



March 05, 2018

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Upcoming Dates

Teachers' Convention

March 8-9

P.D. Day

March 23

Next Board Meeting

March 19

Kindergarten

Registration

March 27

French Immersion

Registration

March 28

Good Friday

March 30

Easter Break

April 2-6

Grade 8-12 School Boundaries Review

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent will survey current Grades 7-11 French Immersion families to determine their program choice as a means to guide Boundary Review. The Boundary decision was made on February 22, 2017, and is not expected to change significantly, but a review is important due to high growth.

Motion #1:

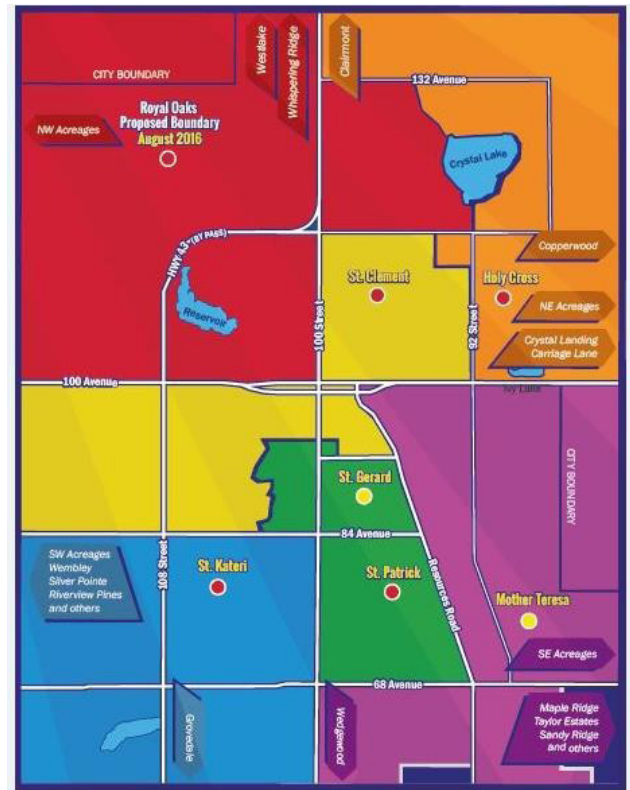
That the Board of Trustees approve the creation of a new north/ south Boundary to allow for the opening of St. John Paul II in 2017-18.

Motion #2:

That the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Grades 8-9 School at the new St. John Paul II Catholic School for 2017-18, adding a grade every year until the school becomes a Grade 8-12 school in 2020-2021.

Motion #3:

That the Board of Trustees change the configuration of St. Joseph Catholic School from a Grade 9-12 school to a Grade 8-12 school in 2018-19.



Motion #4:

That the Board of Trustees change the configuration of Ecole St. Gerard Catholic School to a Grade Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 7 School effective 2017-18.

Motion #5:

That the Board of Trustees establish St. John Paul II as a Grade 8-9 English School and French Immersion Campus effective 2017-2018, adding a grade every year until the school becomes a Grade 8-12 English School and French Immersion Campus in 2020-2021



3 Year Capital Plan & 10 Year Facility Plan Review

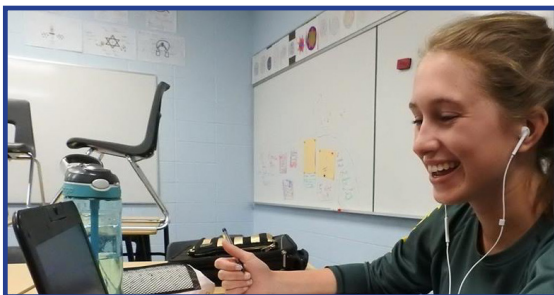
The Board of Trustees approved the Three Year Capital Plan as presented, highlighting the need for a new 950 student school in O'Brien Lake West and a new 650 student school in Kensington.

Possible School Sites: Kensington Subdivision

The Kensington subdivision will be developed in 2018. With the anticipated growth in the south, this location would be an ideal spot for a school as it is located in a growing neighborhood and adjacent to other developing neighborhoods. The Board of Trustees directed the Chair to write the Mayor of the City of Grande Prairie requesting a serviced school site in the Kensington Subdivision.

Trustee Election 2017 Report

Superintendent Germann reported on Election 2017. There was a concern expressed from some rural electors, that there were fewer polling stations when compared to the 2010 Election (in 2013 Trustees were acclaimed). There will be a need to identify the specific rural polling stations, to see if the County and Peace Wapiti would like to partner, and to appoint a Returning Officer two years in advance. However, this will (most likely) require the district to direct our staff to work those polling stations. Special thanks to the MD of Greenview and the City of Grande Prairie for their cooperative efforts.



Policy Review

The Board of Trustees reviewed the following Policies:

- *Policy 9 – Board Operations:* The Board of Trustees approved Policy 9 - Board Operations as presented.



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Parents for Progress Beaverlodge, Alberta

The Board of Trustees reviewed the Beaverlodge Parents for Progress Society's request to waive their loan repayment. The Board of Trustees expressed their gratitude for \$250,000 of fundraising for the various playgrounds around St. Mary Catholic School in Beaverlodge, but denied their request to waive the cost of installing a paved basketball pad.

Financial Report

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

Questions or concerns regarding Grande Prairie and District Catholic Schools Board News?

Send them to communications@gpcsd.ca or call 780-532-3013.

Faith Formation Report



Faith Lead Tapson submitted the Faith Formation Report for Mar. 05, 2018.

Our District Faith Day took place Friday March 2, 2018. Our speaker this year was Sarah Hart. Sarah is a Grammy nominated singer/ songwriter and is a much sought out speaker. Sarah's message was one of compassion and hope. We concluded the day with Mass; Fr. Remi presided and throughout the day.

Pink Shirt Day 2018
A series of lessons and morning prayers were created to support teachers in introducing and addressing the topic of bullying from a distinct Christian worldview. These lessons and prayers were used as a lead up to event.

