

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #2357 HELD AT THE
BOARD OFFICE ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

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Karen Prokopowich called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. with the following present:

PRESENT

Karen Prokopowich, Brenda Howard, John Lehnert, Steven Shavers, Paulette Kurylo, Chris Gonnet, Roger Mestinek, Lance Therrien, Russell Horswill and members of the media.

PRESENTATION

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of August 25, 2009

Steven Shavers moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 25, 2009 be adopted, as circulated.

CARRIED 14070

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

GPPSD 2009 – 2010 School Start Up Report

Chris Gonnet reviewed the enrolment numbers for September 8, 2009 and discussed school start up.

Professional Learning Community Report

Chris Gonnet presented to the Board the 2008 – 2009 Professional Learning Communities Review for the Grande Prairie Public School District. It was the consensus of the Board to consider the Professional Learning Community report at the upcoming Board retreat on November 27, 2009.

ASBA / PSBAA

Zone 1 Policy and Directives for Action

Karen Prokopowich reviewed with the Board the Policy and Directives for Action Development Process. The Board will consider any directives for the ASBA Annual Fall General meeting in November.

Public School Boards' Council Meeting

Karen Prokopowich reviewed the information from the PSBC meeting held August 20 – 22, 2009.

ASBA Friends of Education Nomination

The Board reviewed the nomination of Rose-Ellen Schultz for the ASBA Friends of Education Award.

ALBERTA EDUCATION

Minister's Meeting with Zone 1 Chairs

Chris Gonnet and Karen Prokopowich reported on the Minister of Education Budget conference call as well as the Zone 1 meeting with the Minister of Education held at the Holiday Inn.

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EMPLOYEE LIAISON

Staffing Report

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

New Staff Orientation

Roger Mestinsek discussed the New Staff Orientation to be held September 15, 2009 at the Stonebridge Hotel.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Grand Opening of Maude Clifford Public School/Alexander Forbes School

Chris Gonnet discussed the preliminary plans for the grand opening of Maude Clifford Public School and the celebration of the refurbishing of Alexander Forbes School. A tentative date of November 13 has been set; unfortunately, the Minister of Education's office has declined the invitation. Administration is working to finalize a date with the local MLA's.

Return of Modular Classrooms

Russell discussed with the Board the return of nine GE Capital modular classrooms.

Portable Relocation – Derek Taylor Public School

Russell Horswill reported to the Board regarding portable relocation at Derek Taylor Public School.

Crystal Park School Roof

Russell Horswill provided an update on the work being done on the Crystal Park School roof project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Foundation Meeting

Paulette reviewed the Education Foundation Committee meeting minutes held Wednesday, August 26, 2009.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board Calendar

The Board reviewed the monthly calendar of events for September to November, 2009. The next regular meeting of the Board is Tuesday, September 22, 2009 to be held in Central Office.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

School Newsletters

- Hillside Community School Newsletter (August 31, 2009)

Newsclips

ROUND TABLE

John Lehnars discussed keeping the present school buddies and had a question regarding the server lease.

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Steven Shavers commented on the Kindergarten DVD.

Karen Prokopowich attended the Minister's meeting of this morning.

ADJOURNMENT

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

CARRIED 14071

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

CARRIED 14072

Paulette Kurylo moved that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED 14073

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer