

May 2019 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board for May 2019 took place in the Fairview Education Center Board Room on Thursday, May 16, 2019. In attendance at this month's meeting were Lois Smandych, Chairperson, Bob Simpson, Vice-Chairperson, Trustees Jade Anderson, Chris Balyski, Gilda Dokuchie, 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.



New Business

Preventative Maintenance & Renewal Plan

The Board passed a motion to approve the 2019 Three Year Preventative Maintenance and Renewal (PMR) Plan which was presented during the April 2019 Board of Education meeting. The proposed plan developed by Operations Manager, Teresa Korol, will be submitted to the Ministry for their review.

CEO Evaluation

The Director of Education has the responsibility to provide evidence that each role expectation, as outlined in [Board Policy 12](#), has been achieved during the course of the evaluation period. This evidence portfolio must be provided to the Board at least one week in advance of the evaluation workshop (workshop on August 28, 2019), which will involve the Board, the Director, and an external facilitator.

The evidence examined will be in the form of an internal report or external report. Upon review of the evidence, the Board will determine whether, or to what extent, the quality indicators have been achieved. There will also be opportunity for Principals, Vice Principals, Superintendents, CUPE Representatives, LINC Representation & GSTA Representation, Coordinators and Coaches to have input on the CEO's leadership practices.

Board Advocacy Session

The Board of Education hosted a middle years student senate composed of students from across the school division. Macdonald School from Stockholm, M.C. Knoll School from Yorkton, Grayson School, and Churchbridge Public School had students in attendance. These young students were very articulate and celebrated their experience within their home schools.

The student senate allows GSSD to celebrate the diversity of its students and schools. The Board will also use feedback from the senate to improve the "student experience" in our GSSD Schools. This opportunity enables youth within the Good Spirit School Division to be empowered as "change agents".

Director's Report

Board Development – Understanding Baragar Dynamics

Assistant to the Director, Heather Morris, presented information to the Board regarding a program called **Baragar**, which is utilized by GSSD. The **Demographic Dynamics** module assists the central Admin team with projecting enrollments. **School Locator** is used to determine which school boundary the student resides in. **ThemeMap** is used mainly for determining socio-economics diversities. This module receives the data from Census Canada results therefore it is only updated every four years. It gives GSSD an idea as to where the low income families are living, areas that have a high indigenous population and areas where English is a second language, thus enabling GSSD to apply diversity factors to the schools. The **Staff Allocator** module enables Senior Administration to determine the Full Time Equivalency allotment for each school and runs different grade configuration scenarios.

To view the report in its entirety click [here](#) or go to www.gssd.ca > Board > Board Meetings > 2019 05 16 Regular Board Meeting > 2019 05 16 Board Development – Understanding Baragar Systems.

Board Books

The Board of Education has used a product called Diligent as a means of housing all documents presented during Board meetings. The product is quite costly therefore as a cost saving measure Kishan Malaviya, who works as a Programmer for GSSD, was tasked with developing an in house product that would have the same functionality as Diligent. Malaviya would have presented the product and assisted the Board in navigating through the features during the Board meeting. Full implementation of the product will occur during the 2019-20 school year. The development of this program will result in a significant cost savings in governance expenditures.

Facilities Presentations

Operations Manager, Teresa Korol, presented a facilities report on Springside School and Langenburg Central School. In her presentation, Korol highlighted the features of each building.

[Springside School](#) is currently the oldest school within the Good Spirit School Division. The original portion of Springside School was built in 1919 and the school community will be celebrating their 100-year anniversary this summer. An addition was built in 1983 that includes a gym and several classrooms.





[Langenburg Central School](#) (LCS) is GSSD's newest school, which opened in the fall of 2016. LCS is a Prekindergarten to Grade 12 school with an enrollment of 353 students. The building is a combination of 21-Century design and traditional school design and has created a warm and welcoming environment for everyone who enters the school.



The school has many outstanding features such as a Practical and Applied Arts area, an open library concept, a large kitchen, large classrooms with some break out space as well as a large gym and weight room.

The LCS project involved the community of Langenburg who fund raised over a million dollars toward the construction of the school. The community funds were used to pay for upgrades to areas within the school which otherwise would not have been possible. The entire project is a celebration of a community working together with the school division to raise outstanding youth and to provide them with excellent learning opportunities.

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.

Upcoming Important Dates

May 22	Senator Pamela Wallin presentation to the Esterhazy High School Grade 7 & 8 classes
May 30	Special Board Meeting, 1 -5 pm
June 3	Board Chairs Council Teleconference, 8:30-9:30 am
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

Upcoming Board Meetings:

May 30, 2019 – Special Board Meeting, 1– 5 pm;

June 20, 2019 - Regular Meeting

Location: Fairview Education Board Room

Submissions & Feedback

To submit photos or stories regarding the Board of Education or an individual Trustee in your school community, please contact Heather.Morris@gssd.ca.

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