

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #2357 HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON **October 9, 2018**

Board Chair John Lehnrs called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with the following present:

PRESENT

Trustees Lynn Driedger, Paulette Kurylo, John Lehnrs, Rob Martin, Joan Nellis, Andre Ouellette, Superintendent Sandy McDonald, Secretary-Treasurer Norm Guindon, Deputy Superintendent James Robinson and Executive Assistant Shera-Lea Crichton (minutes).

Regrets: Lesley Craig

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA)

- The Board moved into Committee of the Whole at 7:02 p.m. to discuss the PSBAA *Together for Students* campaign with PSBAA President Cathy Hogg and First Vice-President Gerry Steinke.

MOTION: John Lehnrs moved that the Board go to Committee of the Whole at 7:02 p.m.

CARRIED 15022

MOTION: John Lehnrs moved that the Board come out of Committee of the Whole at 8:22 p.m.

CARRIED 15023

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of Board Agenda

The Board reviewed the Regular Meeting agenda.

MOTION: Paulette Kurylo moved that the Board adopt the Regular Meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED 15024

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting of September 11, 2018

The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of September 25, 2018.

MOTION: John Lehnrs moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 25, 2018, as circulated.

CARRIED 15025

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Board Policy 2 – Role of the Board Update

The Board discussed the addition of a bullet to Board Policy 2, under Section 10, *Selected Responsibilities*, "10.12 Send letter of condolence to the family of students that pass away and to a staff member whose spouse or child passes away".

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MOTION: Paulette Kurylo moved that the Board approve amending Board Policy 2, *Role of the Board*, by adding 10.12 as follows: In the event of the death of a Grande Prairie Public School District student or the spouse or child of a staff member of the Grande Prairie Public School District, the School Board will send a letter of condolence, a card and flowers to the family of the deceased.

CARRIED 15026

**BOARD CHAIR/
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Board Chair Report

- John Lehnert reported to the Board that the Striving for Excellence Awards Dinner was held on October 3, 2018 and the event was a great success.
- John Lehnert reported to the Board that the Audit Committee took place prior to the Board Meeting on October 9, 2018.

Superintendent's Report

- **We Caught You Being Kind GP Storm Promotion**
Sandy McDonald reported to the Board regarding the Grande Prairie Storm *We Caught You Being Kind* promotion that will involve 8 District K – 6 Schools. Students who are caught being kind will be nominated by their Teacher for a random draw at the school for the chance to win Storm tickets and other prizes presented by Storm members.
- **Community Orange Shirt Day**
Sandy McDonald reported to the Board regarding the Community Orange Shirt Day on September 30, 2018, where he brought greetings on behalf of the District.
- **2017 – 2018 School Achievement Results Update**
Sandy McDonald discussed with the Board that District Curriculum Leaders are engaged in collaborative results review meetings with each school Principal in the District. It was reported that the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) results have been released, but Provincial school-based results have not yet been released.
- **2018 – 2019 School Assurance Meetings**
Sandy McDonald presented to the Board proposed dates for the upcoming School Assurance meetings to be held January 31, February 7, February 14, February 27 and March 14, 2019. The Board agreed to the dates.
- **Schedule of Reports to the Board**
The Board discussed a schedule of Department reports, presented by Sandy McDonald, that will be submitted to the Board throughout the year. The schedule and suggested changes will be incorporated into the Board work plan which will be brought to the next Board meeting.

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- Frontier College Volunteers – Avondale School
Sandy McDonald reported to the Board that Frontier College has expanded their program at Avondale School to include 18 students in Grades 2 – 6. Frontier College is an organization focused on supporting literacy initiatives.
- Consent Agenda Follow Up
Sandy McDonald presented to the Board additional information regarding a consent agenda format. Suggestion was made to try a consent agenda prior making a motion to adopt using a consent agenda format. A traditional agenda will be formatted as a consent agenda and brought back to the Board for discussion.

CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT

Grande Prairie Education Foundation Striving for Excellence Awards
Discussed under *Board Chair Report*.

BUSINESS SERVICES

No Report.

ASBA / PSBAA

Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA)

- Alberta Education Business Plan Consultation
Trustees discussed the ASBA Alberta Education Business Plan Consultation that was circulated to provincial School Boards.

ALBERTA EDUCATION

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

School Council Annual Reports

- École Montrose School Council
- Crystal Park School Council

The Board received as information 2017 – 2018 Year End Reports from École Montrose and Crystal Park School Councils.

Teacher Trustee Liaison Committee (TTLC)

Paulette Kurylo and Joan Nellis reported to the Board regarding the TTLC meeting that was held October 3, 2018. Of note:

- The substitute teacher shortage is a problem for every school in the District. There were 75 substitute teacher positions over 6 weeks that the District could not fill. The District has drafted an Administrative Procedure to proceed with using uncertified teachers to fill these positions. The District will provide training and ongoing supervision through the process to any uncertified teacher supervisor.

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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 30, 2018 to be held in the Central Office Board Room.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter to the Ministers of Education and Infrastructure
The Board reviewed a draft letter to the Ministers of Education and Infrastructure, stressing the importance of proceeding with the Grande Prairie Composite High School project.
- Letter from GP Catholic School District, re: Joint Site in Kensington area.

NEW IDEAS / NEW ISSUES

Rob Martin inquired if the Board had any updates on St. Patrick's School, and was informed that the school is still under construction.

Lynn Driedger requested information on the Kensington area. Sandy McDonald confirmed that it is a potential joint school site project with the Catholic District on the south west side of the City.

Paulette Kurylo shared information regarding an upcoming film entitled, *Generation Zapped*.

Andre Ouellette shared that he will no longer require a paper copy of the Board package, as he will use the electronic version that is posted to the District portal.

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 8:23 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer