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TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome to the 2015-2016 School Year!



Administration Meeting 2015

GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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ADMINISTRATORS' MEETING—AUGUST 19, 2015

District Administrators, Coordinators, Coaches, Inclusive Education Support Team (IEST), Reading Recovery Training Leader, Directors and Senior Team met on August 19, 2015 to set the District strategic direction for 2015 – 2016. The agenda focused on alignment of our supports to schools to meet and/or exceed the Provincial targets through quality teaching. Our Professional Learning Community focus was reviewed and the importance of knowing our students to support learning was stressed. Mrs. MacDonald focused the teams on the importance of Feedback, Formative Assessment, and keeping learning goals visible so students can reach targets of excellence. Mrs. MacDonald will be highlighting key points from this day on August 28 at her Welcome Back Address to all staff. Mrs. MacDonald shared that our leadership teams are focused and excited about welcoming and supporting success for all students new and returning to GPPSD. We are all looking forward to a great year!

ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Mrs. MacDonald shared with the Board that schools are tracking and monitoring our student numbers closely. We are receiving new students daily and anticipate we will meet our projected growth number of 1% if the current enrollment rate continues.



MINISTER EGGEN TO VISIT WITH GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD SEPT 3

The newly appointed Minister of Education, David Eggen, will be visiting Grande Prairie on September 3rd and has arranged to meet with our Board. The Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Superintendent look forward to meeting Honourable Eggen, and share major funding priorities for our district budget, as well as positive news about our great district.

READING UNIVERSITY GRADUATION



Board Chair Karen Prokopowich thanked the Reading University community partners and sponsors, including Rhonda and Linda Side, for their continued support of our students in the program. What started with 35 students seven years ago, has now grown to over 106 students this year. Reading University is a three-week summer program intended to increase the literacy skills of children in Grade 3 who are not yet reading at grade level.

2016-2019 EDUCATION FACILITIES PLAN

In light of the fact that a new provincial government has been recently elected, senior administration felt it was important to provide the government with an updated 2016-2019 Education Facilities Plan. Secretary-Treasurer, Jeff Olson, presented the revised plan to the Board for its approval. The focus of this capital plan is on high school spaces. Two high schools are listed as the number 1 top priority. The modernization/replacement for our aging 1960s era Composite High School will only replace the high school spaces currently in our district. A second high school is concurrently needed to meet our enrolment pressures for high school spaces today and in the future. With the upcoming visit from the Minister of Education on September 3rd, this revised and approved plan is expected to be a topic of discussion.



COLLEGE OF ALBERTA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS SUMMER CONFERENCE

Mrs. MacDonald shared with the Board highlights from the College of Alberta School Superintendents Summer Conference held in Jasper, Alberta from August 5 to 7, 2015. Gene Williams, Assistant Deputy of Education, spoke of the importance of collaboration, relationships and partners. He highlighted that our First Nations, Métis and Inuit gap in learning is a priority for the province. Inspiring Education continues as the big picture umbrella piece for moving the province forward. Conference workshops shared included presentations on socio-economic data for the Province of Alberta as well as a Teacher and Leadership Excellence Committee being formed to provide direction in continuing our excellence in learning in Alberta.

UPCOMING DISTRICT DATES

- SEPT 1 FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS
- SEPT 2 CHARLES SPENCER NO SCHOOL (TOUR OF ALBERTA)
- SEPT 7 LABOUR DAY (NO SCHOOL)
- SEPT 8 BOARD MEETING AT 7:00PM
- SEPT 10 COMMUNITY MEETING RE. ROYAL OAKS DESIGN—AVONDALE SCHOOL GYM AT 6:30PM
- SEPT 14 NEW STAFF ORIENTATION—COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL GYM AT 4:00PM
- SEPT 19 TERRY FOX 35TH ANNIVERSARY RUN AND DISTRICT FUN RUN—MUSKOSEEPI PARK STARTING AT 9:30AM



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