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**Good Spirit School Division Elects Board Chair and Vice-Chair**

The Board of Education of the Good Spirit School Division held their Organizational Meeting at the Fairview Education Centre on Thursday, November 6, 2014. At the meeting, the Board elected the chair and vice-chair as well as various subcommittee members for the upcoming year. Details will be posted on the website shortly indicating all committee member representation.

Mrs. Lois Smandych was elected as chairperson with Mrs. DJ Cairns elected to the position of vice-chairperson. DJ joined the Good Spirit School Division in the fall of 2009 and Lois has been involved in various roles on boards over the years including Yorkdale rural, Yorkton Regional High School, York, and Good Spirit School Divisions.

The Board of Education is comprised of:

- Bryan Cottenie (Subdivision #1-Kamsack/Norquay);
- Christopher Balyski (Subdivision #2-Preeceville/Sturgis);
- Shannon Leson (Subdivision #3-Canora/Invermay);
- Florence Stachura (Subdivision #4-Rhein/Springside);
- Lois Smandych (Subdivision #5-Bredenbury/Churchbridge/Langenburg);
- Bob Simpson (Subdivision #6-Melville/Grayson);
- DJ Cairns (Subdivision #7-Esterhazy/Stockholm);
- Gordon Gendur, Richard Haacke and Bonnie Rushowick (Yorkton-At-Large); and,
- Gilda Dokuchie (Subdivision #11-Key First Nation Reserve).

The Good Spirit School Division would like to acknowledge outgoing chairperson Mr. Bryan Cottenie for his dedication to the senior ranks on the board. Bryan has held the positions of vice-chair or chair (for the past 2 years) since school division amalgamation in 2006.

At the organizational meeting, the Board of Education passed a motion to continue to hold regularly scheduled meetings on the third Thursday of every month with the first scheduled meeting being held Thursday, November 27, 2014. The meeting this month is one week later than normal due to attendance of board members and senior administration at the upcoming provincial Joint Conference in Saskatoon November 17, 18 & 19. This same week sees them attending the Saskatchewan School Boards Association Annual General Meeting.

For further information, contact Mr. Dwayne Reeve, Director of Education at 306-786-5500.

The Good Spirit School Division provides education opportunities to more than 6,000 students operating 28 schools in 17 communities throughout East Central Saskatchewan. Caring for children in a supportive environment is as important as offering excellence in educational programming. Our public schools value belonging, respect, responsibility, learning and nurturing by ensuring "Students Come First". Visit us at [www.gssd.ca](http://www.gssd.ca); contact 306-786-5500 or 1-866-390-0773.

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