

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #2357 HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON **April 23, 2019**

Board Chair John Lehnrs called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 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, Secretary-Treasurer Norm Guindon, Deputy Superintendent James Robinson 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:

- Sandy McDonald added *Spring General Meeting Registration Process* under Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA).

MOTION: Lynn Driedger moved that the Board adopt the Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

CARRIED 15090

MINUTES Regular Board Meeting of April 9, 2019
The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of April 9, 2019.

MOTION: Joan Nellis moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 9, 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED 15091

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES National School Boards' Association (NSBA) Conference
• Pre-Kindergarten Measures
Lynn Driedger reported to the Board regarding information obtained from the NSBA Conference, dealing with reading readiness and early literacy intervention using a program entitled, *Step by Step Learning*.

- District Engagement
Lynn Driedger reported to the Board regarding information obtained from the NSBA Congress regarding Board engagement with the community.

Feminine Hygiene Dispenser Installation Proposal
Paulette Kurylo proposed that the Board support installing and stocking, free of charge, feminine hygiene product dispensers in all District schools' female and universal washrooms. Upon further discussion, the current practice of each school having a supply of products available on an as needed basis seems to be working well.

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International Field Trip Discussion

Paulette Kurylo requested the addition of a complete itinerary be included in the International Field Trip Request documentation whenever an International Field Trip request is submitted to the Board.

First Nations, Metis and Inuit (FNMI) Acronym Use

The Board discussed the use and appropriateness of the FNMI acronym throughout the District. After discussion was held, it was decided that District-wide, using an acronym for First Nations, Metis and Inuit will be a personal decision. At the Board table, however, the acronym will not be used in conversation.

**BOARD CHAIR/
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Board Chair Report

- Provincial Election Discussion
The Board discussed potential changes to Education with the appointment of the United Conservative Party (UCP) following the Provincial election. The Board will send letters of congratulations to the Premier, Education Minister, and local MLAs. Letters of thanks will be sent to the local major party candidates who ran in the election.

Superintendent's Report

Items for Information

Sandy McDonald provided to the Board information regarding the following:

- April Principals' Meeting
The Principals' meeting held April 10th was focused on organizational topics related to instructional leadership, supporting extra-curricular athletics at the K-8 level and on preparing for the staffing process once a District budget is prepared.
- Kindergarten Registration Update
As of April 17, 561 students have registered for kindergarten, which is 83% of the total projected kindergarten enrolment, slightly higher than this time last year.
- Non-Certificated Classroom Supervisor Usage Update
At the end of March, 19 non-certificated classroom supervisors were used, eliminating almost all instances where substitute teachers were not available. Reports on their success in classrooms continues to be positive.
- April 23 Board Reports Update
The Board workplan for this meeting included three informational reports that have not been included for this meeting. The Information Technology report was not included as the staff member responsible for the report is on leave. The Mental Health Supports report was presented earlier at a Committee of the Whole meeting. Finally, the

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Curriculum Implementation Report has not been given due to the uncertainty regarding the status of the new curriculum development with the recent Alberta election results.

- Staffing Report
The monthly District Staffing Report was presented to the Board as information.
- Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) Student Voice and Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA) Headstrong Youth Mental Health Summit
Charles Spencer High School students from the Maverick Movement will be presenting on their efforts at their school at the PSBAA event in Red Deer in June for Student Voice. Dennis Vobeyda, Principal at the Grande Prairie Composite High School, will be working with his students to identify if any are able to attend the ASBA Headstrong Youth Mental Health Summit.
- Board Issues Retreat – Monday, May 6, 2019
A proposal of topics for the Board Issues Retreat scheduled for May 6, 2019 was presented to the Board for consideration.

Items Requiring Further Action

- Edwin Parr Award Nominee
Mike Humbke, Principal of Aspen Grove School, has submitted Mr. Dan Bishop's name for consideration as the District's nominee for the 2018 – 2019 Edwin Parr Award.

MOTION: Andre Ouellette moved that Dan Bishop's nomination for the 2018 – 2019 Alberta School Boards' Association Edwin Parr Award, for excellence in beginning teaching, be accepted and forwarded for consideration to the Zone 1 Chair of the Alberta School Boards' Association.

CARRIED 15092

BOARD POLICY REVIEW

Board Policy 8 – Committees of the Board

Discussion was held regarding the formation of a Board Standing Committee with the purpose of reviewing Board Policy and bringing suggestions to the Board for feedback. Decision was made to form the Board Policy Committee, as a standing committee rather than an Ad Hoc Committee, comprised of Joan Nellis, Rob Martin and Andre Ouellette. Board Policy 8 – Committees of the Board, has been revised to include section 4.6 – Board Policy Committee.

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A recorded vote was requested:

MOTION: Joan Nellis moved that the Board accept changes to Board Policy 8 – Committees of the Board, to include section 4.6 – Board Policy Committee, and Appendix F outlining the terms of reference, with the addition of, *no minutes are required*.

CARRIED 15093
 For: Lesley Craig
 Lynn Driedger
 John Lehnert
 Rob Martin
 Joan Nellis
 Andre Ouellette
 Against: Paulette Kurylo

CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT

No report.

BUSINESS SERVICES

- Proposed 2019 Fee Adjustment
 Norm Guindon presented to the Board proposed 2019 fee adjustments to the Partners in Play (PIP), Montessori Kindergarten and Montessori Grades 1 – 6 fees, as well as fees for International/Foreign Students. Fees proposed are as follows:

Student Fees	2018	2019
Partners in Play (PIP)	\$60.00/month	\$190.00/month
Montessori - Kindergarten	\$125.00/year	\$250.00/year
Montessori – Grade 1 – 6	\$250/year	\$450.00/year
Inter./Foreign Students	\$11,000/year	\$12,000/year

MOTION: Rob Martin moved that the Board approve the proposed fee adjustments to the Partners in Play (PIP), Montessori Kindergarten, Montessori Grades 1 – 6 programs, as well as fees for International/Foreign students as presented and revise Board Policy 16 – Student Fees, to reflect the changes.

CARRIED 15094

ASBA / PSBAA

Public School Boards' Council (PSBC)

- Lesley Craig reported to the Board regarding the PSBC Meeting held in Edmonton April 10 – 12, 2019. Of note:
 - St. Albert will be hosting the PSBC Meeting in August;
 - Edmonton will host the Canadian School Boards' Conference in 2020; and
 - The Student Voice program for the Spring General Meeting is being offered to public, separate and francophone boards.

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Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA)

- Sandy McDonald discussed with the Trustees that registration for the ASBA Spring General meeting must be completed by the Trustees, as access to the registration link has not been given to support staff.

ALBERTA EDUCATION

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No report.

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, May 14, 2019 to be held in the Central Office Board Room.

CORRESPONDENCE

NEW IDEAS / NEW ISSUES

Paulette Kurylo requested the addition of Administrative Procedure 260, International Field Trips, Appendix E and accompanying form be included in the School Council Chair/Trustee Liaison Committee meeting to be held on April 25, 2019. The Board agreed.

Lynn Driedger asked Sandy McDonald if there is a procedure to follow in bringing information from conferences to the Board. Sandy McDonald suggested Trustees bring information and ideas with the objective of sharing to see if it would be of benefit to the District.

Rob Martin requested an update on the Academy. James Robinson responded that a pilot program for multi-sport athletics will be provided at Aspen Grove, Ecole Montrose and Alexander Forbes for the 2019 – 2020 school year. There will be no boundary exemptions offered for the pilot program.

Lesley Craig asked if Trustees could attend Mighty Peace Day. The organizer of Mighty Peace Day will be contacted, and information will be provided to Trustees.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

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ADJOURNMENT

John Lehnert called the meeting closed at 8:38 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer