

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON **February 11, 2020**

DESIGNATION OF ACTING BOARD CHAIR

The Board Chair and Vice Chair were not present at the meeting.

Superintendent Sandy McDonald opened the Regular Board meeting of February 11, 2020 and asked for a nomination for Acting Board Chair.

MOTION: Andre Ouellette moved that the Board nominate Lesley Craig as Acting Board Chair for the February 11, 2020 Board meeting, in the absence of Board Chair John Lehnrs and Vice Chair Joan Nellis.

CARRIED 15160

Acting Board Chair Lesley Craig called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with the following present:

PRESENT

Trustees Lesley Craig, Paulette Kurylo, Rob Martin, Andre Ouellette, Superintendent Sandy McDonald, Deputy Superintendent James Robinson, Secretary-Treasurer Norm Guindon and Secretary to the Board Sandy Fredland (minutes).

Regrets: Board Chair John Lehnrs, Vice-Chair Joan Nellis

Lynn Driedger entered the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENTATION

No presentation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of Board Agenda

The Board reviewed the Regular Meeting agenda.

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

CARRIED 15161

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting of January 28, 2020

The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of January 28, 2020.

MOTION: Lynn Driedger moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 28, 2020 as circulated.

CARRIED 15162

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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**BOARD CHAIR/
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Board Chair Report

- Board Budget Planning Session – January 31, 2020 – tabled to February 25, 2020 Board meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Items for Information

Sandy McDonald provided to the Board information regarding the following:

- Curriculum Advisory Panel Recommendation
A summary of the recommendations made by Alberta's Curriculum Review Panel, released December 20, was submitted to the Board for review, as well as a copy of the draft Ministerial order on Student Learning. Alberta Education is seeking feedback on the draft Ministerial Order, and Trustees asked that the link to this survey be shared with the Division's School Council Chairs.
- Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us by Daniel Pink
As requested, Sandy McDonald provided information regarding the book entitled, *Drive*, by Daniel Pink which is based on the work of researchers Edward Deci and Richard Ryan.
- Committee of the Whole – Program Review
The Program Review Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled in the Board Work Plan for February 11, 2020 was cancelled, as a review of programs will be part of the budget development process. Discussions on specific programs will be brought to the Board in a future Committee of the Whole to share any recommendations Administration may have in supporting budget-related conversations.
- Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA) School Board Program Highlights
As per discussion at the January 28, 2020 Board Meeting, Superintendent McDonald submitted, as requested, brief summaries of the Grande Prairie Christian School and the Tri-District Off-Campus Partnership as examples of unique opportunities in our Division, to the ASBA President for sharing.
- Corona Virus Information Update
Updates have been received through the College of Alberta School Superintendents from Alberta Health Services regarding the Corona Virus in Alberta. At this point there is no cause for concern in Grande Prairie so messaging to parents/guardians will only be sent out if/when Administration is directed by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

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- Meeting with the New Deputy Minister
Sandy McDonald reported to the Board that he will be meeting with the new Deputy Minister of Education, Andre Corbould, on February 24, 2020 in Edmonton. At the meeting, Superintendent McDonald will provide a background on the Grande Prairie Public School Division, build a clear understanding of the Division's financial situation and share the work that has been done over the past several years.
- Division Early Literacy Report
A report summarizing the Early Literacy Interventions Division students received in the 2018 – 2019 School Year was submitted to the Trustees as information.

Items Requiring Further Action or Discussion

- International Field Trip Request: Destination Imagination Global Finals, Kansas City, MO, May 19 – 22, 2020
An International Field Trip Request was submitted to the Board for approval by Susan Picard, Gifted Education Coordinator, for Division students to travel to Kansas City, Missouri should they qualify for the World Destination Imagination Tournament.

MOTION: Lynn Driedger moved that the Board of Trustees approves the application to support student travel to Kansas City, Missouri from May 21 to May 26, 2020. Approval is subject to the satisfactory submission of student and chaperone travel information following the regional Destination Imagination Tournament, to be held March 14, and compliance with all relevant Division Administrative Procedures.

CARRIED 15163

BOARD POLICY REVIEW

No report.

CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT

School Assurance Meetings

The Board and Central Office Administration met with School Administrators from the following schools to review the schools' profile, annual results and school plan:

School Assurance meetings were held on January 29, 2020 for

- Isabel Campbell Public School
- Riverstone Public School
- Roy Bickell Public School
- Derek Taylor Public School

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School Assurance meetings were held on February 4, 2020 for:

- Alexander Forbes School
- Hillside Community School
- Crystal Park School
- Maude Clifford Public School

School Assurance meetings were held on February 10, 2020 for:

- École Montrose
- IV Macklin Public School
- Aspen Grove School

The Board is pleased with the format and the information they have received from the School Assurance meetings this year.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Board Budget Development Principles

Norm Guindon presented to the Board the Board Budget Development Principles that were discussed at the Board Budget Planning Session on January 31, 2020. The Board requested a link to Board Policy 1 – Mission, Guiding Principles, be included in the Budget Principles document.

MOTION: Andre Ouellette moved that the Board approve the Board Budget Development Principles as discussed for the 2020 – 2021 Division Budget.

CARRIED 15164

Resolution to Continue with Public in Division's Legal Name

In response to the Elk Island Public School media announcement of Ministerial approval to keep “public” in their legal name, Norm Guindon explained the process and advised the Board to pass a motion changing the Division’s corporate name to *The Board of Trustees of the Grande Prairie Public School Division*. The signed minutes with the motion, if approved by the Board, will be sent with a letter to the Minister requesting the name change.

MOTION: Rob Martin moved THAT, pursuant to section 79 of the *Education Act*, the corporate name “The Board of Trustees of the Grande Prairie School Division” be changed to “The Board of Trustees of the Grande Prairie Public School Division”, if approved by the Minister of Education.

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ASBA / PSBAA

Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA)

- Friends of Education Nomination Consideration
Trustees were provided with a list of previous ASBA Friends of Education nominations by the Board, as well as a list of options for consideration of the 2020 Friends of Education Nomination.

MOTION: Andre Ouellette moved that the Board nominate the 3D Charity Tournament as the Grande Prairie Public School Division' Alberta School Boards' Association Friends of Education Award nominee, directing administration to work with the Grande Prairie and District Catholic Division and Peace Wapiti School Division as a shared nomination.

CARRIED 15166

Public School Boards' Council Meeting

Lesley Craig reported to the Board regarding the Public School Boards' Council meeting that took place in Edmonton February 6 – 7, 2020.

**ALBERTA
EDUCATION**

No report.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Professional Development Committee Meeting

Rob Martin reported to the Board regarding the Professional Development Committee meeting that was held February 3, 2020. One teacher applied for a one-year leave of absence for professional improvement. Suggestion was made to put Professional Development leave on a Teacher/Trustee Liaison Committee meeting agenda to ensure staff are aware of the opportunity available to them.

**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 25, 2020 to be held in the Central Office Board Room.

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitation to Trustees to Attend the Local Alberta Teachers' Association Induction and Retirement Evening, February 29, 2020.

**NEW IDEAS / NEW
ISSUES**

Andre Ouellette requested information regarding pending retirements within the District and Superintendent McDonald provided an update. Formal announcements will be made soon.

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Andre Ouellette expressed appreciation to those Trustees and Administration who were able to attend the UPC Caucus meeting held February 10, 2020 in Grande Prairie. The Division was well represented.

ADJOURNMENT

Lesley Craig called the Regular Board Meeting closed at 7:22 p.m.

Acting Chair

Secretary-Treasurer