

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #2357 HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON **January 15, 2019**

Board Chair John Lehnrs called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:38 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, Deputy Superintendent James Robinson and Secretary to the Board Sandy Fredland (minutes).

Regrets: Norm Guindon, Secretary Treasurer

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:

- An In-Camera session at the end of the meeting.

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

CARRIED 15054

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting of December 11, 2018

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

MOTION: Paulette Kurylo moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2018, as circulated.

CARRIED 15055

Abstained, absent from meeting: John Lehnrs
Lynn Driedger
Rob Martin

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

National and International Conference Attendance

The Board discussed costs associated with Trustees attending the Canadian School Boards' Association and National School Boards' Association conferences.

MOTION: Andre Ouellette moved that Trustees abstain from attending the Canadian School Boards' Association Conference for 2019 and 2020, and the National School Boards' Conference in 2020.

DEFEATED

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**BOARD CHAIR/
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Board Chair Report

- The Ad Hoc Collaborative team consisting of John Lehnert, Andre Ouellette, Sandy McDonald and Norm Guindon will be meeting with the Trustees from the Grande Prairie Catholic School District on February 4, 2019.

Superintendent's Report

Sandy McDonald provided to the Board information regarding the following:

- Three Year Education Plan and Alberta Results Report Review Meeting with Alberta Education
Central Office Education Leadership team met with Cathy Rasmussen, Field Services Liaison and Sandra Skare, Alberta Education's Northwest Zone First Nations, Education Manager, on December 12 to review the District Three Year Education Plan and Results Report.
- Leadership for Tomorrow
The December session of Leadership for Tomorrow was focused on how schools and the District meet the needs of students with special needs and building a common understanding of inclusion.
- District Student Services Department Annual Update
A report summarizing the structure, budget, priorities and goals of the Student Services Department was provided to the Board as information. A Committee of the Whole meeting will be scheduled with a focus on student mental health sometime in the future.
- District Nutrition Program Update
A report explaining the structure and operation of the 2018 – 2019 Alberta Education funded Nutrition Program was provided to the Board as information.
- Accountability Pillar/Satisfaction Survey/Our School Data Review Meetings
Sandy McDonald reported that he and James Robinson, Deputy Superintendent, met with each school Principal prior to the Christmas break to discuss their survey data from the 2017 – 2018 School Year.
- 2018 – 2019 Accountability Pillar Surveys
James Robinson, Deputy Superintendent, has distributed this year's Alberta Education Accountability Pillar Survey information to Principals for distribution to students and parents.
- Alberta Education Class Size Reporting
The Class Size reporting process for Alberta Education has been completed. Draft numbers show improvement over last year.
- Resource Allocation Model Review Committee Update
The Committee met in December with the purpose of reviewing the process used to allocate funding to schools. The model identifies class size guidelines, staffing-level expectations for Principals, Vice-Principals, Learning Support Teachers and other specialized positions

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as well as provides funding for specialty programs, professional development and school operations.

BOARD POLICY REVIEW

Board Policy 6 – Trustee Code of Ethics

Trustees reviewed Board Policy 6 – Trustee Code of Ethics, as part of a complete Board Policy review, one policy per meeting beginning with Board Policy 1. No changes were recommended for Board Policy 6.

CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT

Student Engagement Session – Charles Spencer High School

Trustees discussed the Student Engagement Session held at Charles Spencer High School on December 13, 2018. The Board was appreciative of the students' participation in the engagement session and of Mrs. Blair, principal, for her efforts to arrange for the session to occur.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Occupational Health and Safety Annual Report

Sandy McDonald presented to the Board the Annual Occupational Health and Safety Report, prepared by Bev Alcock, Safety Coordinator, as information.

Community Knowledge Centre (CKC) Energy Settlement Update

Sandy McDonald updated the Board regarding the energy settlement for the CKC.

MOTION: Rob Martin moved that the Board approve the recommendation to enter into the agreement presented by the City of Grande Prairie regarding the energy settlement at the Community Knowledge Centre.

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ASBA / PSBAA

Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA)

• Zone 1 Meeting

Andre Ouellette reported to the Board regarding the ASBA Zone 1 meeting held at Central Office on January 9, 2019. Dr. de Villiers presented at ASBA Zone 1 regarding vaccinations.

MOTION: Paulette Kurylo moved that the Board direct Administration to seek legal opinion regarding mandatory vaccinations for international field trips as referenced in Administrative Procedure 260 Appendix E.

A recorded vote was requested:
DEFEATED
In favour: Lynn Driedger
Paulette Kurylo

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Opposed: John Lehnrs
Joan Nellis
Lesley Craig
Rob Martin
Andre Ouellette

**ALBERTA
EDUCATION**

No report.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Education Foundation Committee

Rob Martin reported to the Board regarding the Education Foundation Annual General Meeting and Regular Meeting held December 6, 2018. Education Foundation Directors will be attending School Council meetings to let Councils know what the Foundation does for students. February 11 will be Foundation week, where schools will be hosting fundraisers for the Foundation.

**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, January 29, 2019 to be held in the Central Office Board Room.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter to Michael Ouellette, Board Chair Grande Prairie and District Catholic Schools

**NEW IDEAS / NEW
ISSUES**

Andre Ouellette reported that Oliver's Funeral Home will take old or damaged Canadian flags and will retire the flags at a ceremony on February 15, 2019.

Joan Nellis and Paulette Kurylo discussed the Alberta Health Services presentation, Sexuality/Gender Equality, held January 14, 2019.

Lynn Driedger discussed:

- The idea of a shared consistent message for School Council meetings. It was decided to continue sharing information in the same manner as previous.
- Students smoking in the back at the Eastlink Centre. Sandy McDonald reported that the school is aware of this and measures are taking regularly to address it.

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- Literacy Week invitations to read at schools was discussed. Trustees are welcome to attend any or all of the schools that have invited them to read during Literacy Week.
- Lynn will bring information to the Board regarding holistic vaccinations.

Lesley Craig asked when the Communications Officer will again offer the social media session. Sandy McDonald reported that information will be coming out soon in regard to this session.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- Effects of social media on children
- District Nutrition Administrative Procedure
- Student Mental Health

IN - CAMERA SESSION

MOTION: Joan Nellis moved that the Board go in-camera at 8:52 p.m. to discuss land, legal and personnel.

CARRIED 15057

MOTION: Paulette Kurylo moved that the Board come out of in-camera at 9:45 p.m.

CARRIED 15058

ADJOURNMENT

John Lehnars called the meeting closed at 9:46 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer