

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #2357 HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON **February 12, 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.
- MOTION:** Joan Nellis moved that the Board adopt the Regular Meeting agenda as presented. CARRIED 15066
- MINUTES** Regular Board Meeting of January 29, 2019  
The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of January 29, 2019.
- MOTION:** Paulette Kurylo moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 29, 2019, as circulated. CARRIED 15067
- BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
- BOARD CHAIR/ SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** Board Chair Report
- The Board Chair and Vice-Chair will be meeting to discuss the Superintendent's contract on February 14, 2019.
  - John Lehnrs will be circulating to the Trustees, as information, a spreadsheet that analyzes achievement in the District in comparison to the focus indicators chosen by the Board.
- Superintendent's Report  
Sandy McDonald provided to the Board information regarding the following:
- Leadership for Tomorrow  
The January session focus of Leadership for Tomorrow was the Instructional Leadership Competency from the Leadership Quality Standards.
  - Administrative Procedure (AP) 260 Appendix E – International Field Trips Follow-Up  
An update on AP 260 Appendix E – International Field Trips was provided. Of note, trip requests must address the vaccination recommendations identified on the Government of Canada's Travel

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Advice and Advisories website. Also, parents will be required to sign a form attesting that their child's routine vaccinations, and any other required vaccinations identified in the trip request, are up to date. Following discussion, suggested changes to the wording will be made and the final version will be sent out by email to Trustees prior to the usual Administrative Procedure approval process.

- **Board Policy 1 Review**  
Board Policy 1 is used by District Administration for staff orientation as well as when working with staff and parents in reviewing the Board's expectations regarding culture and behaviour.
- **Mental Health Capacity Building Project Application**  
The Mental Health Capacity Building Project Application that was submitted jointly with the Peace Wapiti School District and Grande Prairie and District Catholic Schools was successful. A detailed description of the program will be shared at an upcoming Committee of the Whole Meeting.
- **Upcoming Committee of the Whole Meetings**  
Proposed dates for Committee of the Whole Meetings are February 26, 2019 to discuss Mental Health and March 12, 2019 to discuss updates to budget and the Academy.
- **Eva Olsson – February 14, 2019**  
Isabel Campbell will be hosting a presentation by Eva Olsson, Holocaust survivor, on February 14, 2019.
- **District Administration Planning Retreat**  
The Central Office Education Leadership team has scheduled a one-day retreat for March 11, 2019. Topics to be covered include review of strategic plan revisions, aligning department and individual work plans in addressing strategic priorities and attending to Board identified items of focus.
- **Alberta Health Services – Public Health Nurses**  
Charles Spencer High School and the Grande Prairie Composite High School have nurses employed by Alberta Health Services in their schools approximately 2 days per week. The Bridge Network receives less frequent support. Nurses are available to support teachers with information and presentations, to support students individually and in groups, and offer health, career and other general preventative support to students.

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- Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) – School Resource Officers (SROs)  
The RCMP currently have 4 SROs assigned to all schools in the City of Grande Prairie. The SRO is the first point of contact for a School Principal with questions about students and the law, or who is looking for presentation support or a school visit. The SROs have worked to develop a relationship with the staff and students of their school. In addition, the RCMP provide two officers to serve on a Youth Support Team that exists to support high-risk youth aged 12-17 and facilitate the youth being able to access wrap around services from a variety of different agencies as needed.
- Board Social Update  
The issue of “no shows” to the Board Social was brought to the agenda of Board Liaison Committee meetings. Suggestion is to make communication regarding this issue a focus when advertising the Board Social next year.
- District Early Literacy Annual Report  
The District Early Literacy Annual Report was provided to the Board as information.
- District Second Languages Annual Report  
The District Second Languages Annual Report was submitted to the Board as information.
- District Music Program Report  
The District Music Program Report was submitted to the Board as information.

**BOARD POLICY REVIEW**

Board Policy 1 – GPPSD Mission and Guiding Principles

The Board reviewed Board Policy 1 – Mission and Guiding Principles. Following discussion, Trustees agreed to review Board Policy 1 and bring suggested changes and additions to the February 26, 2019 Board Meeting.

**CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT**

2018 – 2019 School Assurance Meetings

The Board and Central Office Staff met with School Administrators from the following schools to review the schools’ profile, annual results and school plans:

- Parkside Montessori
- Hillside Community School
- Swanavon School
- Avondale School
- Isabel Campbell Public School
- Riverstone Public School

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- Roy Bickell Public School
- Derek Taylor Public School

Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) Induction and Retirement

The Board has been invited to attend the annual ATA Trumpeter Local #26 Induction and Retirement Evening scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 2019 at the Holiday Inn, Grande Prairie.

**BUSINESS SERVICES**

Budget Development Process

Norm Guindon discussed with the Board the process that will be used for the upcoming 2019 – 2020 budget discussions. A 3-year budget projection will be brought to the Board at the next Board meeting.

**ASBA / PSBAA**

Public School Boards' Council (PSBC)

- Lesley Craig reported to the Board regarding the Public School Boards' Council meeting that was held in Edmonton February 7-8, 2019.

**ALBERTA EDUCATION**

No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Grande Prairie Public School District (GPPSD)/City of Grande Prairie Working Committee

John Lehnert, Andre Ouellette and Lynn Driedger reported to the Board regarding the GPPSD – City of Grande Prairie Sub-Committee meeting that was held on February 6, 2019.

- Non-Instructional Liaison Committee Meeting

Rob Martin and Lynn Driedger reported to the Board regarding the Non-Instructional Liaison Committee meeting held January 30, 2019.

- GPPSD Education Foundation Fundraiser

Lynn Driedger reported to the Board regarding a Foundation fashion show fundraiser that will be held June 6, 2019 at the Pomeroy Hotel.

**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 26, 2019 to be held in the Central Office Board Room.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- No Correspondence.

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**NEW IDEAS / NEW ISSUES**

Andre Ouellette reported to the Board that PACE (Providing Assistance, Counseling and Education) held a presentation at Alexander Forbes School for the Grade K – 4 students.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

John Lehnars called the meeting closed at 9:15 p.m.

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Chair

Secretary-Treasurer