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

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## Upcoming Dates

### Kindergarten Registration (Fairview)

Mar. 26 @ 7:00 p.m.

### GPCSD Kindergarten Registration

Mar. 27 @ 7:00 p.m.

### French Immersion Registration

Mar. 28 @ 4:00 p.m.

### Easter Break

Mar. 30 - Apr. 8

### Family Day

Feb. 19, 2018

### P.D. Day

Apr. 20, 2018

### Next Board Meeting

Apr. 23, 2018



## École St. Gérard Modular Additions



The Board of Trustees received funding for the movement of four modular classrooms from St. Patrick's to École St. Gérard. In addition a washroom unit also funded, but did not include a manufactured hallway connection to the school.

The Board of Trustees discussed the possibility to actively lobby for a new school or modernization that will hold 950 French Immersion students and/or look at other options for the immediate future.

## Strategic Plan 2018-2021

The Board of Trustees approved the draft 2018-2021 Strategic Priorities. The new Strategic Plan and Priorities help provide the roadmap and direction of what the District seeks to achieve in the upcoming three-year period. The Plan and Priorities build on the work done by previous Boards and Administration and involve stakeholders throughout the District and community. The Strategic Plan document is intended to provide any interested persons or organizations with a brief overview of the District's key Goals and Priorities and related Strategies to achieve the Goals and Priorities. The Strategic Priorities emerge from the Goals set by Alberta Education and any additional Goal(s) set by the Board. Priorities are then developed by the Board that guide Administration to develop a Budget that is approved by the Board. Education Leadership meets regularly and develops budgets for submission to the Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer.

## Edwin Parr Award Nomination: Emily Borstad



The Board of Trustees nominated Emily Borstad, Grade 8 Teacher at St. John Paul II Catholic School / Faculté Jean-Paul II as the Board's Nominee for the Zone 1 2017-2018 Edwin Parr Award.

Emily Borstad teaches Grade 8 at St. John Paul II Catholic School. Her specialty is Math and Science and comes to us from a background in finance. She has been a beaming ray of sunshine in St. John Paul II and Emily has demonstrated a gift in planning, assessment, and building student relationships. Congratulations Emily!

## Numeracy (Math) Education

Assistant Superintendent Jessie Shirley summarized our current work in the area of Math Education. She addressed Professional Development, Leadership, Resources, Parent/Community Nights, Program of Studies, Pedagogy, Person Strategies/ Number Sense and was available for questions afterwards.



## School Boundaries Grades 8-12

The Board of Trustees approved the following motions, to reflect the new proposed School Boundaries.

### Motion #1:

That the Board of Trustees reaffirm the High School Boundary approved at the Feb 22, 2017 Board Meeting, and provide Yellow School Bus Transportation to students that are eligible to be transported.

### Motion #2:

That the Board of Trustees direct the Superintendent to reinforce the North/South Grade 8-12 Boundary allowing only existing students to be grandfathered into their existing school.

### Motion #3:

That the Board of Trustees direct the Superintendent to develop parameters to allow/deny students to choose their North/ South Grade 8-12 school only when specific programming warrants the change in a given year.

## 2018-2019 School Calendar Draft

The Board of Trustees approved the draft 2018-2019 School Year Calendar as presented allowing for the greatest opportunity for collaborative bussing.

## Policy Review

The Board of Trustees reviewed the following Policies:

- *Policy 2 – Role of the Board:* The Board of Trustees approved Policy 1 - as presented.
- *Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee:* The Board of Trustees approved Policy 3 as presented.
- *Policy 20 – Surplus Lands:* The Board of Trustees approved Policy 20 as presented.
- *Policy 21 – Inclusive Communities: Providing Safe & Caring Learning Environments:* The Board of Trustees approved Policy 21 as presented to align with Bill 24.

## St. Joseph Catholic High School Dry Grad Donation

The Board of Trustees provided St. Joseph Catholic High School's 2018 Dry Grad Committee with \$1,500 in funding. The request for Dry Grad 2018, was made by the school's Principal Roger Lauck.

## Recruiting & Retaining the Best Teachers

Assistant Superintendent Greg Miller highlighted various initiatives in Recruitment & Retention. The discussion points included: Ideal Teacher Qualities, What we Look for in New Teachers, Challenges with Staffing, Student Teachers & Mentorship, Coaching Probationary Teachers, Teacher Evaluation, Teacher Transfers, Teacher Retention, and was available for questions afterwards.

## Staff Allocation Activity

Superintendent Karl Germann lead the Board of Trustees through an exercise to address the complexity of allocating teachers to achieve lower class sizes. The Trustees were presented detailed information about student transfers in and out of the District, new registrations and no shows. The exercise was effective in showcasing the complexities of moving staff around the District.

## Selection of Auditor

The Board of Trustees approved Administration's recommendation for MNP as the Board's Auditor for a 3-year-term, with the possibility to renew the contract for an additional two years.

## Financial Report

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

## Business Case for Transportation/Maintenance Facility

The Board of Trustees approved the Business Case for the construction of a 10,000 square foot Transportation & Maintenance Facility on Municipal Reserve land, subject to approval by the City of Grande Prairie. The Board of Trustees approved the borrowing of up to \$500,000 for a period of 10 years to assist with the construction of a Transportation & Maintenance Facility, subject to approval by the Minister of Education.

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## Faith Formation Report



Faith Lead Tapson submitted the Faith Formation Report for Mar. 19, 2018.

On Wednesday March 14th, 2018, we had our second of three Connect Days. These days are intended to help students and staff connect with scripture, and each other, through prayers, lessons and classroom activities.

During this Season of Lent, teachers had the opportunity to have our District Youth Chaplain present in their classrooms. The presentations differ, depending on the grade of the audience, however, all focus on a different aspect of the Season of Lent.

Throughout the year, schools in our district, will have a school wide Reconciliation Service. These are done during the season of Advent or Lent. The Reconciliation Services start in the classroom setting with the teacher leading students through a resource that is based on the work of Fr. Santos.

