

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #2357 HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON **March 12, 2019**

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Board Chair John Lehnrs reported that the Board held a Committee of the Whole meeting prior to the Regular Board meeting with the purpose of discussing the 2019 – 2020 District budget process, as well as the 2020 – 2023 Capital Plan for the District.

Board Chair John Lehnrs called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:06 p.m. with the following present:

PRESENT

Trustees John Lehnrs, Paulette Kurylo, 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).

Participated by teleconference: Trustee Lesley Craig

Trustee Lynn Driedger entered the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

PRESENTATION

Education Foundation 2017 – 2018 Annual Report

The Education Foundation Annual Report Presentation began at 7:12 p.m. during the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Chair of the Grande Prairie Public School District Education Foundation, Angus Sutherland, and Executive Director Laura LaValley presented to the Board the Education Foundation Annual Report for the 2017 – 2018 School Year. Of note:

- The Foundation awarded nine graduating students with scholarships ranging from \$500.00 to \$2000.00.
- \$20,050.00 was awarded to 10 projects and programs in District schools.
- 124 students and 520 guests attended the Striving for Excellence Dinner on October 4, 2017, free of charge.

The Board thanked Angus Sutherland and Laura LaValley for the support the Foundation provides to Grande Prairie Public School District students.

The presentation ended at 7:37 p.m., at which time the Board resumed the Committee of the Whole meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of Board Agenda

The Board reviewed the Regular Meeting agenda.

The Board agreed to the following additions to the agenda:

- Under *Alberta Education*: Teacher/Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA) Representative;
- Under *Superintendent's Report*: Principal Update; and

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- Board Chair John Lehnrs requested an in-camera session to discuss personnel.

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

CARRIED 15073

MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 26, 2019

The Board reviewed the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of February 26, 2019.

MOTION: Joan Nellis moved that the Board adopt the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of February 26, 2019 as circulated.

CARRIED 15074

Abstained (absent from meeting): Andre Ouellette
Paulette Kurylo

Regular Board Meeting of February 26, 2019

The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of February 26, 2019.

MOTION: Rob Martin moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED 15075

Abstained (absent from meeting): Andre Ouellette
Paulette Kurylo

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Paulette Kurylo asked if a reply has been received from the Minister of Education regarding the Superintendent's reappointment. Norm Guindon informed the Board that the Registrar has confirmed receipt of the reappointment package and indicated that all the required documents were submitted. No word has been received from the Minister yet.

**BOARD CHAIR/
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Board Chair Report

- Meeting with Peace Wapiti School Division Board Chair and City of Grande Prairie Mayor
Board Chair John Lehnrs reported to the Board that he attended a meeting with Mayor Bill Given and Peace Wapiti School Division Board Chair Dana McIntosh to discuss the current Composite High School site redevelopment plan on February 28, 2019.

MOTION: Andre Ouellette moved that the Board send a letter to the Board of the Peace Wapiti School Division illustrating interest in the acquisition of one of their schools within the City of Grande Prairie should they move out of the City of Grande Prairie.

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- Principals' Meeting
John Lehnert and Joan Nellis reported to that Board that they attended a portion of the Principals' meeting held March 12, 2019, to discuss the recently held School Assurance meetings.

Superintendent's Report

Sandy McDonald provided to the Board information regarding the following:

- Roy Bickell Public School Principal Announcement
The interview process has concluded for selection of a Principal for Roy Bickell Public School. The successful applicant is Tracey Mark who is currently the Principal at Maude Clifford Public School. The District will now be filling the position of Principal at Maude Clifford Public School.
- Superintendent Leadership Quality Standards (SLQS) Facilitator Training
SLQS Facilitator Training was held in Calgary March 1, 2019, with all costs covered by the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA). Sandy McDonald will facilitate the Superintendent Certification training that will occur in Edmonton March 20 and 21, 2019 at the College of Alberta School Superintendents' (CASS) Annual Learning Conference.
- CASS Director's Meeting
Sandy McDonald attended the CASS Director's meeting held March 7 – 8, 2019 in Nisku, AB. Topics covered at the meeting included high school funding and new Bus Driver expectations.
- Education Executive Annual Planning Retreat
The annual planning agenda for the Education Leadership team was held March 11, 2019. Three components covered included:
 - Review of the District Strategic plan;
 - Review of District Leadership Organizational Structure; and
 - Review of the recent budget forecast for the District.
- District Indigenous Planning Report
The Board was provided the Annual District Indigenous Planning report as information.
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Program Report
The Board was provided the Annual IB Program Report as information.
- Principals' Meeting
John Lehnert and Joan Nellis attended the start of the Principals' meeting with the purpose of sharing Board perceptions of the recent school assurance meetings and to bring general updates to the

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Principals from the Board. A Professional Development session was held in the afternoon on the topic of working with challenging people.

- Alberta Education Guidelines – Type I Diabetes
Chris Farquharson, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, is currently reviewing the new guidelines for Alberta schools for supporting students with Type I Diabetes. The guidelines appear to be consistent with the District's current practice for supporting students and their families as outlined in Administrative Procedure 316 - Administration of Medication and Medical Treatment for Students.
- Ministerial Order – Banning Seclusion Rooms
Sandy McDonald discussed with the Board the use of seclusion rooms, or quiet rooms, within the District. Nancy Gorgichuk, Director of Student Services, has started planning for next year to either a) work with parents to request a variance from the Ministerial order, b) eliminate all use of and the rooms themselves, and/or c) identify alternative strategies to use when student behaviour presents an imminent danger in lieu of using a quiet room.
- District Facilities and Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) Annual Report
The Facilities and IMR report was listed in the Board Workplan for submission at this time, but has been removed from the workplan as there is no substantial new information to report to the Board since the submission of the Annual Operations and Maintenance report submitted in November, 2018.
- School Council Social Media Training #2
Mohammad Haidar, Communications Officer, held a second evening training session to support School Council members and their efforts on Social Media to promote their work, on February 28, 2019.
- Mighty Peace Teachers' Convention (MPTC) and Annual Educational Assistants' (EA) Conference
The Annual Mighty Peace Teachers' Convention was held in Grande Prairie March 7 – 8, 2019 along with the Education Assistants' Conference.
- Grande Prairie (GP) Music Parents' Association Grant Program
The GP Music Parents' Association has \$3,500 available to grant to classroom teachers in our District for music-related requests.

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- Grande Prairie Regional College (GPRC) Degree-Granting Status Update
The GPRC held a meeting on March 6, 2019 with the purpose of updating the status and plans for the College to move to degree-granting status. Attendees were given the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed degrees and to engage in discussions about ways to support future relationships with the Grande Prairie Regional College.
- Alberta Education Stakeholder Telephone Surveys
Trustees are annually asked to participate in the Ministry of Education's annual stakeholder satisfaction telephone surveys. A company by the name of Advanis administers the surveys on behalf of Alberta Education. Trustees are encouraged to participate in the survey when asked.

BOARD POLICY REVIEW

Board Policy 1 – GPPSD Mission and Guiding Principles

The Board reviewed Board Policy 1 – Mission and Guiding Principles.

MOTION: Joan Nellis moved that the Board accept changes to Board Policy 1 – GPPSD Mission and Guiding Principles as discussed and amended.

CARRIED 15077

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:

- École Montrose
- IV Macklin
- Aspen Grove

Mighty Peace Teachers' Convention (MPTC) Keynote Address

No report.

BUSINESS SERVICES

District Three Year Capital Plan

Norm Guindon presented to the Board the 2020 – 2023 Capital Plan. The identified projects for the 2020 – 2023 Capital Plan are as follows:

Crystal Park School Modernization
Charles Spencer High School Permanent Addition
Aspen Grove Gym and Partial Modernization
New School K – 8, Kensington Area

Trustees discussed the Capital Plan and determined the rank of priority for each project.

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MOTION: Andre Ouellette moved that the Board approve the 2020 – 2023 District Capital Plan as follows:

1. Charles Spencer High School Permanent Addition
2. Crystal Park School Modernization
3. New School K – 8, Kensington Area
4. Aspen Grove Gym and Partial Modernization

CARRIED 15078

ASBA / PSBAA

No report.

ALBERTA EDUCATION

Teacher/Employee Bargaining Association (TEBA) Meeting

Sandy McDonald discussed with the Board that a teleconference meeting was held with TEBA representatives on March 12, 2019. A face to face meeting for representatives is scheduled for March 14, 2019 in Edmonton. The Board's TEBA representative, Lesley Craig, is unable to attend so a replacement representative must be chosen by Board motion.

MOTION: Joan Nellis moved that the Board appoint John Lehnars as an alternate to Lesley Craig as the Board's Teacher/Employer Bargaining Association representative to attend the TEBA ratification process meeting in Edmonton on March 14, 2019.

CARRIED 15079

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No report.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Upcoming Professional Development/Meetings

The Board of Trustees reviewed the upcoming professional development meeting bulletin for Trustees.

Paulette Kurylo requested an expense report and conference summary be submitted to the Board for review from those Trustees attending the National School Boards' Association Congress in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania March 29 to April 1, 2019. The report has been requested to be on the April 26, 2019 Board Meeting agenda.

Board Calendar

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is Tuesday, April 9, 2019 to be held in the Central Office Board Room.

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- CORRESPONDENCE**
- Doug Henderson, Chair, Alberta Motor Association (AMA) Advisory Board, Invitation to Trustees, February 22, 2019
 - Minister of Education Reply to Alberta School Boards' Association regarding Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) for Bus Drivers
 - Alberta School Boards' Association News Release – Funding in Education
 - Letter to Peace Wapiti School Division (PWSD) re: School Interest 2019 03 05

NEW IDEAS / NEW ISSUES

Paulette Kurylo asked when the revised Administrative Procedure (AP) 260 Appendix E will be brought to the Board. Sandy McDonald advised that the AP will be sent out to Administrators for feedback and Trustee Kurylo will be informed when that process is complete.

Joan Nellis requested discussion regarding the Board's stand on the Proposed Motion for ASBA Fall General Meeting submitted by Holy Family Catholic Regional Division for consideration at the Zone 1 meeting to be held March 13, 2019.

MOTION: Joan Nellis moved that the Board vote in favour of the proposed motion that is on the March 13, 2019 agenda for Zone 1 ASBA in regard to mandatory vaccination.

CARRIED 15080

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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

IN-CAMERA SESSION

MOTION: Lynn Driedger moved that the Board move in-camera at 9:34 p.m. to discuss personnel.

CARRIED 15081

MOTION: Paulette Kurylo moved that the Board come out of in-camera at 9:42 pm.

CARRIED 15082

ADJOURNMENT

John Lehnert called the meeting closed at 9:43 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer