

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #2357 HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON **January 29, 2019**

Board Chair John Lehnrs called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:59 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, Secretary-Treasurer Norm Guindon 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:

- Board Chair John Lehnrs requested an in-camera session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel.

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

CARRIED 15059

MINUTES Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 15, 2019
The Board reviewed the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of January 15, 2019, as circulated.

MOTION: Paulette Kurylo moved to adopt the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 15, 2019.

CARRIED 15060

Regular Board Meeting of January 15, 2019
The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of January 15, 2019.

MOTION: Joan Nellis moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 15, 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED 15061

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

BOARD CHAIR/ SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Board Chair Report

- John Lehnrs reported to the Board that the Non-Instructional Staff Collective Agreement has been formally signed off.

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Superintendent's Report

Sandy McDonald provided to the Board information regarding the following:

- 2019 – 2020 School Year Calendar
The Board discussed the final draft of the 2019 – 2020 School Year Calendar.

MOTION: Joan Nellis moved that the Board approve the 2019 – 2020 School Year Calendar as presented.

CARRIED 15062

- Teacher Shortage Update
The University of Alberta is collecting information from jurisdictions to learn more about the challenges associated with the teacher shortage with the purpose of developing recommendations for post-secondary institutions.
- Education Stakeholder Provincial Satisfaction Surveys
An external consultant will be administering, randomly by telephone, Provincial Satisfaction Surveys on behalf of Alberta Education to be completed by the end of March 2019.
- Community Neighbourhood Enhancement Grants
Aspen Grove Public School and Isabel Campbell Public School have been successful in partnering with their local neighbourhood associations in grant applications to the City of Grande Prairie. Each will be receiving a grant of \$5000.00 to be used to support outdoor enhancements to their school playgrounds.
- Community Knowledge Campus (CKC) Construction
The City of Grande Prairie has installed a fire hydrant at the CKC Field which required a road closure on Knowledge Way with 3 days' notice to the District.
- New Principal – Roy Bickell Public School
Joanne Perrott, Principal of Roy Bickell Public School, will be retiring at the end of the 2018 – 2019 School Year. This vacancy has been posted and will run until February 1, 2019.
- Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA) Winter Leadership Academy
Superintendent McDonald provided a summary of the sessions he attended at the ASBA Winter Leadership Academy held January 21 – 21, 2019 in Leduc, Alberta.
- Administrator and School Professional Learning
The latest Leadership Standards sessions were held January 22 and 23, 2019 with visits to all schools, and on January 24, 2019 with a session at Central Office involving all school-based administrators, District leadership and the learning facilitators from the University of Lethbridge.

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- Assurance Meetings
The School Assurance meeting format was provided to Trustees, with the first session to be held January 31, 2019.
- Student Engagement – Grande Prairie Composite High School (GPCHS)
The Board-Student Engagement session for GPCHS is scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2019 during the student lunch break.
- Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) Student Voice Videoconference with the Minister of Education
PSBAA announced that the Minister will be hosting a Student Voice Teleconference on February 4, 2019. District Principals have been asked to facilitate this opportunity for interested students.
- Staffing Report
The District Staffing Report for January 29, 2019 was provided to the Trustees as information.
- Annual Communications Report
The District Communications Report was provided to the Trustees as information.

BOARD POLICY REVIEW

No report.

CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT

No report.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Transportation Annual Report

Norm Guindon presented to the Board the Annual Transportation Report, prepared by Connie Hartel, Transportation Coordinator, as information. Of note, the District is in the second year of a three-year contract with First Student. Discussions will be held with the Catholic District to determine if an extension of the contract should be sought, or if the Districts will go to tender for a new transportation provider. As well, the on-time performance for this school year is 99.5% on time.

ASBA / PSBAA

Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA)

- Winter Leadership Academy 2019
Trustees reported to the Board regarding the Winter Leadership Academy held January 20 – 21, 2019 in Leduc, Alberta. One of the sessions attended was in regard to Student Resource Officers in schools. Administration will bring a report to the Board outlining the use of Student Resource Officers in the Grande Prairie Public School District as well as the role Alberta Health Services plays regarding students at risk in District schools.

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ALBERTA EDUCATION

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Education Foundation Committee
Rob Martin reported to the Board regarding the Education Foundation Regular Meeting held January 17, 2019.

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, February 12, 2019 to be held in the Central Office Board Room.

CORRESPONDENCE

- No Correspondence.

NEW IDEAS / NEW ISSUES

Paulette Kurylo requested a date from Administration on when AP 260 Appendix E will be brought to the Board. Administration will bring this to either the February 12, 2019 or March 12, 2019 Board meeting.

Trustee Kurylo reported to the Board that she attended the Edmonton Ballet presentation that was held in Grande Prairie, where students from the District Dance Academy participated in the production.

Lesley Craig reported to the Board that she attended the United Conservative Party (UCP) Breakfast event in Sexsmith, Alberta on January 25, 2019.

Lynn Driedger discussed the possibility of opening the Academy to other schools in the District. The Board will be receiving a District Academy Report in an upcoming Board meeting that will provide detailed information regarding the Academy.

Rob Martin reported to the Board that the Manitoba government is undertaking a review of K – 12 education in the province with the risk of Manitoba School Boards being reduced in number or being completely eliminated.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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

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IN - CAMERA SESSION

MOTION: Joan Nellis moved that the Board go in-camera at 7:43 p.m. to discuss personnel.

CARRIED 15063

MOTION: Lesley Craig moved that the Board come out of in-camera at 8:16 p.m.

CARRIED 15064

Superintendent's Evaluation

The Board discussed the 2017 – 2018 Superintendent's Evaluation as presented In-Camera.

MOTION: Rob Martin moved that the Superintendent's Evaluation Report as developed in the evaluation process of November 28, 2018 is an accurate accounting of the Superintendent's performance for the period of September 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018. The Board authorizes the Chair to make any required technical edits and to sign the report on the Board's behalf.

CARRIED 15065

ADJOURNMENT

John Lehnert called the meeting closed at 8:18 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer