

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #2357 HELD AT THE  
BOARD OFFICE ON OCTOBER 13, 2009

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Karen Prokopowich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following present:

**PRESENT**

Karen Prokopowich, Paulette Kurylo, Brenda Howard, John Lehnert, Steven Shavers, Chris Gonnet, Roger Mestinek, and Russell Horwill.

**PRESENTATION**

**MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of September 22, 2009

Paulette Kurylo moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 22, 2009 be adopted, as circulated.

CARRIED 14080

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

Composite High School Volunteer Group Request

Chris Gonnet presented to the Board the Composite High School Volunteer Travel Group Request to Costa Rica from July 3 to 12, 2010.

Steven Shavers moved that the Board of Trustees approve the Grande Prairie Composite High School Volunteer Travel Group International Field Trip to Costa Rica subject to full compliance with administrative procedures.

CARRIED 14081

Composite High School Cosmetology Field Trip Request

Chris Gonnet presented to the Board the Composite High School Cosmetology Field Trip Request to Los Angeles, California on January 28 – February 2, 2010.

Steven Shavers moved that the Board of Trustees approve the Grande Prairie Composite High School Cosmetology International Field Trip to Los Angeles, California subject to full compliance with administrative procedures.

CARRIED 14082

Enrollment Update

Chris Gonnet provided an enrollment update as at September 30, 2009, reporting the overall enrollment being up 131 students from the prior school year.

Joint School Council Meeting Agenda

Chris Gonnet discussed with the Board the agenda for the Joint School Council Chairs'/Trustee meeting to be held Wednesday, October 14, 2009

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at Maude Clifford Public School. The Board considered topics to engage the community in an education dialogue.

Tri Board Joint Council Meeting

Chris Gonnet discussed with the Board the Tri Board Joint Council Meeting.

Review of Board Work Plan

Chris Gonnet reviewed with the Board the Board of Trustees Work Plan for the 2009 – 2010 School Year.

October 2009 APORI Report

Chris Gonnet presented to the Board the October 2009 Accountability Pillar Overall Summary and highlights from the October APORI Highlights. It was recognized that a significant improvement occurred from the prior school year.

**ASBA / PSBAA**

Meeting with St. Albert Protestant School Board

Karen Prokopowich discussed with the Board an invitation from the St. Albert Protestant School Board to meet with them on Sunday, November 22, 2009 at the Westin in Edmonton. The purpose of the meeting would be to have a discussion between districts with no ward electoral system.

ASBA School Act Discussions

Karen Prokopowich presented to the Board information regarding the ASBA School Act Discussions. Zone 1 will be meeting at the Chateau Louis in Edmonton on October 21, 2009. Attendees must be registered to attend the meeting.

ASBA Zone 1 Supplementary Meeting

Brenda Howard reported to the Board on the ASBA Zone 1 meeting held Thursday, October 1, 2009 in Grande Prairie.

**ALBERTA EDUCATION**

School Act Discussion Paper and Review Report on Budget Dialogue Meeting

The Board reviewed the Alberta Education School Act Review Discussion Paper for Legislative Review.

Report on Budget Dialogue Meeting

Roger Mestinsek and Russell Horswill provided an update on the Zone 1 Dialogue meeting to consider the 2010/11 budget reductions. The meeting was reported as a good meeting.

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**EMPLOYEE LIAISON**

Staffing Report

Roger Mestinsek reviewed the staffing report provided. Staff changes are attached to, and form part of, these minutes.

Tuition Reimbursement Committee

The Board was advised that John Lehnert will represent the Board on the 2009 Tuition Reimbursement Committee.

**BUSINESS SERVICES**

No report provided.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Composite High School and I.V. Macklin School Council 2008/09 Year End Reports

The Board was given the 2008/2009 year-end School Council reports prepared by the Composite High School and I.V. Macklin School.

Paulette Kurylo moved that the Board of Trustees receive the School Council Year-End reports for the Composite High School and I.V. Macklin School.

CARRIED 14083

Education Foundation Meeting

Paulette Kurylo reviewed the Education Foundation Committee meeting minutes held Wednesday, September 23, 2009.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Board Calendar

The Board reviewed the monthly calendar of events for October to December, 2009. The next regular meeting of the Board is Tuesday, October 27, 2009 to be held in Central Office.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence

School Newsletters

- Derek Taylor Public School Newsletter (September 3, 2009)
- I.V. Macklin School Newsletter – Macklin Mailout (September 9, 2009)
- Aspen Grove Elementary School Newsletter (September 10, 2009)
- École Parkside School Newsletter (September 16, 2009)
- Derek Taylor Public School Newsletter (September 17, 2009)
- Swanavon Elementary School Newsletter (September 17, 2009)
- Hillside Community School Newsletter – Hillside Herald (September 17, 2009)
- Crystal Park School – Communicator (September 17, 2009)
- Grande Prairie Christian School Spotlight (September 22, 2009)
- I.V. Macklin School Newsletter – Macklin Mailout (September 23, 2009)
- École Parkside School News (September 30, 2009)

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- Derek Taylor Public School Newsletter (October 1, 2009)
- Hillside Community School – Hillside Herald (October 1, 2009)
- Montrose Junior High School Newsletter – Tiger Tales (October 2, 2009)

Newsclips

**ROUND TABLE**

Brenda Howard attended the Striving for Excellence dinner and the ASBA Zone 1 meeting.

Steven Shavers attended the New Staff Orientation and the Crystal Park hot-dog roast.

John Lehnars exited the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Karen Prokopowich attended the Composite High School awards, the Striving for Excellence dinner, Alexander Forbes School Council meeting and the Provincial Library Committee meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Paulette Kurylo moved that the Board of Trustees move in-camera.

CARRIED 14084

Steven Shavers moved that the Board of Trustees rise and report.

CARRIED 14085

Paulette Kurylo moved that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED 14086

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer