

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON **March 10, 2020**

Board Chair John Lehnert called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with the following present:

PRESENT

Trustees Lynn Driedger, Paulette Kurylo, John Lehnert, Joan Nellis, Andre Ouellette, Superintendent Sandy McDonald, Deputy-Superintendent James Robinson, Secretary-Treasurer Norm Guindon and Secretary to the Board Sandy Fredland (minutes).

Regrets: Trustee Lesley Craig, Trustee Rob Martin

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 Superintendent's Report, *International Travel*.

MOTION: Andre Ouellette moved that the Board adopt the Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

CARRIED 15170

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting of February 25, 2020

The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of February 25, 2020.

MOTION: Joan Nellis moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 25, 2020 as circulated.

CARRIED 15171

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

BOARD CHAIR/ SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Board Chair Report

- Post-Budget Meeting with Ministry of Education
Board Chair John Lehnert reported to the Board regarding a meeting he, Norm Guindon and Wade Webb, Director of Finance, attended on February 28, 2020 in Edmonton, where the Ministry of Education discussed budget details with the school jurisdictions.
- Board Chair John Lehnert will be attending an Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA) Director's meeting on March 12 and 13, 2020 in Edmonton.

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- Minister of Education Visit – March 9, 2020
Trustees discussed the visit with Minister Adriana LaGrange that was held March 9, 2020 at Central Office. The meeting was reported as being positive.

Superintendent's Report

Items for Information

Sandy McDonald provided to the Board information regarding the following:

- Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA) Social Media Campaign
Sandy McDonald shared with the Board the ASBA tweet highlighting the Division's programs as part of the ASBA social media campaign.
- College of Alberta School Superintendent's (CASS) Director's Meeting
Sandy McDonald attended the CASS Director's meeting on March 4,
- Regional Collaborative Service Delivery Funding Update
One of the impacts of the new funding framework is the elimination of funding for Peace Collaborative Services (PCS). An emergent meeting of the PCS executive team is planned for March 16, 2020 to determine next steps forward. The Board will be updated as more information is available.
- Grande Prairie Regional College (GPRC) President Installation Ceremony
Sandy McDonald and John Lehnert participated in the formal ceremony recognizing Dr. Bob Murray as the new President of the GPRC.
- Director of Student Supports Recruitment Update
A significant number of applications were submitted for the Director of Student Supports position. Interviews were held March 9 and 10, 2020 and an announcement will be sent out shortly.
- Division Indigenous Program Update
The Annual Indigenous Programming Update was submitted to the Board as information.
- International Travel – April 2020
The Board discussed the upcoming International Field Trips to Greece by the Grande Prairie Composite High school April 7 – 19, 2020 and the Charles Spencer High School from April 8 – 19, 2020. Following discussion, the Board agreed to cancelling these trips in response to the Novel Coronavirus situation.

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MOTION: Joan Nellis moved that the Board direct administration to take the necessary steps required to cancel the previously approved International Field Trips planned by Charles Spencer High School April 8 – 19, 2020 and the Grande Prairie Composite High school April 7 – 19, 2020 to Greece due to concerns regarding the Novel Coronavirus.

CARRIED 15172

Regarding the Charles Spencer Maverick Movement trip to Ecuador April 1 – 11, 2020, the Board will stay informed as currently Ecuador does not have a travel advisory in respect to the Novel Coronavirus. The trip will be reviewed at the March 24, 2020 Board meeting.

BOARD POLICY REVIEW

Board Policy Review Committee Meeting – February 26, 2020

- Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA) Proposed Position Statement

As requested by the Board, the Policy Review Committee drafted a Proposed Position Statement to submit to ASBA Zone 1 for consideration at the Alberta School Boards' Association Fall General Meeting.

MOTION: Andre Ouellette moved that the Board accept changes to the ASBA Zone 1 Proposed Position Statement as discussed for submission to ASBA Zone 1 members for consideration.

CARRIED 15173

- Naming of New Grande Prairie Composite High School Gymnasium
The Board Policy Review Committee discussed the request from the Avondale Neighbourhood Association to name the new Composite High School gymnasium after a local Grande Prairie citizen. The Committee reported to the Board that Board Policy 2, Role of the Board, Section 10.3 and Administrative Procedure 542, Section 3 which states: "The naming of schools, a portion of a school or a Division facility in honour of an individual shall only done so posthumously", should be adhered to when naming schools or portions of a school.

A letter will be drafted to the Avondale Neighbourhood Association explaining the Board's policy and Administrative Procedure and will be brought to the next meeting for Board approval.

- Board Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee
Board Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee was submitted to the Board by the Policy Committee for review and discussion by Trustees. Changes to the existing policy were made as recommended by the Alberta School

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Boards' Association and to reflect changes from the School Act to the Education Act.

MOTION: Joan Nellis moved that the Board accept the proposed revised Board Policy 3 – The Role of the Trustees, as presented.

CARRIED 15072

- Board Policy 17 – School Closure or Reconfiguration of Schools
Board Policy 17 – School Closure or Reconfiguration of Schools was submitted to the Board by the Policy Committee for review and discussion by Trustees. Changes to the existing policy were made as recommended by the Alberta School Boards' Association and to reflect changes from the School Act to the Education Act.

MOTION: Andre Ouellette moved that the Board accept the proposed revised Board Policy 17 – School Closure or Reconfiguration of Schools, as presented.

CARRIED 15073

CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT

Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) Induction and Retirement Evening
Trustees who attended reported to the Board regarding the ATA Induction and Retirement Evening that was held February 29, 2020 in Grande Prairie.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Provincial Budget 2020 – Summary
Norm Guindon provided to the Board a high-level summary regarding the recently announced Alberta Budget and impacts on the Division's budget. Administration will be working on a three-year budget model and projections to present to the Board in the near future. A letter to parents and staff explaining the Division's budget implications will be brought to the next Board meeting for review and then communicated out. The Board will meet for a Committee of the Whole meeting prior to the Regular Board meeting on March 24, 2020 for the purpose of discussing budget.

ASBA / PSBAA

Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA)

- Zone 1 Meeting
Paulette Kurylo reported to the Board regarding the ASBA Zone 1 meeting that was held in Peace River on March 5, 2020. A special Zone 1 meeting to discuss the Strategic Plan has been called for April 6, 2020 in Grimshaw and Trustees can attend the meeting by videoconference.

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ALBERTA EDUCATION

Bill 5, The Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act 2020 Update

Norm Guindon provided the Board with a summary regarding the United Conservative Party Bill 5, The Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act 2020. Changes that will impact Education as a result of the Bill is a requirement for ministerial approval for spending or transferring school board operating reserve funds effective September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2022. Collective bargaining with the Alberta Teachers' Association will change as well by removing the authority from trustees to ratify the centrally negotiated items such as teacher pay to the Teacher's Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Foundation Committee Meeting

The minutes of the Education Foundation Committee meeting held February 20, 2020 was submitted as information.

Composite High School Replacement Committee

Andre Ouellette reported to the Board that the Composite High School Replacement Committee met on March 10, 2020, in preparation of the Avondale School Sites Area Redevelopment Plan meeting called by the City of Grande Prairie on March 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 24, 2020 to be held in the Central Office Board Room.

School Council Chairs'/Trustee Liaison Committee Meeting Date

The Board agreed to April 2, 2020 as the next School Council Chairs'/Trustee Liaison Committee meeting. Board Chair John Lehnert and Trustee Lynn Driedger will not be available to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

NEW IDEAS / NEW ISSUES

Paulette Kurylo discussed the importance of teachers appraising field trips prior to students participating in the field trip and reported to Trustees that Alberta School Boards' Association members will receive a 50% discount on registration for the Canadian School Boards' Association Congress in July.

Trustees discussed Kindergarten advertising within the City of Grande Prairie.

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ADJOURNMENT

John Lehnert called the Regular Board Meeting closed at 8:35 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer