

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON **October 8, 2019**

Board Chair John Lehnert called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

**PRESENT**

Trustees Lesley Craig, Lynn Driedger, Paulette Kurylo, John Lehnert, 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

**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 Calendar of Events, *Sod Turning and Avondale Redevelopment Plan Meeting*

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

CARRIED 15131

**MINUTES**

Regular Board Meeting of September 24, 2019

The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of September 24, 2019.

**MOTION:** Andre Ouellette moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 24, 2019 as amended.

CARRIED 15132

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**BOARD CHAIR/  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

Board Chair Report

- Meeting with Grande Prairie-Wapiti Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) Minister Travis Toews  
Board Chair John Lehnert reported to the Board that a meeting with Minister Toews, MLA for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, was held with the Board on Friday, October 4, 2019.

Superintendent's Report

**Items for Information**

Sandy McDonald provided to the Board information regarding the following:

- Orange Shirt Day – Grande Prairie Friendship Centre

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Sandy McDonald attended a ceremony commemorating Orange Shirt Day at the Grande Prairie Friendship Centre on September 30, 2019, along with Grade 6 students from Parkside Montessori and Swanavon Schools.

- Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) Student Voice  
The Grande Prairie Public School Division will have three students attending the PSBAA Student Voice event in October. Of note, this year PSBAA only supports reimbursement for one night of accommodation, and Boards are responsible for all other expenses associated with students participating in the event. Paulette Kurylo requested a financial costing for the students once completed.
- Suicide Prevention Resource Centre (SPRC) Meeting  
Chris Farquharson, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Nancy Gorgichuk, Director of Student Services, met with Faris Atkinson, Executive Director of SPRC on September 28, 2019. The purpose of the meeting was to help SPRC staff understand the tiered approach to supporting student mental health that is used in our Division and to discuss resources available through SPRC that our students and our schools may access.
- Standing Committee on Recreational and Educational Service Agreement (SCORES) Technical Committee Meeting  
Administration representatives from each of the participants in the SCORES Agreement are meeting this fall to engage in a thorough review of the agreement. The SCORES agreement will be discussed by the Board at a future Committee of the Whole meeting in November.
- Meeting with Conseil Scolaire du Nord-Quest (CSNO) Superintendent  
Sandy McDonald met with the Superintendent of CSNO on September 20, 2019 to discuss possible partnership opportunities between the divisions.
- Provincial Testing Results for 2018 – 2019  
Public release of the Provincial Achievement Test and Diploma Examinations results occurred on Thursday, September 26, 2019. Schools will be sharing their results with School Councils at upcoming School Council meetings, and a summary of our Division results will be presented at the next Board meeting.
- Previous Years' Exit Survey Summary  
A summary of the exit survey comments from last year was presented to the Board as information.

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- Avondale Area Redevelopment Plan (Avondale ARP)  
Sandy McDonald provided an update on the status of the land swap between Infrastructure and the City to support construction of the Grande Prairie Composite High School Replacement school. A meeting is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> for our Redevelopment Committee to meet with representatives from the City and the Peace Wapiti School District to discuss the issue of restructuring ownership of the land involved and to begin the Avondale ARP process.

**Items Requiring Further Action or Discussion**

- Confirmation of Assurance Meeting Dates  
A proposal for suggested dates for the School Assurance Meetings was provided to the Board as follows:  
Friday January 24, 12:00 – 4:00  
Wednesday January 29, 12:00 – 4:00  
Tuesday February 4, 12:00 – 4:00  
Monday February 10, 1:00 – 4:00  
Tuesday February 18, 1:00 – 4:00

The Board was agreeable to the dates presented for School Assurance meetings.

**BOARD POLICY REVIEW**

No report.

**CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT**

Striving for Excellence Dinner

Trustees discussed the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Striving for Excellence Dinner hosted by the Education Foundation that occurred on October 3, 2019. The event was reported as being a great evening for the students and their guests.

**BUSINESS SERVICES**

No report.

**ASBA / PSBAA**

Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA)

- Funding Framework Review Summary  
ASBA sent out a survey to Boards, asking for input regarding the province's Funding Framework Review. The Board completed the survey as a group and directed Administration to complete and submit the response to ASBA as requested.
- Emergent Position Statement for Fall General Meeting  
The deadline for submitting an emergent position statement for consideration at the upcoming ASBA Fall General Meeting is Tuesday, October 15, 2019. The Board did not have an emergent position statement to submit.

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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 École Montrose, Parkside Montessori and Roy Bickell School Councils.

Education Foundation Committee Meeting

Lynn Driedger reported to the Board regarding the Education Foundation Committee meeting held September 19, 2019.

**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 22, 2019 to be held in the Central Office Board Room.

- Sod Turning Ceremony - November 1, 2019  
Sandy McDonald provided an overview of the Composite High School Replacement Sod Turning Ceremony and will plan to have Grade 9 students as well as Composite High School Council members in attendance.
- Avondale Area Redevelopment Plan Meeting – November 1, 2019  
Sandy McDonald provided clarity regarding the upcoming meeting scheduled for November 1, 2019 in regard to the Avondale Area Redevelopment Plan.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Letter to Grande Prairie and District Catholic Schools Board Chair, regarding Transportation, 2019 09 30
- Letter to Minister of Education, regarding Inclusion of “Public” in Legal Division Name, 2019 09 30
- ASBA Curriculum Development Proposal

**NEW IDEAS / NEW  
ISSUES**

Paulette Kurylo requested information regarding District Sabbaticals; requested that the topic of Nutrition be added to the School Council/Trustee Liaison Committee Meeting agenda; and requested a presentation from the student group that traveled to Greece and the Greek Islands during the 2019 Spring Break.

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Rob Martin requested information regarding funding for presentations by Indigenous Elders in Schools. Sandy McDonald reported that presentations are funded through school-based allocated funds.

**ADJOURNMENT**

John Lehnert called the Regular Board Meeting closed at 7:57 p.m.

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Chair

Secretary-Treasurer