

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON **February 25, 2020**

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, 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 addition to the agenda:

- *System Leadership Restructuring* under Superintendent's Report.

MOTION: Lynn Driedger moved that the Board adopt the Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

CARRIED 15167

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting of February 11, 2020

The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of February 11, 2020.

MOTION: Rob Martin moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 11, 2020 as circulated.

CARRIED 15168

Abstained (not present at meeting): John Lehnrs
Joan Nellis

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

**BOARD CHAIR/
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Board Chair Report

- Board Budget Planning Session – January 31, 2020
Board Chair John Lehnrs discussed the Board Budget Planning session that was held January 31, 2020. The Board developed the Guiding Principles for the District 2020 – 2021 Budget Development process at the planning session. These principles were approved at the February 11, 2020 Board meeting.

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Superintendent's Report

Items for Information

Sandy McDonald provided to the Board information regarding the following:

- **Minister of Education Visit Update**
The Minister's office has indicated that the Minister can meet with the Board and Senior Administration on Monday March 9, 2020 from 2:30 to 3:30 at the Central Office.

- **Administrators' Meeting – Restorative Practices**
Nancy Gorgichuk, Director of Student Services, accessed a small wellness grant that allowed a facilitator to come in and present to the Division's Administrators. The presentation, held on February 19, 2020, was an introduction in the use of restorative practices which focus less on the use of punishment and more on addressing the harm caused by a behaviour.

- **Division Music Program – New York Trip**
The Charles Spencer Musical Theatre group trip to New York City during Easter Break 2020 has been cancelled, due to low student numbers.

- **International Travel – April 2020**
There are currently 3 International trips planned for April 2020. Both Grande Prairie Composite and Charles Spencer High Schools have trips approved to Greece, April 8 – 19, 2020 and Charles Spencer has a trip approved to Ecuador, April 1 – 11, 2020. Nick Radujko is monitoring the travel advisories and as of February 18, no new travel advisories exist in regard to the Corona Virus. The Board will be updated as more information is made available about the impact of the Corona Virus worldwide.

- **Standing Committee on Recreation and Educational Spaces (SCORES) Meeting**
The SCORES Technical Committee met on February 13, 2020. Work continues in updating the agreement and at this meeting, the committee reviewed the list of school rooms that are available for rent.

- **Meeting with the Deputy Minister**
Sandy McDonald reported to the Board that he met with the new Deputy Minister of Education, Andre Corbould, on February 24, 2020 in Edmonton. Superintendent McDonald provided the Deputy Minister with a written introduction to the Division in advance of the meeting and this was submitted to the Board as information.

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- **Budget Update**
Secretary Treasurer Norm Guindon, Finance Director Wade Webb, Finance Manager Riley Greentree, Board Chair John Lehnern and Superintendent Sandy McDonald attended a teleconference with all school boards on February 18, 2020 to learn introductory details of the new Alberta Education Funding Model. Specific details will be released on February 27, 2020 along with the Alberta Budget. Norm Guindon, Wade Webb, John Lehnern and Sandy McDonald will be attending a half day meeting in Edmonton on February 28th to learn the specific details of the new funding model.
- **Avondale North Area Redevelopment Planning**
Following the design planning activity held in November, a meeting to review possible designs for the redevelopment of the Avondale North area, which includes the site of the existing Grande Prairie Composite High School, is scheduled for March 12, 2020. The Board's Ad Hoc Composite High School Replacement Committee will meet prior to the Area Redevelopment Planning meeting.
- **Division Second Languages Annual Report**
The annual report summarizing participation of GPPSD students in second language instruction was submitted to the Board as information.
- **Division Music Programming Annual Report**
This report was to be submitted to the Board at this meeting, however a detailed review of music programming in the Division will be provided to the Board in the near future as it relates to budget decisions.

Items Requiring Further Action or Discussion

- **International Field Trip Request: Charles Spencer High School Spanish Students, Southern France and Spain, March 31 – April 11, 2021**
An International Field Trip Request was submitted to the Board for approval by the Charles Spencer Second Language students to travel to southern France and Spain in the Spring of 2021. A trip summary was submitted to the Board and Administration is recommending the Board consider supporting this request.

MOTION: Joan Nellis moved that the Board approve the International Field Trip request by the Charles Spencer Second Languages Class to travel to Southern France and Spain, March 31 to April 11, 2021, subject to full compliance with Administrative Procedures and review of travel advisories prior to travel.

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- System Leadership Re-structuring
Sandy McDonald discussed with the Board a revised organizational chart that will come into effect for the 2020 – 2021 school year, in response to the retirements of the Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum. Reporting to the Deputy Superintendent, the Division Executive Education Team will consist of: Director of System Planning, Director of Teaching and Learning, Director of Student Supports and Director of Inclusive Learning. The Assistant Superintendent positions are not being filled. Interviews will be held for the Director of Student Supports sometime in early March.

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 on February 18, 2020:

- Grande Prairie Composite High School
- Charles Spencer High School
- Bridge Network

BUSINESS SERVICES

No report.

ASBA / PSBAA

No report.

ALBERTA EDUCATION

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Non-Instructional Support Staff Liaison Committee Meeting

Paulette Kurylo reported to the Board regarding the Non-Instructional Support Staff Liaison Committee meeting held February 12, 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, March 10, 2020 to be held in the Central Office Board Room.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter of Condolence to Staff Member from the Board

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NEW IDEAS / NEW ISSUES

Lynn Driedger brought forward three items for discussion with the Board:

1. Trustee Driedger asked about the questions students are asked on the Our School Survey that are used to identify the student anxiety measure, and specifically whether the questions are accurate/relevant to determining student anxiety;
2. Trustee Driedger asked about the process used by schools to book and approve field trips, after she identified concerns about the appropriateness of some of the exhibitions on a recent trip by a school to the Grande Prairie Art Gallery; and
3. Trustee Driedger suggested we consider an increase to the time allotted to High School Assurance meetings by 15 minutes to allow for more time to discuss their more complex student results.

Joan Nellis inquired about the businesses and individuals who donated to the existing Mental Health wing at the Grande Prairie Composite High School. Now that the school is being replaced, Trustees discussed sending information to those donors regarding the student services spaces and supports that will be incorporated into the new school.

Andre Ouellette reported to the Board that in support of International Women's Day, the Women of Influence Awards will be held at the Montrose Cultural Centre on March 6, 2020. As well, Crystal Park School submitted a request to the Healthy Foods Initiative Coalition and received new appliances for their Home Economics class.

ADJOURNMENT

John Lehnert called the Regular Board Meeting closed at 7:36 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer