance of the budget, proposing projects needing attention for three years in the future.

Examples of projects to be included in the Good Spirit School Division plan are:

- a. Architectural – roofs, building envelope, life safety, interior structure, accessibility
- b. Mechanical - HVAC, plumbing, fire suppression
- c. Electrical – lighting upgrades, specialty items such as power doors, primary and secondary electrical systems
- d. Site – retaining walls, drainage
- e. Environmental - asbestos

Funding for the PMR plan is distributed to school divisions annually within the Provincial Budget. There is conditionality associated with PMR and thus the funds are restricted for use only for approved plan projects, preventing the funds from being reallocated to other budget lines. School Divisions are allowed to accumulate and be used in future years as long as the projects fit the approved criteria. GSSD has seen an increase in PMR funding in the 2019-20 budget year.

Priority was given to improving student learning environments and ensuring that schools are safe and healthy within the GSSD plan. The Facilities department establishes a baseline to be used as a comparative tool in order to prioritize which projects would be recommended.

To view the Facilities Report in its entirety, visit the GSSD website > Board > Board Meetings > 2019 04 16 Regular Board Meeting > [Facilities Accountability Report - PMR Plan](#).

Board Advocacy Session

The Board of Education hosted a high school student senate with students from Langenburg Central School, Norquay School, and Melville Comprehensive School in attendance. The purpose of the senate was to engage the voices of students and to celebrate the diversity of GSSD students and schools. The Board will also use feedback from the senate to improve the “student experience” in our GSSD Schools. The student senate enables youth within the Good Spirit School Division to be empowered as “change agents”.



Director's Report

Board Development – Understanding Apprenticeship Credits

Donna Kriger, Deputy Director of Education, shared the work currently underway across the division to ensure high school students, are provided with the opportunity to acquire Apprenticeship Credits to satisfy the Practical and Applied Arts or elective requirements toward their graduation status. Kriger highlighted the work of Valerie Gendreau who is responsible for promoting this opportunity across Good Spirit as well as tracking and following up with students and the journey person whom they are working with. Gendreau has developed an excellent assessment process that has made the criteria for achieving Apprenticeship Credits very transparent for both students and staff.

Kriger shared celebrations regarding the number of credits achieved, the internal process improvements made and the excellent work of Gendreau throughout the 2018-19 school year. Kriger indicated that the availability of Apprenticeship Credits would continue to be promoted for students across the division into the next school year.

To read more about Understanding Apprenticeship Credits, click [here](#).

Music Monday

Quintin Robertson shared information regarding Music Monday, which is an annual initiative that brings together thousands of students, musicians, parents and community members across the country to celebrate the power of music in our lives, on the same day. The event is always held during the first Monday in May.

Robertson shared that Music Monday provides all students, especially those in rural programs, the opportunity to perform within a larger ensemble. He indicated that the event will promote the Good Spirit School Division and music within our community and province as well as it will allow students the opportunity to recognize the value of music as a life-long source of enjoyment and personal fulfilment. In hosting this event, all 1150 GSSD students, who are enrolled in band will perform together in this wonderful opportunity. In addition to GSSD hosting this event, other Music Monday events will occur in Victoria, Edmonton, Brandon, Toronto, North Bay, Ottawa, Montreal, Dartmouth, and St. John's.

Financial Report

CFO, Keith Gervais, updated the Board of Education regarding the most recent Financial Statement for the Good Spirit School Division. Gervais reported that the school division is on track for a balanced budget in the 2018-19 school year.

Transportation Report

Robertson shared data with the Board of Education, related to bus routes and cancellations. Below is some of the information brought forth to the Board during the April 16, 2019 meeting.

Statistical Information:

Total Students Transported	2790	2279 Rural, 411 Urban
Number of Rural Routes	98	
Number of Urban Routes	6	5 in Yorkton, 1 in Melville
Number of Unfilled Routes	0	
Number of Cancellations	see below	
Average age of bus Fleet	2012 (6 years old)	2002 (oldest) 2019(newest)
Capacity utilized on bus (average)	BusPlanner - 56%; Actual -77%	
Average one-way ride time (minutes)	40 minutes	

Route Cancellations:

Month	Mechanical	Weather	Medical	Personal	Other	Total
January	6	136	.5	2	1	145.5
February	5.5	118.5	2	1	1	127
March	1	0	1.5	0	0	2.5

MySchoolSask

Donna Kriger updated the Board on the progress of the Student Data Information System which is set to be launched across the province, in the fall of 2019. Kriger shared the work being done across the school division and highlighted the work of Assistant to the Director, Heather Morris, Digital Learning Coach, Michelle Morley, Network Coordinator, Shawn Kostiuik and Database Administrators/Programmers, Jhonnette Derkatch and Kishan Malaviya. Though there have been some significant challenges with the provincial system to date, Kriger assured the Board that the Good Spirit team involved in the project is doing exceptional work to ensure a smooth transition within GSSD schools.

Upcoming Important Dates

April 29	Provincial Education Engagement, MCS Cafeteria, 6:30-8:30 pm
May 8	Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day
May 16	Regular Board Meeting, 10 am – 5 pm
May 22	Senator Pamela Wallin presentation to the Esterhazy High School Grade 7 & 8 classes
May 30	Special Board Meeting, 1 -5 pm
June 6-7	Public Section General Meeting and PD – Travelodge Hotel, Regina
June 8	Calder School Barbeque
June 10	North Cluster Regional SCC Symposium, Preeceville School, 7 pm
June 11	GSSD Show Case Track Meet, Century Field, Yorkton, 10 am – 3 pm
June 12	Alternate date for the GSSD Show Case Track Meet
June 13	South Cluster Regional SCC Symposium, Esterhazy High School, 7 pm
June 17	Central Cluster Regional SCC Symposium, Columbia School, 7 pm
June 20	Regular Board Meeting
June 20	Retirement Banquet, Gallagher Centre
August 28	Board & CEO/Director Evaluation, 9 am – 4 pm
August 28	Special Board Meeting, 4-4:30 pm
August 29	Regular Board Meeting, 10 am – 5 pm

Next Board Meeting: May 16, 2019, 10 am – 5
Location: Fairview Education Board Room

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Submissions & Feedback

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