

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON **January 28, 2020**

Board Chair John Lehnert called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:02 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, Secretary-Treasurer Norm Guindon and Secretary to the Board Sandy Fredland (minutes).

PRESENTATION

Grande Prairie Public School Division Education Foundation – Annual Report

Presentation began at 7:00 p.m.

Angus Sutherland, Chair of the Education Foundation and Laura LaValley, Executive Director, presented to the Board the Grande Prairie Public School Division Education Foundation Annual Report. The Board thanked the presenters for the information and the work the Foundation does for the Division.

Presenters exited at 7:21 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of Board Agenda

The Board reviewed the Regular Meeting agenda.

The Board agreed to the following additions to the agenda:

- *Alberta School Boards' Association Survey Discussion* under Correspondence; and
- *Charles Spencer High School Student Engagement* under Superintendent's Report, Items Requiring Further Action.

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

CARRIED 15157

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting of January 14, 2020

The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of January 14, 2020.

MOTION: Andre Ouellette moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 14, 2020 as circulated.

CARRIED 15158

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Potential Trustee-Related Budget Savings

Andre Ouellette brought to the Board proposed motions for the purpose of Board-related cost savings for Trustees to consider from the January 14, 2020 Board meeting.

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Board Chair asked for a recess at 6:55 pm.

The Education Foundation presenters arrived at 7:00 pm and began the presentation portion of the meeting.

Board Meeting resumed at 7:22 pm

Trustee Compensation

MOTION: Andre Ouellette moved that the Board implement a 10% reduction to Trustee compensation effective March 1, 2020 to September 31, 2021.

Friendly Amendment: Change the motion from 10% to 5%, effective March 1, 2020.

AMENDED MOTION: Andre Ouellette moved that the Board implement a 5% reduction to Trustee Compensation effective March 1, 2020.

CARRIED 15159

International Travel for Professional Development

MOTION: Andre Ouellette moved that the Board discontinue all international travel for 2021.

DEFEATED

National Travel and Meetings for Professional Development

MOTION: Andre Ouellette moved that the Board discontinue attendance at the Canadian School Boards' Association Congress for 2020 and 2021.

DEFEATED

Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA) Spring and Fall General Meetings

MOTION: Andre Ouellette moved that only 2 Board sponsored Trustees attend the Spring and Fall General Meetings of ASBA and the ASBA Summer and Winter Leadership Conference for the years 2020 and 2021.

DEFEATED

Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) 2021 Membership

MOTION: Andre Ouellette moved that the Board take a one-year leave of absence in membership with the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA), for the 2021 – 2022 PSBAA fiscal year, for the purpose of cost savings of approximately \$27,194.82.

DEFEATED

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**BOARD CHAIR/
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Board Chair Report

- Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA) Director's Meeting
John Lehnert reported to the Board regarding a meeting with ASBA Board of Directors, Zone Chairs and Board Chairs that was held on January 24, 2020 in Edmonton.

Superintendent's Report

Items for Information

Sandy McDonald provided to the Board information regarding the following:

- Northwest Regional Learning Consortium (NRLC) Funding Update
Administration had recently received word that the NRLC would not have sufficient funds to complete the current school year. The Minister of Education has since announced that provincial funding for the Consortia will be reinstated until the end of the school year. Details have not yet been shared regarding future funding for Provincial Consortia beyond the current year.
- Respect in School Training
As was previously reported, the Minister of Education announced a \$300,000 grant over 4 years to support the Respect in School program for all jurisdictions in Alberta. Nancy Gorgichuk, Director of Student Services, is currently reviewing the resource and will be making a recommendation to the system leadership team regarding any actions to utilize the funding.
- January Principals' Meeting and Principal Budget Planning Engagement
Division Principals met on January 15 and again on January 27, 2020. The focus was on aligning school and system priorities with a review of structures and expenditures for the purpose of developing clarity for priority supports that will be needed next year.
- Alberta Education Meeting Regarding Annual Education Results Report (AERR) and 3 Year Education Plan (3YEP)
The Division leadership team met with Cathy Rasmussen and Ron Taylor from Alberta Education on Thursday January 16, 2020. Division results were discussed in detail and strategies shared for addressing areas in the Accountability Pillar Reports that show room for improvement.
- Standing Committee on Recreational and Educational Services (SCORES) Ad Hoc Subcommittee Meeting
The Committee met on Thursday, January 16, 2020, working towards updating/revising the agreement.

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- **CAREERS: The Next Generation Meeting**
Sandy McDonald and Nick Radujko, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, attended a meeting with CAREERS: The Next Generation representatives from the local school jurisdictions, Grande Prairie Regional College, and local industry. Representatives were updated on CAREERS' plans in supporting and developing trades-related learning opportunities in the region for students and employers.
- **Staffing Report**
The January Staffing Report was submitted to Trustees as information.
- **Board Work Plan Review**
The most current version of the Board's Annual Work Plan was submitted to Trustees as information.

Items Requiring Further Action or Discussion

- **Alberta Budget – Public Consultations**
The Alberta Government is inviting public consultation on budget priorities for the province. A 3-Question survey is available on-line until February 7, 2020. As well, a Telephone Town Hall Engagement with Minister of Finance Travis Toews was scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2020. The survey information will be shared with the Division's School Councils.
- **Board Budget Planning Day – January 31, 2020**
Possible agenda items were presented to Trustees for the Board Budget Planning Day scheduled for January 31, 2020.
- **Charles Spencer Student Engagement**
The Charles Spencer High School Student Engagement session is scheduled for February 6, 2020 however, several Trustees will be away. March 17, 2020 has been suggested as the alternate date and this will be confirmed with the school Administration.

BOARD POLICY REVIEW

No report.

CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT

School Assurance Meetings

School Assurance meetings were held on January 24, 2020 for:

- Parkside Montessori
- GP Christian
- Swanavon
- Avondale

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BUSINESS SERVICES

Annual Transportation Report

Norm Guindon presented to the Board for information the Annual Transportation Update. The transportation contract expires the end of August 2020. Stakeholders have agreed to a one-year contract extension ending August 2021.

ASBA / PSBAA

Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA)

- General Meeting Timelines
Trustees were provided with the ASBA 2020 Timelines for the Spring General Meeting and Fall General Meeting. The Board will submit a position statement to Zone 1 regarding advocating the government to support incentivizing cooperation between public and catholic school boards.

ALBERTA EDUCATION

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Foundation Committee Meeting

Rob Martin reported to the Board regarding the Education Foundation Committee meeting that was held January 16, 2020.

Teacher/Trustee Liaison Committee (TTLC) Meeting

Andre Ouellette reported to the Board regarding the TTLC meeting that was held January 21, 2020.

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, February 11, 2020 to be held in the Central Office Board Room.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Kari Scheers, Board Chair Peace Wapiti School Division, re: SCORES Invitation, 2020 01 09

Letter to Troy Johnston, President Avondale Neighbourhood Association, re: Naming of GP Composite School Gym, 2020 01 15

The Ad Hoc Policy Committee will review the Board Policy and the Administrative Procedures related to this request and will bring back recommendations to the Board at a future Board meeting.

Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA) Survey

John Lehnars discussed a survey sent by the President of ASBA which asks Divisions to share two outstanding programs, initiatives or

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opportunities. The Grande Prairie Public School Division will highlight the GP Christian School and the cooperative work being done between all three local school jurisdictions regarding off-campus programming to meet local needs for students and industry.

NEW IDEAS / NEW ISSUES

Andre Ouellette thanked Administration for the work that was done to prepare for the Board to discuss Board-related cost savings.

Joan Nellis discussed the idea of sending the Trustee questions to the student advisory group in advance of the Charles Spencer High School Engagement session. The same questions that were used at the Composite High School session will be used at Charles Spencer.

ADJOURNMENT

John Lehnars called the Regular Board Meeting closed at 9:01 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer