

FROM THE BOARD

Highlights of the GSSD Board of Education Monthly Meeting

April 2018

April 2018 Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board for April 2018 took place in the Fairview Education Center Board Room on Thursday, April 19, 2018. In attendance at this month's meeting were Lois Smandych, Chairperson, Bob Simpson, Vice-Chairperson, Trustees Jade Anderson, Jaime Johnson, Shannon Leson, Chris Balyski, Gilda Dokuchie, Gord Gendur, Jan Morrison, Florence Stachura, Senior Executive Assistant, Heather Morris, Director of Education, Quintin Robertson, Chief Financial Officer, Keith Gervais, and Deputy Director of Education, Donna Kriger. Board Member(s) absent: Steve Variyan.



The meeting was called to order at 10 am by Board Chair, Lois Smandych. Meeting norms were reviewed and the minutes from the March 15, 2018 Board Meeting were approved as shared.

Closed Session Discussions

Transportation Committee Review

Director/CEO Robertson and Vice Chairperson, Bob Simpson, discussed boundary concerns that exist in the Langenburg/Calder area within the Good Spirit School Division. Further investigation and attention will be dedicated to this concern with commitment from the Board to bring it back to the May Board meeting.

Budget Overview

Director/CEO Robertson led the Board through the implications of the 2018-19 Provincial Budget. Robertson highlighted the impact the budget will have on such things as Governance,

Administration, Instruction, Plant Operation and Maintenance, Complementary Services, Transportation, Tuition, Debt Repayment, and PMR.

Board of Education Advocacy Session

The Board of Education hosted a high school student senate from across the school division. 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”.



Accountability Report – Preventative Maintenance Renewal

Teresa Korol, Assistant Superintendent of Business Administration, presented an Accountability Report on the Preventative Maintenance Renewal Plan (PMR) for the Good Spirit School Division. The plan highlighted proposed maintenance projects, to be completed over the next three years.

Korol identified that projects include upgrades to Architectural components such as roofs and building envelopes, as well as to mechanical, electrical, environmental and site components. Funding for such projects is identified within the Provincial Budget and the funds are restricted for approved project plans. Just over 1.8M dollars were allocated to PMR funding within Good Spirit for the 2018-19 budget year.

Facilities Update

Board Policy 2 identifies that the Board of Education has a responsibility to not only approve budgets, but to ensure that the resources are allocated in a manner that allows the Division to achieve desired results. Likewise, the Board has the responsibility to approve the Preventative Maintenance and Renewal plan for the Division. To assist in their decision-making, the Board frequently requests facility reports that highlight the work completed and work still needing to be done in each of the schools within the division.

During the April 19th Board meeting, Teresa Korol chose to highlight the following work:

Canora Composite School

The Canora Composite School is a grade 5 to 12 facility located 30 minutes north of Yorkton. Korol led the Board through a virtual walkthrough of the school, highlighting some of the recent upgrades which have taken place in this school.



Macdonald School

Macdonald school, a Kindergarten to Grade 9 facility, is located in the community of Stockholm. Korol acknowledged that many of the upgrades made at this school have occurred in the outdoor learning environments, which the school has worked hard to provide for its students.



Action Items

Student Discipline Committee Recommendations

The Board of Education reviewed and upheld the decisions made by the Student Discipline Committee during their hearings, which occurred since the last Board of Education meeting held on March 15, 2018.

Award of Tenders

The Board of Education approved the award of tenders related to the following projects occurring within Good Spirit:

1. Anne Portnuff Theatre Seats Tender – awarded to Logan Stevens Construction
2. Norquay School Roof Tender – awarded to Clark Roofing Ltd.
3. Saltcoats School Roof Tender – awarded to Clark Roofing Ltd.
4. Bus Camera Purchase Tender – awarded to Gatekeeper
5. Bus Purchase Tender – awarded to Warner Industries

Old Business

Century Field Signage

The Board of Education approved signage to be placed at Century Field acknowledging the donation by Northstar Seed which allowed upgrades to be made on the playing surface of the grass field.

New Business

Esterhazy High School SCC Loan

The Board of Education passed a motion to approve a loan request made by the School Community Council at the Esterhazy High School for the amount of \$100,000. The money will be used to make improvements to the football field and the track. Mosaic has also donated \$50,000 toward the completion of this project.

Director's Report

Board Development - Early Years Evaluation – Teacher Assessment (EYE-TA)

Director/CEO, Quintin Robertson provided the Board of Education with information regarding the Early Years Evaluation (EYE-TA). Robertson identified that the evaluation assesses five domains of learning which are associated with a child's readiness to learn. The evaluation specifically measures the following:

1. Awareness of Self and Environment
2. Social Skills and Approaches to Learning
3. Cognitive Skills
4. Language and Communication

5. Physical Development (Fine & Gross Motor Skills)

Director/CEO Robertson shared that the information collected allows schools to support a responsive learning environment for children by identifying those who are experiencing difficulty and who require close monitoring or further assessment.

The EYE-TA is administered across Saskatchewan twice a year in Kindergarten as outlined by the Ministry of Education. It sees all Kindergarten students assessed in the fall with only those scoring yellow or red requiring reassessment in the spring.

Transportation Report

Director/CEO Robertson provided the Board of Education with an updated Transportation Report for third quarter reporting. Information shared with the Board included the total number of students transported, the number of rural and urban routes, the average age of the GSSD bus fleet, as well as ride times across the school division.

Financial Report

CFO, Keith Gervais, shared an updated financial report with the Board. Gervais confirmed that the Good Spirit School Division is on target to maintain a balanced budget within the 2017-18 school year.

Student Incident of Concern Report

Director/CEO Robertson presented the student suspensions from across the Good Spirit School Division. The report highlighted the severity of the incidents and the follow up actions related to the events.

Upcoming Professional Development

April 27, 2018	SPDU Workshop: Supporting EAL Teachers
May 14, 2018	ELA 7 Writing Assessment Session
May 15, 2018	ELA 9 Writing Assessment Session
May 17, 2018	ELA 4 Writing Assessment Session
May 28, 2018	Grades 2, 5 & 8 Early Math Adopter Teacher Meeting

Submissions & Feedback

To submit photos or stories regarding the Board of Education or an individual Trustee in your school community, please contact the Good Spirit School Division at Heather.Morris@gssd.ca Thanks for reading!

Next Board Meeting Scheduled for May 17, 2018

Location: Fairview Education Board Room

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