

Board Development Topic: Understanding the Centralized Library

Date of Board Meeting:

June 16, 2022

Strategic Priority:

- High Quality Teaching and Learning
- Engagement of All Students, Families, and Communities
- Effective Policy and Procedures
- Healthy, Sustainable Physical & Social Environments

Quality Indicator(s):

QI 6.2 – The Director keeps the Board informed about Division operations.

QI 6.3 – The Director provides the Board with balance, sufficient, concise information and clear recommendations for actions items in agendas.

QI 6.6 – The Director ensures high quality management services are provided to the Board.

Information for the Board (10 fast facts):

1. The GSSD Centralized Library has over 9,235 titles.
2. Circulation in the GSSD Centralized Library is steadily rising. In one month, we have an average of 1,200 circulations. We are continually working on promoting resources through our Twitter account, GSSD Facebook, the Friday file, and through our coaches and Library Techs.
3. The GSSD Centralized Library coordinates a summer reading initiative. GSSD school libraries open in the summer to allow families access to books and to promote literacy and learning. We also partner with the Parkland Regional Libraries to have a summer reading contest. Last year's winner received a \$300 shopping spree to Indigo.
4. GSSDs three library mentors work with the Library team to support Library Techs and the working of the libraries. They oversee the EDSBY Library Tech group where resources and ideas are shared.
5. Library Techs work in school libraries to share books and resources with students and teachers to promote the library, literacy, and the love of reading.
6. Teachers also have access to digital resources provided free from the Ministry of Education through Destiny software. Platforms such as ROVER (National Film Board, Curio), Britannica Online, Gale (research platforms). The Centralized Library has 300 eBooks and audiobooks.
7. We are continually working on our collection purchasing up to date resources that support curriculum and instruction and promote diversity and inclusivity.
8. The GSSD Centralized Library uses Follett/Destiny software which allows all our libraries to share resources.
9. GSSD Centralized has a courier service to distribute materials to schools on a weekly basis. Dan Pengilly makes runs each week so that library requests can get to teachers quickly.
10. Sheila Tillman oversees the Centralized Library. She circulates resources to all the schools in the division. She often creates displays to promote and recognize special events. Recently, during Early Childhood Education month, she highlighted resources from our library to support learning in that area.

Respectfully submitted,
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