

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #2357 HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON **May 28, 2019**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

John Lehnert reported that the Board held a Committee of the Whole meeting prior to the Regular meeting, with the purpose of discussing the District's budget submission for the 2019 – 2020 School Year.

Board Chair John Lehnert called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. with the following present:

**PRESENT**

Trustees Paulette Kurylo, John Lehnert, 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).

Regrets: Lesley Craig  
Lynn Driedger entered the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

**PRESENTATION**

No presentation.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Adoption of Board Agenda  
The Board reviewed the Regular Meeting agenda.

The Board agreed to the following changes/additions to the agenda:

- Sandy McDonald requested the addition of *Satisfaction Survey Results* under Superintendent's Report;
- Joan Nellis requested the addition of *Teacher Trustee Liaison Committee (TTLIC) Meeting*, under Committee Reports; and
- Rob Martin requested the addition of *Non-Instructional Support Staff Liaison Committee Meeting*, under Committee Reports.

**MOTION:** Joan Nellis moved that the Board adopt the Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

CARRIED 15097

**MINUTES**

Regular Board Meeting of May 14, 2019  
The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of May 14, 2019.

**MOTION:** Andre Ouellette moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED 15098

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

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**BOARD CHAIR/  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

Board Chair Report

• **School Site Meeting**

John Lehnert reported that the Board met with the neighbouring School Boards, City and County Councils, on May 17, 2019 to discuss future school site determination. Items for discussion were:

- Municipal Government of Alberta Requirements
- Regional School Sites in the Greater Grande Prairie Area
- Further Areas for Collaboration

A follow up meeting will be held with representatives from each group attending. The Board will send a letter to the Grande Prairie and District Catholic Schools Board of Trustees in regard to shared transportation.

Superintendent's Report

**Items for Information**

Sandy McDonald provided to the Board information regarding the following:

- **The 2018 – 2019 Satisfaction Survey results have been reviewed.** The survey contains 31 questions and of those 31, 15 are the highest since 2010 – 2011. The May Accountability Pillar results have not yet been sent out by Alberta Education. Once this is received, a report will be brought to the Board along with the District Satisfaction Survey results.
- **Future Principals Cohort and Leadership for Tomorrow**  
The first meeting of the Future Principals Cohort (FPC) took place on May 15 in conjunction with the last session of this year's Leadership for Tomorrow Cohort. Seven participants for FPC have been nominated by their Principal to join this cohort.
- **Administrator Professional Learning**  
The final round of visits facilitated by the University of Lethbridge concluded on May 16, 2019 with all Principals, Vice-Principals and system leaders.
- **Education Foundation – Foundation Week Update**  
Laura LaValley, Executive Director of the Grande Prairie Public School District Education Foundation, reported that over \$4,300 was raised for the Education Foundation by those schools that were able to hold small fundraisers specifically for the Foundation.
- **The Academy: Athletics Update**  
An information night was held for parents of students attending Aspen Grove, Alexander Forbes and Ecole Montrose Schools regarding The Academy: Athletics pilot program proposed for the 2019 – 2020 School Year. A review of enrolments will take place at the end of May to determine if there is enough interest to proceed with the pilot.
- **Supporting Political Advocacy of Trustees**  
To support the advocacy efforts of the Board, the United Conservative Party education platform, as well as a 2017 University of Calgary School of Public Policy position paper, were shared with the Board. Superintendent McDonald provided comments within the documents

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highlighting considerations regarding the specific policy positions as they relate to the District.

- Principals' Meeting – May 22, 2019  
The principals' meeting was focused on budget development activities, a review of the Administrative Procedure to support student attendance, a review of the District t expectations for behaviour of students and parents who participate in District Athletics and on exploring the System-Level Organizational Structure Review.
- Staffing Report  
The May Staffing Report was submitted to the Board as information.

**Items Requiring Further Action**

- Flag Poles for Central Office Building  
Maintenance encountered an issue in the placement of flag poles for the Central Office building. A high-pressure natural gas line runs through the most favourable location and because of other utility lines, the only viable location would be the southwest corner, which is towards the back of the building. After discussion, the Board agreed that since the flag poles cannot be installed at the front of the property, flag poles will not be installed at Central Office.

**BOARD POLICY REVIEW**

Board Policy 2 – Role of the Board

The Board Policy Committee brought draft revisions to Board Policy 2 – Role of the Board for the Trustees to review. A revised Board Policy 2 – Role of the Board will be brought for approval to the June 11, 2019 Board meeting.

Board Policy 9 – Board Representatives, Section 6

Paulette Kurylo discussed Policy 9 – Board Representatives, Section 6, *Grande Prairie Public School District School Councils/Trustee Liaisons*. The Alberta School Council's Association *School Council Resource Guide* was cited, specifically the role of School Boards in relation to School Councils. The Resource Guide states that, "The Board member can bring the board's perspective and information, as an invited guest, at school council meetings". Following discussion, the current practice of appointing Trustees to School Councils will continue as is.

**CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT**

Grande Prairie Composite High School Commencement

Those Trustees who were able to attend reported to the Board regarding the Grande Prairie Composite High School Commencement that was held on May 17, 2019.

Charles Spencer High School Commencement

Those Trustees who were able to attend reported to the Board regarding the Charles Spencer High School Commencement that was held on May 24, 2019.

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**BUSINESS SERVICES**

- Financial Statement Auditor Selection  
Norm Guindon reported to the Board regarding the selection process for the District's Financial Statement Auditors that would begin August 31, 2019 and continue for a total of five fiscal years. Administration's recommendation is for the Board to appoint the firm of Fletcher Mudryk LLP as the District's Financial Statement Auditors, beginning August 31, 2019 until August 31, 2024.

**MOTION:** Rob Martin moved that the Board appoint Fletcher Mudryk LLP as the District's Financial Statement Auditors for the term beginning August 31, 2019, ending August 30, 2024.

CARRIED 15099

**ASBA / PSBAA**

Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA)

- Friends of Education Award Nomination Considerations  
The Board discussed the ASBA Friends of Education Award nomination for the District. The Board will nominate the Grande Prairie Firefighters Charitable Foundation as the District's ASBA Friends of Education Award nomination.

**MOTION:** Andre Ouellette moved that the Board nominate the Grande Prairie Firefighters Charitable Foundation as the Grande Prairie Public School District #2357 ASBA Friends of Education Award nominee.

CARRIED 15100

**ALBERTA EDUCATION**

No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Education Foundation Committee

Rob Martin reported to the Board regarding the Education Foundation Committee meeting held May 16, 2019.

Teacher Trustee Liaison Committee (TTLC) Meeting

Joan Nellis reported to the Board regarding the TTLC meeting held May 21, 2019. Teachers were asked to comment on collaborative inquiry at their schools and response at the meeting was teachers are appreciative of the level of support for their professional growth being offered at the schools.

Non-Instructional Support Staff Committee Meeting

Rob Martin reported to the Board regarding the Non-Instructional Support Staff Committee meeting that was held May 22, 2019. This was the last meeting of the year for the Committee.

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**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, June 11, 2019 to be held in the Central Office Board Room.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Thank You Card to the Board - Nilsson Family
- Thank You Letters from the Board – University of Lethbridge Leadership Standards Team
- Letters from the Board – Invitation to Meet with Local MLAs

**NEW IDEAS / NEW ISSUES**

Andre Ouellette reported to the Board that the Edwin Parr Committee will be meeting in High Level on June 12, 2019.

Joan Nellis requested an update on the Composite High School replacement project. Sandy McDonald responded that with the election, all procurements have been put on hold. The completion date is set for September 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT**

John Lehnars called the meeting closed at 8:32 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer