



June 18, 2018

Catholic Education Centre, 9902-101 Street, Grande Prairie, Alberta T8V 2P4

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## Upcoming Dates

### Last Day for Students

June 28, 2018

### Last Day for Teaching Staff

June 29, 2018

### Schools Open

August 22, 2018

### P.D. Days

August 29-30, 2018

### Opening Mass

August 31, 2018

### Next Board Meeting

September 04, 2018



# Accountability Reports

The Board of Trustees received the June 2018 Accountability Reports for: Religious Education, Inclusive Education and Internal Auditing as presented; referred to the Governance Recommendations to the 2018-2019 Strategic Planning Session for consideration.

### Religious Education:

-**Implementing** an RCIA program adapted for teens in grades 10-12 at St. Joseph High School and St. John Paul II.

-**The District** Faith Formation program continues to offer a wide variety of opportunities for staff to grow in their Faith especially when the opportunities have an impact on students.



### Inclusive Education:

- Continue to support Early Literacy.
- Supporting the need for Classroom Support Teachers' Professional Development.
- Increased Mental Health Literacy for High School Teachers.

### Internal Auditing:

-In the spring of 2018 five schools were reviewed internally by the Finance department. There were no significant concerns noted during the 17 – 18 internal review, and overall the school funds are being handled in accordance with GPCSD procedures.

## Combined Three Year Plan & Annual Education Results Report (AERR)

The Combined Plan is a required document prepared by administration, reviewed by Trustees, and sent/ reviewed by government.

### Here's some of the highlights:

- Less than** 50% of our students enter Kindergarten without age appropriate skills.
- Approximately** 80% of Students meet our Grade 1 Entrance Expectations Assessment.
- In Early Reading** Intervention (ERI) 90% of identified students met their target by June.
- The High School** Redesign is beginning to demonstrate noticeable improvement, especially in the area of high school completion and transition to post-secondary.

## Classroom Improvement Fund (CIF)



The second year Classroom Improvement Fund was allocated towards hiring 6.43 (FTE) teachers. Funding is for a one year period (2018-2019). This decision reflects the Board's desire to better help reduce classroom sizes and improve the well-being of all students and staff.



### Principal Continuous Contract Template Approval

The Board of Trustees approved, as presented, the new Contract Template for Principals that are designated as Continuous Contract Principals as required in the new Provincial agreement.

### ASBA Trustee P.D. Leadership Conference

The Board of Trustees approved the attendance of Trustees Ouellette, Popek and Boisvert to attend the ASBA 2018 Leadership Conference in Canmore, AB from August 24-25, 2018.

### O'Brien Lake West School Updates

The Provincial government has reduced funding for the development of the O'Brien Lake West school. As a result, the school capacity has changed from 950 to 900 students. On the surface this might not seem crucial, but in fact it has had an enormous impact on the design of the building. Instead of providing a building similar in scope to St. John Paul II, now it's will be more comparable to St. Catherine. The school is on schedule to be completed by Fall 2021.

### Policy Review

The Board of Trustees reviewed the following Policies:

- *Policy 10 – Board Committees:* The Board of Trustees approved Policy 10 - as presented.
- *Policy 10 – Appendixes A & B:* The Board of Trustees approved Policy 10 as presented.

### Financial Report

Secretary-Treasurer Nestibo presented the May 2018 Financial Report to the Board of Trustees. The report showed that revenues and expenditures are on track.

An organizational review is currently scheduled to take place later in Fall 2018.

### Boundary Exemption Criteria Report

As a result of a previous motion made by the Board, the Superintendent developed criteria for Boundary Exemption.

1. **Each boundary exemptions** must be educational in nature or specific to student learning requirements.
2. **The following examples** constitute acceptable educational reasons for a Boundary Exemptions:
  - A. Unique learning challenges or social situations where agreement around a placement exists between the school and home.
    - i. Evidence supported by a school planning team must be present.
    - ii. A Transition Plan must be developed between the sending school that guides the support of the child in the new environment.
  3. The following examples **do not generally** constitute an acceptable educational reason for an enrollment exemption.
    - A. Availability of day care
    - B. Parent's desire to not have a child walk
    - C. Interest in attending school with friends or team mates
    - D. The availability of unique courses or preferable scheduling at high schools.

### Three Year Education Plan/Annual Education Results Report

The Board of Trustees approved the Combined Three Year Education Plan/ Annual Education Results Report as presented. The results show the GPCSD earned a placement in the Top 5 Percent of school districts in Alberta. The results are gathered from across the province. They are determined from the responses of local students, parents, and teachers about their schools.

### ACSTA Trustee P.D. Legal Conference

The Board of Trustees approved the attendance of all Trustees at the upcoming ACSTA Legal Conference on September 28, 2018, in Calgary, AB.

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### Faith Formation Report



**Submitted by Faith Lead Laura Tapson for June 18, 2018.**

The Supervisor of Religious Education highlighted the current initiatives specifically around Faith Permeation and Professional Development. Each school is completing their end of year school mass and the new theme has been chosen for 2018-2019, Matthew 25:35-40. "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..."

**Delegation: Potential St. John Paul II/ Faculty St. John Paul II: Big Kids Playground**

**The Board met with school representatives about the potential of adding an area for physical activity at the new school.**

