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GSSD Board of Education to Undertake School Review

At its Special Board meeting of Thursday, October 6, 2016 the Good Spirit School Division Board of Education passed a motion to undertake the school review process at Fort Livingstone School in Pelly.

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.

“The school review process is not undertaken lightly by our Board members,” states Lois Smandych, Board Chair. “Two years ago, in consultation with the School Community Council, a recommendation was accepted that would see high school grades 9 to 12 discontinued at the school and those students now attend Norquay School. As the current Kindergarten to Grade 8 facility has an enrolment of under 51 students, the school falls under the criteria for future viability. There are many factors to consider and we want to make sure we do a thorough job of taking everything into account. This a very important process that sees honest discussions in the next step of reviewing information and ensuring we have all of the facts.”

At the same meeting, the Board of Education passed a second motion for the establishment of a Review Committee. Committee representatives will be identified by October 30, 2016.

“As a public entity, we take our role very seriously; the local community will be consulted as part of the decision making process. Through the Review Committee, we will have key discussions towards ensuring the best educational opportunities for students, today and in the future, is a reality,” declared Smandych.

For further information, contact Mr. Quintin Robertson, Director of Education, at 306-786-5500.

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