

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON **September 24, 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, 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.
- The Board agreed to the following additions to the agenda:
- Under Board Policy Review, *Committee Update*;
 - Under Public School Boards' Association, *Ministerial Order #34 Discussion*; and
 - An In-Camera Meeting Session was requested to discuss land following the Regular Board Meeting.
- MOTION:** Rob Martin moved that the Board adopt the Regular Meeting agenda as amended.
- CARRIED 15126
- MINUTES** Regular Board Meeting of September 10, 2019
The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of September 10, 2019.
- MOTION:** Joan Nellis moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 10, 2019 as circulated.
- CARRIED 15127
- BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** Meeting with Grande Prairie-Wapiti Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) Minister Travis Toews
Board Chair John Lehnrs reported to the Board that Minister Toews, MLA for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, has agreed to meet with the Board on Friday, October 4, 2019.
- BOARD CHAIR/ SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** Board Chair Report
- Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA), Alberta Education and Board Chair's Meeting in Edmonton
John Lehnrs reported to the Board regarding the urgent ASBA, Alberta Education and Board Chairs' meeting that was held September 12, 2019 in Edmonton. Alberta Education representatives present at the meeting were the Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education,

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Curtis Clark, Deputy Minister of Education, Gene Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, System Excellence Division and Nicole Williams, Chief of Staff, Alberta Education.

- Chamber of Commerce Round Table
Joan Nellis discussed with the Board the Chamber of Commerce Round Table that was held Friday, September 13, 2019 in Grande Prairie. Secretary-Treasurer Norm Guindon also attended on behalf of the Division.

Superintendent's Report

Items for Information

Sandy McDonald provided to the Board information regarding the following:

- College of Alberta School Superintendents' (CASS) Zone 1 Meeting
The CASS Zone 1 Meeting was held in Fort Vermillion, Alberta on September 13, 2019. Sandy McDonald was nominated as Zone 1 Director for CASS for a 2-year term and accepted the nomination. Sandy McDonald will serve a 2-year term as CASS Zone 1 Director.
- Minister Pon Visit to Alexander Forbes School
John Lehnars and Joan Nellis attended Alexander Forbes School on September 16, 2019 to participate in the cultural drumming activity led by Elder Darlene Cardinal, along with Minister of Seniors and Housing Josephine Pon and MLA Tracy Allard.
- Collaborative Inquiry School Visits
The first round of System Leadership Team visits to schools occurred September 16 – 18, 2019. The focus of the first round of visits was to review the process for teacher professional growth for the year, engage in dialogue about the school administration team inquiry question and discuss plans to support the continued professional learning of teachers this year.
- Board Highlights
A proposal was brought to the Board for issuing Board Highlights once a month rather than following each meeting. The Board was in agreement with the proposed monthly issue suggestion and new format.
- Alberta Education Funding and Assurance Review
Assistant Deputy Minister Gene Williams and Garret Doll from Alberta Education met with Sandy McDonald, James Robinson, Norm Guindon and other Central Office Administration members to discuss the provincial funding framework and assurance model.

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- Nutrition Support
Funding from Alberta Education for school nutrition has been continued for this school year at the same level as last year. Staff from last year will be returning to the program which is planned to start the second week of October.
- Staffing Report
The September staffing report was provided to the Board as information.

Items Requiring Further Action or Discussion

- Grande Prairie Composite High School (GPCHS) Replacement Sod Turning
Minister LaGrange's office has advised that the government is returning to the Legislature early, therefore the Minister's planned visit to Grande Prairie will not be occurring in early October. The Board was asked to consider Friday, October 25, 2019 as a date for the official Sod Turning. An invitation will be sent to the Minister as government does not attend the Legislature on Fridays. The Board was in agreement.
- Board Work Plan 2019 - 2020
A schedule of reports to the Board, retreats and assurance meetings was presented to the Board for consideration.
- Board Social Program Planning
The Board discussed the upcoming 52nd Annual Board Social scheduled for October 26, 2019 and reviewed the program as follows:

Greetings from the Board: John Lehnert

Invocation: Lynn Driedger

Retirees' Presentation: Andre Ouellette

Presentation of Long Service Awards:

10 Years – Lesley Craig

15 Years – Joan Nellis

20 Years – Lynn Driedger

25 Years – Paulette Kurylo

30 Years – Rob Martin

35 Years – Rob Martin

40 Years – Andre Ouellette

Presentation of Exemplary Awards:

John Lehnert and Sandy McDonald

**BOARD POLICY
REVIEW**

Board Policy Review Committee

Joan Nellis reported to the Board that the Board Policy Review Committee met prior to the Board meeting and discussed a Board Policy Review

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workplan. Policies under review will be sent to Trustees prior to the Committee meetings to enable Trustees the ability to share feedback for consideration by the Committee. The Committee will compare current Board Policies to those that the Alberta School Boards' Association has updated to reflect changes in the Education Act. Once the Committee has reviewed a policy, it will be brought to the Board for review.

CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT

No report.

BUSINESS SERVICES

- Board Policy 16, Student Fees Revision
Norm Guindon presented to the Board changes to Board Policy 16, Student Fees.

MOTION: Andre Ouellette moved that the Board accept changes to Board Policy 16, Student Fees, as presented.

CARRIED 15128

- Related Party Transactions Declaration Statement
Norm Guindon presented to the Board information regarding disclosure of related party transactions of key management personnel and close family members. Each Trustee is required to sign and date the form and return to the Secretary-Treasurer.

ASBA / PSBAA

Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA)

- Zone 1 Meeting
Paulette Kurylo reported to the Board regarding the ASBA Zone 1 Meeting held in Peace River, Alberta September 11, 2019.
- Edwin Parr Award Winner
Paulette Kurylo announced that the Grande Prairie Public School Division's Edwin Parr nominee was the Zone 1 winner. Daniel Bishop, first year Teacher at Aspen Grove School, received the Zone 1 Edwin Parr Award and will travel to Edmonton for the ASBA Provincial Award announcement in November.

Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA)

- Ministerial Order #34: Continuance of School Divisions and Board of Trustees Order
The Board discussed a letter from Cathy Hogg, President of PSBAA, that was sent to all Public School Boards in Alberta. PSBAA is asking all Boards to send a letter to the Minister of Education requesting the inclusion of the word "Public" in their legal name. The Board agreed that a letter would be sent from the Grande Prairie Public School Division to the Minister with this request.

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ALBERTA EDUCATION

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

School Council Year-End Reports 2018 – 2019

The Board received as information year-end reports for the 2018 – 2019 School Year from Crystal Park and GP Christian School Councils.

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, October 8, 2019 to be held in the Central Office Board Room.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from M. Ouellette, Board Chair, Grande Prairie and District Catholic Schools, regarding: Relinquish Caveat on Peace Wapiti Academy, August 26, 2019

NEW IDEAS / NEW ISSUES

Rob Martin reported that Derek Taylor Public School Council has a new Chair and asked if an information session will be held with the District Communication Officer again this year. Sandy McDonald will follow up with the Principal of the school.

Lynn Driedger discussed the appropriateness of some Division girls' volleyball team shorts. Consensus from the Board was to discuss this at the next Joint School Council/Trustees' meeting.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

MOTION: Joan Nellis moved that the Board go in-camera at 7:50 p.m. to discuss land.

CARRIED 15129

MOTION: Joan Nellis moved that the Board come out of in-camera at 8:18 p.m.

CARRIED 15130

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ADJOURNMENT

John Lehnert called the Regular Board Meeting closed at 8:19 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer