

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #2357 HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON **November 13, 2018**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** Board Chair John Lehnert reported that a Committee of the Whole meeting was held prior to the Regular Board meeting, with the purpose of discussing the District Accountability Pillar Report and the draft Three Year Education Plan and Results Report.

Board Chair John Lehnert called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. with the following present:

**PRESENT** Trustees Lesley Craig, Lynn Driedger, Paulette Kurylo, John Lehnert, 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** District Attendance Committee Presentation  
Angela DesBarres, Director of Instruction K – 6, Kim Frykas, Director of Instruction 7 – 12, and Nancy Gorgichuk, Director of Student Services presented to the Board regarding student attendance in the District. The District has launched a new initiative to address student attendance called, *Every Day Matters*.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** The Board thanked the presenters for the interesting information.  
Adoption of Board Agenda  
The Board reviewed the Regular Meeting agenda.

The Board agreed to the following additions to the Agenda:

- Paulette Kurylo requested the addition of *Annual Christmas Card Contest* and *Board Social Update* to Culture and Engagement;
- Lynn Driedger requested the addition of *District Software and Websites* to Business Services.

**MOTION:** Lesley Craig moved that the Board adopt the Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

CARRIED 15033

**MINUTES** Regular Board Meeting of October 30, 2018  
The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of October 30, 2018.

**MOTION:** Lynn Driedger moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 30, 2018, as circulated.

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**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** Consent Agenda Sample  
Sandy McDonald presented to the Board a consent agenda sample for review and discussed with the Board that should a consent agenda format be adopted the change must be reflected in Board Policy 7.

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The Board agreed to keeping the meeting format the same as it currently is.

Condolence Letters

Paulette Kurylo provided to the Board suggested wording of letters of condolence from the Board. Discussion ensued. The accepted wording of the letters will be used as the need arises according to Board Policy 2, section 10.12.

**BOARD CHAIR/  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

Board Chair Report

- Board Governance Day Agenda  
The Board discussed the agenda for the upcoming Board Governance Day retreat scheduled for November 28, 2018.

Superintendent's Report

Sandy McDonald provided to the Board information regarding the following:

- Zone 1 CASS Meeting  
The Zone 1 College of Alberta School Superintendents' (CASS) meeting was hosted by the District on October 26, 2018 with over 30 members attending.
- CASS Fall Conference  
The CASS Fall Conference was held in Calgary November 7 – 9, 2018. The focus of the conference was preparation for the upcoming Leadership and Superintendent Standards.
- Programme For International Student Assessment (PISA), Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) and the Pan-Canadian Assessment Program  
Students in the District will be participating in the PISA and TIMSS assessments, as well as the Pan Canadian Assessment Program sometime in the 2018 – 2019 school year.
- Planning and Implementation of Non-Certificated Classroom Supervisors in GPPSD  
Due to the shortage of substitute teachers, the District is proceeding with hiring noncertificated classroom supervisors.
- Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) Training  
Sandy McDonald reported to the Board that he updated his VTRA certification by attending a training session held November 1 – 2, 2018 along with 45 other attendees from across the Northwest Zone.
- 2017 – 2018 Attendance Summary  
Sandy McDonald provided to the Board a summary of student attendance for the 2017 – 2018 school year as information.
- International Field Trip Request: Destination Imagination Global Finals, Kansas City, Missouri, May 21 – 27, 2019.  
Sandy McDonald presented to the Board of Trustees the International Field Trip Request from the Gifted Program to attend the Global Finals

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in Kansas City, Missouri, May 21 – 27, 2019. Administration is recommending the Board approve the trip subject to final review and approval of the application by District Administration one month prior to travel.

**MOTION:** Joan Nellis moved that the Board of Trustees approves the Destination Imagination International Field Trip request to travel to Kansas City, Missouri, from May 21 – 27, 2019, subject to final review and approval of the application by District Administration one month prior to travel.

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- Board Highlights  
Sandy McDonald asked the Boards' consideration in changing the format for the Board Highlights and provided a link to the Isabel Campbell Public School newsletter as an example. The Board was agreeable to the change.

**CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT**

Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Trustees discussed the various Remembrance Day Ceremonies that were attended.

Annual Christmas Card Contest

The Board discussed the selection process for the Annual Christmas Card Contest. The selection process will be the same as last year.

Board Social Update

Paulette Kurylo requested information regarding the suggestion of charging a nominal fee for the Board Social ticket next year. Sandy McDonald advised the Board that this topic will be brought to the Liaison Committee meetings and feedback from those meetings will be brought to the Board.

**BUSINESS SERVICES**

Website Software

Lynn Driedger discussed with the Board and Administration questions that were brought to her at a School Council meeting regarding the software currently being used by the District for the District website. Administration advised that school websites function well, but they all require someone to manage the site from each school.

**ASBA / PSBAA**

No report.

**ALBERTA EDUCATION**

No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No report.

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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, November 27, 2018 to be held in the Central Office Board Room.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Letter of Support for the 2022 Arctic Winter Games Bid to Mayor Given
- Reply from Minister of Education Re: Replacement Composite High School Project

**NEW IDEAS / NEW ISSUES**

Lesley Craig reported to the Board that the documentary entitled, *Screen Agers* is being presented at Peace Wapiti Academy November 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Joan Nellis inquired about a date for the Board to meet with students at Charles Spencer High School. Sandy McDonald is currently working with the Principal in securing a date for the meeting. Joan Nellis also discussed with Administration having District students apply for a google account and the possibility of that student information being compromised. Sandy McDonald assured the Board that student accounts cannot be linked back to specific students because the accounts are assigned by first name, last initial and student number.

Andre Ouellette reported to the Board that he attended the *Breakfast with the Guys* event held at the Grande Prairie Regional College this morning.

Lynn Driedger reported to the Board regarding a website entitled, – *Commonsensemedia.org: The Truth about Tech* that discusses the depth of social media. Sandy McDonald reported that the District uses *mediasmarts.ca*.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

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

**IN - CAMERA SESSION**

**MOTION:** Paulette Kurylo moved that the Board go in-camera at 8:03 p.m. to discuss land, legal and personnel.

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**MOTION:** Joan Nellis moved that the Board come out of in-camera at 8:14 p.m.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

John Lehnert called the meeting closed at 8:15 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer