

August 2021 Regular and Organization Meeting

The regular and organization meeting of the Board for August 2021 took place in the Birch Room at the Good Spirit Education Complex on Thursday, August 19, 2021. Trustees who were in attendance included: Chairperson Bob Simpson, Vice Chairperson Jaime Johnson, Trustees Jade Anderson, Chris Balyski, Gilda Dokuchie, Gord Gendur, Shannon Leson, Jan Morrison, Lois Smandych, Nicole Pohl and Steve Variyan. Division office staff in attendance included Director of Education/CEO Quintin Robertson, Chief Financial Officer Keith Gervais, and Assistant to the Director Heather Morris.

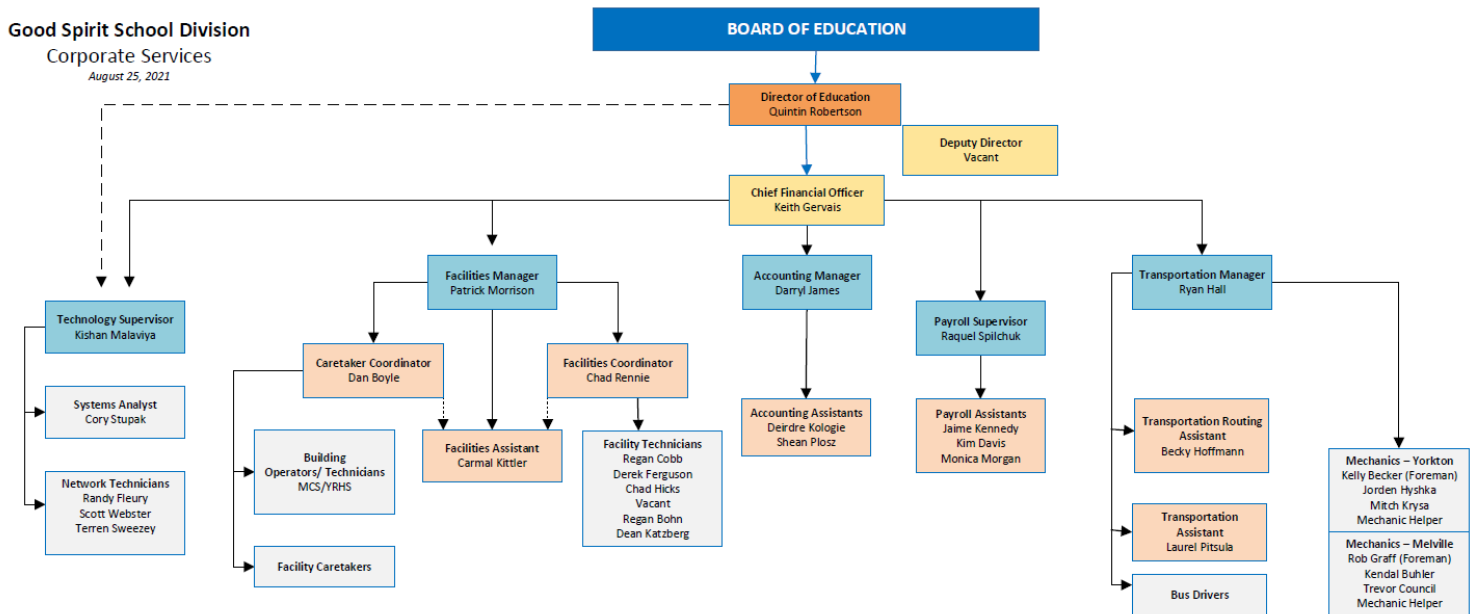
Delegation

The Board of Education heard one delegation during the August 19th meeting. In accordance with [Policy 7](#) contained within the [Board Policy Handbook](#), the Board will make provision for a delegation to make a presentation at a Board meeting in the interest of improving the education provided in Division schools.

Board Development

Corporate Services Department Roles & Responsibilities

During the Board Development, Keith Gervais provided 10 fast facts on Corporate Services. The Corporate Services team supports the school division’s business functions including Facilities, Transportation, Accounting, Payroll, and Technology. Corporate Services is led by the Chief Financial Officer and each department has a manager or supervisor responsible for operations.



To learn more on Corporate Services roles and responsibilities, visit gssd.ca > [Board](#) > [Board Meetings](#) > 2021 08 19 > [Board Development – Role of Corporate Services](#).

New Business

Renewal of Millwright Building Lease

The Churchbridge Millwright Program was established in February 2013 as approved by the Board. As there were no on-site facilities at Churchbridge School to accommodate the Millwright program the division was required to secure an off-site location to house the program. The School Community Council recommended the building at 324 Rankin Rd in Churchbridge. The latest lease agreement for this building was for three years and has now expired.

The Board made a motion to enter into an agreement with Bruce and Cindy Basken for the lease of the premises at 324 Rankin Rd, Churchbridge SK, for the period from September 1, 2021 until August 31, 2024, for the purpose of housing the instruction of the Churchbridge Millwright Program.

Board Policy 1

Policy 1 is reviewed annually to ensure that Division targets are reflective of the Provincial Education Plan. GSSD Administrative Council & the Educational Consultants recommended the following amendments to the Board:

- organizing GSSDs Aspirational Statements and Goals using the four pillars of Comprehensive School Community Health along with aligning them with the Provincial Education Plan;
- including the Value of “Honouring Diversity”; and,
- revising and updating the division’s long-term goals with the continued focus on high quality teaching & learning, engagement of all students, families, & communities, effective policy and procedures, and healthy, sustainable physical, & social environments

The Board established a committee to review and finalize Policy 1 – Foundational Statements.

Board Policy 2 Appendix A

Prior to the new year, the Good Spirit School Division Board of Education develops a yearly plan, which includes setting Division priorities and outcomes, Board member development, advocacy sessions, as well as reviewing and approving the budget and Preventative Maintenance and Renewal capital plan. The Annual Work Plan is used to guide Trustees and Senior Administration in setting Regular Board meeting agendas.

To view the Board approved 2021-22 Annual Work Plan, visit gssd.ca > [Board](#) > [Board Policy Handbook](#) > [Policy 2 – Appendix A - Annual Work Plan](#).

Organizational Meeting

The Board of Education conducted its organizational meeting for the 2021-22 school year. Bob Simpson was renamed Board Chairperson and Jaime Johnson was renamed Board Vice-Chair through acclamation. Board indemnities and remuneration were discussed and approved for the 2021-22 school year. Committees of the Board were also determined, based on the interests and strengths of the trustees.

To access upcoming meeting dates and Trustee information, visit gssd.ca > [Board](#) > [Board Members](#).

Director’s Report

Transportation Update

Chief Financial Officer, Keith Gervais, reviewed the Transportation update with the Board. Statistical information included:

- During the 2020-21 school year, the Transportation Department consolidated three routes (Esterhazy, Stockholm, and Kamsack) leaving GSSD with 99 regular routes.
- In June, GSSD took delivery of two new fleet trucks from Key Chevrolet.
- Over the summer, the two bus garages completed a thorough check on all buses and fleet vehicles. No major issues were identified, and it has helped in planning of maintenance and tenders for the 2021-2022 school year.

- There has been a delay in the expected delivery of the eight new Thomas buses, originally thought to be delivered before the start of the school year. They are expected to be delivered in mid-October.

A student shop helper has been hired in each bus garage. The students will earn high school and apprenticeship trade credits for their hours worked. Both students have proven to be a huge asset therefore GSSD hopes to continue this program in the future.

GSSD is always looking to recruit bus drivers; currently there are four vacant routes which are needing to be filled.

Bus driver inservice meetings were held at the Good Spirit Education Complex on August 16, 17 & 18. A 15-passenger van training session is scheduled for August 25 & 26.

Student Learning Update

Superintendent of Curriculum, Lisa Wotherspoon, shared 2020-21 Provincial Assessment Data with Trustees. In response to pressures resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Provincial Leadership Team revised the data collection plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

- Provincial data collection resumed for the Early Years Evaluation (EYE-TA) with an extended window, if required, and an exemption for remote learners.
 - Year-end provincial data collection of reading achievement in grades 1, 2 and 3 continued.
 - Division data collection of reading achievement for grades 1-6 continued.
 - Provincial data collection of writing, math, and student attendance was suspended.
 - Biannual survey of Prekindergarten/Kindergarten educators was suspended for the 2020-2021 school year.
- All provincial data collection is expected to resume for the 2021-2022 school year.

According to 2020-2021 EYE-TA results:

- 79% of students exiting Kindergarten are at appropriate development.
- 23% more students were at the appropriate level exiting Kindergarten than entering Kindergarten.
- Spring 2021 data is slightly lower than spring 2019 where 81% of Kindergarten students exiting Kindergarten were at appropriate development.
- With the exception of the cognitive domain, 90% or more GSSD kindergarten students are at the appropriate level in all other developmental domains.
- 84% of students are at the appropriate level in the cognitive domain.

Spring Fountas & Pinnell (BAS) data suggests:

- 70% of grade 1-6 students are reading at or above grade level. This is a 9% decrease from spring 2019.
- GSSD was on target to exceed the Provincial Reading goal of 80% of students reading at or above grade level by June 2020 prior to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Spring 2021 F&P-BAS Data By Grade			
Grades 1-3	% at or above grade level	Grades 4-6	% at or above grade level
Grade 1	73%	Grade 4	68%
Grade 2	68%	Grade 5	76%
Grade 3	65%	Grade 6	69%
Overall	67%	Overall	71%



GSSD prides itself on the partnerships that have been developed to support early years programming. An Early Years Network (Thrive to 5) has been established under the direction of the Good Spirit School Division within the Parkland area that currently includes over 20 community partners to support children and families from birth to 5 years old. A prekindergarten teacher, kindergarten teacher, the early learning coach, and the Superintendent of Education responsible for Early Years represented the Good Spirit School Division in the network during the 2020-2021 school year. GSSD continues to act as accountable partner with Regional Kids First. As well, for the fourth consecutive summer, Good Spirit has partnered with the Parkland Regional Library to host a Summer Reading contest open to all GSSD students.

Upcoming Important Dates

August 26, 2021	SCC Meeting, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, via zoom
September 14, 2021	Public Section Table Officers' Meeting, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm – via Zoom
September 15, 2021	Board Chairs Council Meeting, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, via Zoom
September 28, 2021	Public Section Executive Meeting, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm - Teleconference
September 30, 2021	Deadline for Submissions for the 2021 Premier's Board of Education Award for Innovation and Excellence and the 2021 Award of Distinction
September 30, 2021	Orange Shirt Day
September 30, 2021	Deadline for Bylaw Amendments (for the AGM) 4:30 pm
October 15, 2021	Deadline for Resolutions (for the AGM) 4:30 pm
October 25, 2021	Board Chairs Council Meeting, 8:30 am – 9:30 am, via Zoom
November 14–16, 2021	SSBA Fall General Assembly and AGM, Regina, SK – TBD
November 15, 2021	Public Section Annual General Meeting, Regina – time TBA
November 16, 2021	Board Chairs Council Meeting, 11:30 am – 4:00 pm, Regina, SK – TBD
December 6, 2021	Board Chairs Council Meeting, 8:30 am – 9:30 am – via Zoom
February 15, 2022	Public Section Executive Meeting, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm – via Zoom
April 7, 2022	Public Section Executive Meeting, Saskatoon, time TBA
June 2, 2022	Public Section General Meeting and Professional Development Event, Saskatoon Travelodge, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
June 3, 2022	Public Section General Meeting and Professional Development Event, Saskatoon Travelodge, 8:30 am – 2:00 pm



Upcoming Board Meetings: October 7, November 18, December 16, January 27, March 3, March 31, May 5, June 16, August 18
Location: Good Spirit Education Complex
To review [Board Policy 7 Board Operations](#), visit gssd.ca > [Board](#) > [Policy Handbook](#) > [Board Operations](#).

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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