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GSSD Board of Education Discontinues Fort Livingstone School Review

At its regular board meeting of Thursday, December 18, 2014, the Good Spirit School Division Board of Education discussed the Fort Livingstone School review and, in particular, a motion that the Fort Livingstone School Community Council presented. Further to the board motion passed in October 2014, the school is currently part of the school review process to determine viability of future operations.

“The School Community Council put in a lot of thought and consideration to the future of their school in Pelly,” states Lois Smandych, Board Chair. “We sincerely appreciate their efforts in working with staff, parents and community members to discuss options as part of the school review process.”

Fort Livingstone School has been identified for review of future school viability based upon the criteria established in Board Policy 17 and *The Education Act, 1995*. Numerous criteria such as enrolment figures, location, transportation considerations, grade configuration, staffing, operational costs, facility standards, program offerings, and extra-curricular activities are considered before a school is placed under review. Essentially, the process examines complete closure or grade discontinuance in a facility.

At the conclusion of in-committee discussions, the Board members passed a motion accepting the recommendation of the FLS SCC for grades 9 to 12 to be discontinued at Fort Livingstone effective the 2015-2016 school year and that the students be integrated into the Norquay School student population. In addition, the SCC also included as part of their motion the fact that, if grade discontinuance instead of full closure is chosen, that no review would be conducted for up to 3 years providing student enrolment does not drop below 40 students Kindergarten to Grade 8.

“As a board, we were impressed with the amount of time and effort these parents have put into their discussions and we are extremely happy we were able to reach what looks to be the best decision for all involved. Going forward, next steps by Administration include work on transition planning focusing on student need. We want to ensure that this is handled with the needs of students at the forefront,” acknowledged Smandych.

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