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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



The New Staff Orientation held on September 14th at Grande Prairie Composite High School.

NEW STAFF ORIENTATION

The Board of Trustees, Central Office Administration as well as School Administrators had the opportunity to welcome all new staff to the District on September 14, 2015. Mrs. MacDonald wishes to thank the Principals and Vice-Principals for introducing our new staff members. Ray Buziak, Alberta Teachers' Association Representative, Dan Brownell, GPPSD Employees' Association Representative, and Jodi Trapp, Professional Support Staff Representative offered kind words of support and wisdom. Board Chair John Lehnrs gave an inspiring welcome, encouraging our teachers to be involved in their schools. Mrs. MacDonald also thanked the Human Resources Department for organizing the event and the staff at Grande Prairie Composite High School for hosting and providing the fine food.

BOARD RETREAT—COLORS WORKSHOP

Board Chair John Lehnrs reported that on Tuesday September 15, the Board Members as well as the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, and Secretary-Treasurer, participated in a workshop on personality dimensions colors. This was an easy, fun, and highly effective way to understand individual personalities and to develop an awareness and understanding of others. It was shared that it is a great tool to be used when communicating with others who have differing communication styles. This workshop was facilitated by Lorraine Gabriel, a Certified Personality Dimensions Facilitator.



ATTENDANCE AREAS REVIEW

James Robinson, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, presented to the Board the work being done in regard to the District Attendance Areas Review. Mr. Robinson as Project Lead, along with Kim Frykas, Director of Instructional Programs Grades 7-12 and District Principal Joanne Pitman reviewed various scenarios for boundaries that will have to be addressed for the 2016—2017 School Year. With the addition of two new schools, Riverstone Public School and Isabel Campbell Public School, the goal is to have new boundaries in place and ready for school openings in September 2016.

Community meetings are scheduled to occur over the next few weeks for parents/guardians, staff and interested community members. These meetings will provide an opportunity for District staff to present information regarding the proposed changes, as well as to gather feedback and input from the community for consideration.

The first community meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Derek Taylor Public School. Additional meetings scheduled at 6:30 pm: October 1, 2015 at Aspen Grove Public School; October 5, 2015 at Alexander Forbes School; October 6, 2015 at Charles Spencer High School; October 14, 2015 at Maude Clifford Public School.

INTERNATIONAL FIELD TRIP REQUEST

Mrs. MacDonald presented an International Field Trip request for qualifying students to participate in the Destination Imagination Global Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee. This trip will occur May 24-29, 2016 under the supervision of Susan Picard, Gifted Education Coordinator. The Board approved this international field trip, providing all District procedures are followed.

ROYAL OAKS COMMUNITY MEETING

The Royal Oaks community meeting took place on Thursday, September 10th, in the gym at Avondale School. Feedback on the preliminary design was received from parents,



staff, Trustees, and other interested community members. The Board was pleased with the suggestions from the community about the overall site and drop off layout.

Going forward, the architect will improve the school design based on suggestions from our wonderful community.

UPCOMING DISTRICT DATES

- **SEPT 28 @ 6:30PM BOUNDARY MEETING FOR DEREK TAYLOR AND ISABEL CAMPBELL COMMUNITIES**
DEREK TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOL GYM
- **OCT 1 @ 6:30PM BOUNDARY MEETING FOR ECOLE MONTROSE, ASPEN GROVE AND RIVERSTONE COMMUNITIES**
ASPEN GROVE SCHOOL GYM
- **OCT 5 @ 6:30PM BOUNDARY MEETING FOR ALEXANDER FORBES AND ASPEN GROVE COMMUNITIES**
ALEXANDER FORBES SCHOOL GYM
- **OCT 6 @ 6:30PM BOUNDARY MEETING FOR COMPOSITE AND CHARLES SPENCER HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITIES**
CHARLES SPENCER HIGH SCHOOL GYM
- **OCT 13 @ 7:00PM REGULAR BOARD MEETING**