

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #2357 HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON **September 25, 2018**

Board Chair John Lehnrs called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 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:

- Lesley Craig requested *Public School Boards' Association of Alberta Letter to the Board*, under Correspondence.
- Rob Martin requested *Teachers Completing Request for Student Information* under New Ideas/New Issues.

**MOTION:** Rob Martin moved that the Board adopt the Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

CARRIED 15013

**MINUTES**

Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 11, 2018

The Board reviewed the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of September 11, 2018.

**MOTION:** Paulette Kurylo moved to adopt the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 11, 2018, as circulated.

CARRIED 15014

Regular Board Meeting of September 11, 2018

The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of September 11, 2018.

**MOTION:** Rob Martin moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2018, as circulated.

CARRIED 15015

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

No report.

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**BOARD CHAIR/  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

Board Chair Report

- Meeting with the Minister of Education  
John Lehnrs discussed with the Board the meeting with the Minister of Education held September 21, 2018 at Aspen Grove School.
- Superintendent's Evaluation  
John Lehnrs discussed with the Board postponing the Superintendent's evaluation to early November. The Board scheduled a retreat for November 28, 2018 that will cover 2017 – 2018 District results review, Superintendent's evaluation, Board self-evaluation and Board strategic planning.

Superintendent's Report

- Enrolment Update  
Sandy McDonald reported to the Board regarding current enrolment in the District.
- Draft 2018 – 2019 Board/Superintendent Work Plan  
Sandy McDonald presented to the Board a summary of scheduled Reports to the Board for the 2018 – 2019 School Year.
- Positive Behaviour Supports in GPPSD  
Sandy McDonald discussed with the Board that four days of training for school and District teams has been organized on the topic of supporting students with challenging behaviours. Dr. Shane Lynch presented on September 10, 2018 as the first of four sessions.
- Mental Health Capacity Building Program Project Request  
Sandy McDonald reported to the Board that the three local School Districts are working together to submit a joint proposal for the Mental Health Capacity Building Project. Peace Wapiti School Division is taking the lead on the submission.
- September 12 Principals' Meeting  
Sandy McDonald reported to the Board regarding the Principals' meeting held September 12, 2018. This meeting focus was on preparing Principals on the Leadership for Tomorrow program that is designed to support teachers in developing understanding, awareness and knowledge about the role of a Vice Principal in the District.
- International Education Exchange Program  
Sandy McDonald reported to the Board that Melanie Matheson, Vice-Principal at Charles Spencer High School, has been accepted to participate in an international administrator's exchange in Iceland from March 24 to April 5, 2019.
- 2017 – 2018 District Survey Summary  
Sandy McDonald presented to the Board a report summarizing the results of the spring 2018 District Satisfaction Survey for parents and staff.

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- 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Board Social Program  
The Board discussed the upcoming 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Board Social scheduled for October 13, 2018 and reviewed the program as follows:

**Master/Mistress of Ceremonies:** Discussion was held regarding choosing a Master/Mistress of Ceremonies from the Central Office Administration team.

**Greetings from the Board:** John Lehnrs

**Invocation:** Lynn Driedger

**Retirees' Presentation:** John Lehnrs

**Presentation of Long Service Awards:**

10 Years – Paulette Kurylo

15 Years – Paulette Kurylo

20 Years – Rob Martin

25 Years – Lesley Craig

30 Years – Lynn Driedger

40 Years – Joan Nellis

**Presentation of Exemplary Awards:** Sandy McDonald and John Lehnrs

- Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation Donation of Smile Cookies  
Sandy McDonald shared with the Board that Sean and Sandy Sargent and the Sargent Foundation donated \$20,000 to the Hospital Foundation and purchased Smile Cookies for each staff member and student in District schools. The donation represented 9,372 cookies or 781 dozen cookies to our District.
- Administrator Professional Learning Update (University of Lethbridge Collaborative Learning)  
Sandy McDonald discussed with the Board the Administrator Professional Learning sessions with the University of Lethbridge that were held in Grande Prairie September 18 – 20, 2018.
- Staffing Report  
Sandy McDonald presented as information to the Board the Staffing Report for September 2018.

**CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT**

Rotary Food Drive Kick Off

Sandy McDonald reported to the Board regarding the Rotary Food Drive Kick Off held September 13, 2018 at the Eastlink Centre, hosted by the Grande Prairie Christian School Junior High students.

**BUSINESS SERVICES**

Related Party Disclosure

Norm Guindon presented to the Board information regarding disclosure of related party transactions of key management personnel and close family members. Each Trustee is required to sign and date the form and return to the Secretary-Treasurer.

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Grande Prairie Composite High School Replacement Committee

Norm Guindon reported to the Board that the Ad Hoc GP Composite High School Replacement Committee met to discuss demolition of the existing Composite High School. The Board came to a decision in regard to the demolition of the existing Composite High School and existing parking infrastructure.

**MOTION:** Andre Ouellette moved that the Board direct Alberta Infrastructure to demolish the existing Grande Prairie Composite High School building and to reclaim the site to green space for the purpose of moving forward with the Composite High School replacement project.

CARRIED 15016

**MOTION:** Lynn Driedger moved that the Board advise Alberta Infrastructure to retain the existing south parking lot adjacent to the laneway.

CARRIED 15017

**MOTION:** Joan Nellis moved that the Board advise Alberta Infrastructure to retain the existing parking located on the south west corner of the property.

CARRIED 15018

**MOTION:** Joan Nellis moved that the Board advise Alberta Infrastructure to demolish the large parking lot on the north east corner of the property and reclaim to green space.

CARRIED 15019

John Lehnern called a recess at 8:05 p.m.

John Lehnern reconvened the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

**ASBA / PSBAA**

Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA)

• Zone 1 Meeting

Andre Ouellette reported to the Board regarding the ASBA Zone 1 meeting held in Peace River, Alberta on September 12, 2018. A luncheon was held to honour the Zone 1 Edwin Parr and Friends of Education nominations. Lynn Driedger will be working with other Trustees with Zone 1 on an Ad Hoc Committee that will be advocating to support the recruitment, retention and delivery of professional support services to students in Zone 1.

**ALBERTA  
EDUCATION**

No report.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

District Report Card Meeting

John Lehnert and Rob Martin reported to the Board that the District Report Card Committee met, and work was done towards completing the Report Card.

Teachers'/Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA)

Lesley Craig reported to the Board regarding the TEBA meeting held in Edmonton on September 20, 2018.

**IN-CAMERA SESSION**

**MOTION:** Lesley Craig moved to go in-camera at 8:20 p.m. to discuss personnel.

CARRIED 15020

**MOTION:** Lesley Craig moved that the Board come out of in-camera at 8:26 p.m.

CARRIED 15021

**COMMITTEES (continued)**

Education Foundation Committee Meeting

Rob Martin reported to the Board regarding the Education Foundation Committee meeting that was held September 13, 2018. Of note, the annual Striving for Excellence dinner will be held October 3, 2018.

**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, October 9, 2018 to be held in the Central Office Board Room.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Letter from the Minister of Education
- Thank You Card from the MacLellan Family  
Paulette Kurylo requested a preview of the form letter that the Board will send to the family of any student who passes in the District. As well, Trustee Kurylo asked that this practice be incorporated into Board Policy 2. Board Policy 2 will be an item on the next Board meeting agenda.
- Letter from Gerry Steinke, Public School Boards' Association (PSBAA), re: Together for Students campaign  
Lesley Craig discussed with the Board a letter received from Gerry Steinke, First Vice President of PSBAA, requesting a meeting with the Board to discuss the PSBAA *Together for Students* campaign. A meeting will be scheduled sometime before Christmas.

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- Teachers Completing Request for Student Information  
Rob Martin discussed with the Board an incident regarding an outside agency requesting teachers to fill out a questionnaire regarding students who attend the agency. The agency was receiving resistance from teachers in completing the questionnaire due to privacy laws. Administration suggested that the questionnaire be given to the student's parent/guardian to have the form completed by the teacher. In this way, the teacher will receive consent from the parent/guardian to share information.

**NEW IDEAS / NEW ISSUES**

Lobbying the Federal Government to Protect the Status of Elected School Boards

Lynn Driedger discussed with the Board advocating to the Federal Government to amend the Constitution Act of 1867 to protect Locally Elected School Boards in each District and their autonomy.

Action on Smoking and Health

Andre Ouellette discussed with the Board a report sent out to provincial School Boards from Action on Smoking and Health.

Consent Agenda Discussion

Joan Nellis provided the Board with further information regarding consent agenda meetings.

Paulette Kurylo requested an update on the Grande Prairie Composite High School replacement project. Norm Guindon reported that the 90% complete drawings will be sent out towards the end of October. A letter will be drafted to Alberta Infrastructure requesting that the tender process be done as soon as possible.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- Effects of social media on children
- District nutrition Administrative Procedure
- District athletics

**ADJOURNMENT**

John Lehnars called the meeting closed at 9:38 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer