

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #2357 HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON **August 21, 2018**

Board Chair John Lehnrs called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. with the following present:

- PRESENT** Trustees Lesley Craig, Lynn Driedger, Paulette Kurylo, John Lehnrs, Rob Martin, Joan Nellis, Andre Ouellette, Superintendent Sandy McDonald, Secretary-Treasurer Norm Guindon, Deputy Superintendent James Robinson and Secretary to the Board Sandy Fredland (minutes).
- PRESENTATION** No presentation.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Adoption of Board Agenda
The Board reviewed the Regular Meeting agenda.
- The Board agreed to the following additions to the Agenda:
- Sandy McDonald requested that the Board go in-camera at the end of the Regular Board Meeting;
 - Under Alberta Education, add *Potential Minister's Visit*;
 - Under Business Arising from the Minutes, add *Charles Spencer Social Justice Group Tanzania Trip Presentation* and *Administrative Procedure 260: Field Trips Revision*.
- MOTION:** Andre Ouellette moved that the Board adopt the Regular Meeting agenda as amended.
- CARRIED 15002
- MINUTES** Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 12, 2018
The Board reviewed the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of June 12, 2018.
- MOTION:** Joan Nellis moved to adopt the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 12, 2018, as circulated.
- CARRIED 15003
- Regular Board Meeting of June 12, 2018
The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of June 12, 2018.
- MOTION:** Rob Martin moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2018, as circulated.
- CARRIED 15004
- BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** Charles Spencer Social Justice Tanzania Trip Presentation
Paulette Kurylo discussed the Charles Spencer Social Justice Tanzania Trip power point information that was provided for the June 12, 2018 Board meeting. Trustee Kurylo suggested that students should be advised not to

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display signs or symbols with their body unless completely sure of the meaning.

Administrative Procedure (AP) 260 International Field Trip Revision

Trustee Paulette Kurylo requested that Administration send AP 260 Appendix E, regarding International Field Trip requirements, to a constitutional lawyer that deals with human rights and the constitution.

MOTION: Paulette Kurylo moved that the Board direct Administration to refer AP 260 Appendix E to a constitutional lawyer to ensure the District is working within constitutional law and human rights. A recorded vote was requested.

DEFEATED

For: Lynn Driedger

Paulette Kurylo

Against: Lesley Craig

John Lehnrs

Rob Martin

Joan Nellis

Andre Ouellette

Paulette Kurylo requested this topic be brought to the first Joint Board/School Council Chair meeting for the 2018-2019 School Year for discussion.

**BOARD CHAIR/
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Board Chair Report

• Board Retreat

John Lehnrs reported to the Board regarding the Board Retreat held June 15, 2018 at Central Office. The Retreat was reported as being informative and useful. A suggestion for the 2018 – 2019 retreat is a Board Self-Evaluation sometime in May with survey questions going to Trustees in January in preparation for the evaluation.

Superintendent's Report

• Board Policy 20 Revision Approval

Sandy McDonald presented to the Board changes to Board Policy 20, Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Working and Learning Environments. The changes reflect support of implementation of Bill 24: *An Act to Support Gay-Straight Alliances*.

MOTION: Rob Martin moved that the Board approve changes to Board Policy 20, Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Working and Learning Environments, as amended in Item 8 and with the addition of Item 11 as discussed.

CARRIED 15005

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- **Nutrition Program Update**
Sandy McDonald provided the Board with an update to the District Nutrition Program for 2018 – 2019. Nutritional programming enhancement for all schools with K – 6 students has been accepted by Alberta Education. A District Coordinator has been hired with the next step being communication to parents and teachers to identify those students in need.
- **Community Opioid Committee Update**
Sandy McDonald reported to the Board regarding two Community Opioid Committee meetings he attended over the summer. The Committee has been established by Mayor Given to address the issues that exist in our community related to Opioid use.
- **Community Food Security Committee Update**
Sandy McDonald discussed with the Board the local Food Security Committee meeting that he attended, which is a subcommittee of Grande Prairie's Community Action to End Poverty Committee.
- **Promoting Positive Attendance Update**
Sandy McDonald reported to the Board that a campaign entitled, *Every Day Matters*, has been developed to raise awareness in the District regarding the importance of regular and consistent student attendance. A committee consisting of Central Office and School Administrator staff was formed to build the program, and this committee will present to the Board sometime in September.
- **District Report Card Update**
Sandy McDonald discussed with the Board the work that continued over the summer to finalize the District Report Card. A meeting of the District Report Card Committee is needed to review progress.
- **District Organizational Chart Update**
Sandy McDonald presented to the Board an update of the District's Organizational Chart and a description of the key staff that lead in the various District departments.
- **August 30th Superintendent's Opening Address**
Sandy McDonald reported to the Board regarding the Superintendent's Opening Address to be held at Charles Spencer High School on August 30th, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Following the address, Etienna Moostoos-Lafferty will be speaking to staff regarding supporting Indigenous learners from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The New Staff Orientation is being held from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Trustees are invited to attend all events.

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Staffing Report

- Sandy McDonald presented to the Trustees as information the August 21, 2018 staffing report.

CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT

2018 Alberta Summer Games

Sandy McDonald discussed with the Board the 2018 Alberta Summer Games that were held in Grande Prairie July 19 – 22, 2018. School District within Grande Prairie School provided schools for athlete accommodations. The games were reported as being a success.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Grande Prairie Christian School Lease Funding

Norm Guindon reported to the Board that the 2018 – 2019 lease support from Alberta Capital Planning to the District for the Grande Prairie Christian School is \$318,031. The Board will send a letter to the Grande Prairie Christian Education Society informing them about the lease payment.

Maintenance and Operations Summer Projects

Norm Guindon provided a report to the Board outlining the Maintenance Department's summer projects throughout the District that have been completed or are still in progress.

Long Term Disability for Non-Instructional Temporary Employees

Norm Guindon discussed with the Board that Temporary Non-Instructional Employees of the District will not have extended disability coverage as of September 1, 2018. It has just come to the District's attention that although premiums have been paid for this coverage, the insurance company is not able to provide disability insurance for temporary employees.

ASBA / PSBAA

Public School Boards' Council (PSBC) Meeting

- Lesley Craig reported to the Board regarding the PSBC meeting held in Medicine Hat, Alberta, August 16 – 18, 2018.

Canadian School Boards' Association (CSBA) Congress

John Lehnert, Lesley Craig and Lynn Driedger reported to the Board regarding the CSBA Congress held in Halifax, Nova Scotia July 5 – 7, 2018.

ALBERTA EDUCATION

Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA) Funding

The Board discussed an email sent by the Minister of Education, David Eggen, stating that Alberta Education will fund TEBA's operational costs for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

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Start Up Meeting with Alberta Education Manager

Sandy McDonald reported to the Board that Central Office Administration met today with Cathy Rasmussen, Education Manager for Alberta Education.

Possible Meeting with Minister of Education

Sandy McDonald reported to the Board that the Minister of Education, David Eggen, will be in Grande Prairie on September 21, 2018. There is a possibility that the Minister will visit one of the District's schools, and the Board's suggestion was Aspen Grove School if possible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grande Prairie Public School District (GPPSD) – City of Grande Prairie Sub-Committee Meeting

Sandy McDonald and Norm Guindon reported to the Board regarding the GPPSD – City of Grande Prairie Sub-Committee meeting that was held on August 20, 2018.

Education Foundation Committee Meeting

Lesley Craig reported to the Board regarding the Education Foundation Committee meeting that was held June 21, 2018.

School Council Year End Reports 2017 – 2018

The Board received as information, year end reports for the 2017 – 2018 School Year from the following School Councils:

- Isabel Campbell
- IV Macklin
- GP Christian
- Charles Spencer

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Upcoming Professional Development/Meetings

The Board of Trustees reviewed the upcoming professional development meeting bulletin for Trustees.

Board Calendar

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is Tuesday, September 11, 2018 to be held in the Central Office Board Room.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter to Public School Boards' Association Executive, Re: Priority One, June 14, 2018
- Invitation – Grand Opening of St. Paul II School, September 21, 2018 at 1:30 pm
- Invitation – Grand Opening of Whispering Ridge School, September 14, 2018 at 11:00 am

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NEW IDEAS / NEW ISSUES

Paulette Kurylo commented on the amount of paper required for some International Field Trip requests to the Board.

Lynn Driedger discussed the possibility of challenging the British North America Act of 1867, namely Section 93 – Education, for the purpose of attaining Federal protection for public school boards.

John Lehnrs discussed consent agenda style meetings with the Board.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- Effects of social media on children
- District Nutrition Administrative Procedure
- Board governance

IN-CAMERA SESSION

MOTION: Joan Nellis moved that the Board go in-camera to discuss personnel at 9:37 p.m.

CARRIED 15006

MOTION: Paulette Kurylo moved that the Board come out of in-camera at 9:52 p.m.

CARRIED 15007

ADJOURNMENT

John Lehnrs called the meeting closed at 9:53 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer