

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #2357 HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON **August 20, 2019**

Board Chair John Lehnrs called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. with the following present:

**PRESENT**

Trustees Lesley Craig, Lynn Driedger, John Lehnrs, Rob Martin, Joan Nellis, Andre Ouellette, Superintendent Sandy McDonald, Deputy Superintendent James Robinson and Secretary to the Board Sandy Fredland (minutes).

Regrets: Secretary-Treasurer Norm Guindon

Paulette Kurylo entered the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

**PRESENTATION**

No presentation.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Adoption of Board Agenda

The Board reviewed the Regular Meeting agenda.

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

CARRIED 15110

**MINUTES**

Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 11, 2019

The Board reviewed the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of June 11, 2019.

**MOTION:** Joan Nellis moved to adopt the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 11, 2019.

CARRIED 15111

Regular Board Meeting of June 11, 2019

The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of June 11, 2019.

**MOTION:** Joan Nellis moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED 15112

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Board Social Discussion

Tabled to later in the agenda.

**BOARD CHAIR/ SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Board Chair Report

No report.

Superintendent's Report

**Items for Information**

Sandy McDonald provided to the Board information regarding the following:

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- **Assistant Deputy Minister Meeting: French Language Instruction**  
Sandy McDonald has been asked to participate, along with other representatives from school jurisdictions, in discussion and review of how the *Official Languages in Education Programs (OLEP)* funding is used in the province. Sandy McDonald attended the first meeting held on June 12, 2019 in Edmonton, with 2 or 3 more meetings expected to follow.
- **Superintendent's Address and New Staff Orientation**  
Sandy McDonald reported that the annual Superintendent's Address will be held on August 29, 2019 at the Grande Prairie Composite High School. The New Staff Orientation will follow the Superintendent's Address and Trustees are welcome to attend.
- **System-Level Organizational Structure for 2019 - 2020**  
Sandy McDonald discussed changes to the Central Office Organizational structure made following an Organizational Structure review he conducted last year.
- **Enrolment Update**  
As of August 8, 2019, K to Grade 12 enrolment indications are positive with respect to meeting the enrolment projections used for the 2019 – 2020 budget. As well, staff are pleased with the transition to online registrations and have received positive feedback from parents and guardians.
- **College of Alberta School Superintendents/Alberta School Business Officials (CASS/ASBOA) Summer Conference – Superintendent Leadership Certification Training**  
Sandy McDonald attended the CASS/ASBOA Conference in Kananaskis August 14 – 16, 2019 and facilitated a certification session for the Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard (SLQS).
- **Youth Employment Grant Application**  
During the summer, Kim Frykas, Director of Instruction, worked with a colleague from the Northern Gateway School District to submit a grant application for federal funding to support Off-Campus CTS programming and the preparation of our students for possible employment in the trades. The 3-year grant would provide staffing to support work in the area Off-Campus CTS programming.
- **Use of District Schools for the October Federal Election**  
Over the Summer, Sandy McDonald met with the Chief Returning Officer for the upcoming Federal Election, the Facility Booking Manager for the City of Grande Prairie, and the Secretary-Treasurer of the

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Grande Prairie and District Catholic Schools to discuss school use for the upcoming Federal Election. The purpose of the meeting was to clarify the expectations of school jurisdictions to support the election process while supporting school operations and student safety.

- Alberta Education Updates  
Sandy McDonald provided the Trustees with information regarding the following key updates and events from Alberta Education over the summer:
  - Preparing for Implementation of the Education Act – September 1, 2019  
Sandy McDonald reported to the Board that the Education Act Regulations were released August 19, 2019.  
Sandy McDonald also reported that the Minister of Education plans on visiting Grande Prairie in October. An information pamphlet about Grande Prairie Public will be designed for the Trustees to share with the Minister.
  - Accountability Pillar Reports (APORI)
  - Provincial Curriculum
  - Provincial Testing
  - Mandatory Entry Level Testing for Bus Drivers
  - Exemption Request to Support the Use of Seclusion Rooms
  - Rutherford Scholarships and Other Bursaries, Awards, Etc.

**Items Requiring Further Action**

- 2019 – 2020 Board Work Plan  
Sandy McDonald provided a draft 2019 – 2020 Board Work Plan in a new format for consideration. The Board approved the new format and further discussion on the content will be held at a future meeting.
- Locally Developed Course Renewal Approval  
Administration is requesting the renewal of several Locally Developed Courses for senior high students.

**MOTION:** Joan Nellis moved that the Board of Trustees approves the following courses submitted by Administration as Locally Developed Courses acquired from other school boards in Alberta for renewal:

- Autobody Repair 15 K&E (5)
- Cake Decoration 15 (3)
- Dance Composition 35 (5)
- Foundations in Industry Workplace Safety 35 (5)

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The Board requested information on adding a Class 1 Driver's course for students. Sandy McDonald will bring this information back to the next meeting.

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Trustee Paulette Kurylo entered the meeting at 5:33 p.m. The Board returned to agenda item, *Business Arising from the Minutes*, and discussed charging \$10.00 per person for the upcoming Board Social.

**MOTION:** Joan Nellis moved that the Board charge \$10.00 per person to attend the 2019 Board Social, excluding those who have retired and their guest.

CARRIED 15114

**BOARD POLICY REVIEW**

No report.

**CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT**

Reading University Graduation

Sandy McDonald reported to the Board regarding the Reading University Graduation that was held July 19, 2019. Linda and Rhonda Side, organizers of Reading University, have requested some time on a Board Meeting agenda to present to the Trustees and update them on Reading University. The Board was in agreement.

**BUSINESS SERVICES**

Grande Prairie Composite High School Replacement Project Update

Sandy McDonald provided an update in regard to the Grande Prairie Composite High School replacement project. The project is scheduled for completion by January 2022 with the school to open to students September 2022.

**ASBA / PSBAA**

Public School Boards' Council (PSBC)

- Meeting – St. Albert, Alberta  
John Lehnert reported to the Board that he attended the PSBC meeting held in St. Albert, Alberta, August 14 – 16, 2019.

**ALBERTA EDUCATION**

No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Education Foundation Committee Meeting

Sandy McDonald reported to the Board regarding the Education Foundation Committee meeting held June 20, 2019.

School Council Year-End Reports 2018 – 2019

The Board received as information year-end reports for the 2018 – 2019 School Year from IV Macklin, Derek Taylor and Charles Spencer School Councils.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Chamber Roundtable – September 13, 2019

The Annual Chamber of Commerce Round Table meeting will be held on September 13, 2019 at Centre 2000.

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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, September 10, 2019 to be held in the Central Office Board Room.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Letter to the Minister of Red Tape Reduction, Re: Ideas for Reducing Red Tape in Education, June 18, 2019
- Carbon Copy Letter from Grande Prairie and District Catholic Schools Board Chair, Re: Committee Appointees at Future Meeting Request, May 30, 2019
- Carbon Copy Letter from Grande Prairie and District Catholic Schools Board Chair, Re: Relinquish Caveat on Peace Wapiti Academy Schools and Lands, May 30, 2019
- Letter from Grande Prairie and District Catholic Schools Board Chair, Re: Board Motions Regarding Transportation, June 12, 2019
- Letter to Minister of Education from Michelle Lamer, Board Chair St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Schools, Re: School Sites, July 18, 2019
- Invitation – Grande Prairie Regional College (GPRC) President’s Ball October 19, 2019

**NEW IDEAS / NEW ISSUES**

Andre Ouellette discussed a parental concern brought to him regarding the lack of student recognition in the arts. Sandy McDonald suggested the details be sent to him for review.

**ADJOURNMENT**

John Lehnars called the Regular Board Meeting closed at 6:52 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer