

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON **March 24, 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, Joan Nellis, Andre Ouellette, Superintendent Sandy McDonald, Deputy-Superintendent James Robinson, Secretary-Treasurer Norm Guindon and Secretary to the Board Sandy Fredland (minutes).

Rob Martin entered the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

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, *Board Meetings*
- Under Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA), *Update on ASBA Events*
- Under Alberta Education, *Teacher/Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA) Pulse Survey*
- Under Correspondence, *Letter from Adriana LaGrange*

MOTION: Paulette Kurylo moved that the Board adopt the Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

CARRIED 15176

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting of March 10, 2020

The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of March 10, 2020.

MOTION: Andre Ouellette moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 10, 2020 as circulated.

CARRIED 15177

Abstained (not at the meeting): Lesley Craig
Rob Martin

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

**BOARD CHAIR/
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Board Chair Report

- Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA) Director's Meeting
John Lehnrs reported to the Board regarding the ASBA Director's meeting he attended in Edmonton March 12 – 13, 2020.

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Superintendent's Report

Items for Information

Sandy McDonald provided to the Board information regarding the following:

- **Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update**
Sandy McDonald, James Robinson, Kim Frykas and Norm Guindon provided the Board with an update and review of the steps that have been taken within the Division in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Minister of Education announced on March 15, 2020 that classes for all students in Alberta are cancelled until further notice. The Division is responding with a plan for students to “learn at home”. A Frequently Asked Questions for Trustees document relevant to the Division was provided to Trustees, along with a similar document prepared by the Alberta School Boards' Association.

- **Peace Collaborative Services (PCS) Update**
The Superintendents from the member Boards who partner in PCS met on March 16, 2020 with representatives from the partner organizations to discuss the dissolution of the Peace Collaborative Services team. The Grande Prairie Public School Division is the banker board for PCS and is leading this work. The PCS Leadership team will meet on March 30, 2020 to discuss next steps.

- **Director of Student Supports**
Paul Therrien, Principal of École Montrose, was the successful candidate for the Director of Student Supports position effective August 2020. Advertisements will be posted for École Montrose and Charles Spencer Principal positions on March 25, 2020.

- **Charles Spencer High School Maverick Movement International Field Trip – Ecuador**
The Charles Spencer Maverick Movement trip to Ecuador scheduled for April 1 – 11, 2020 has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 situation.

- **Avondale School Sites Area Redevelopment Plan**
Trustees Andre Ouellette and Lynn Driedger, along with Norm Guindon and Sandy McDonald, attended the Avondale School Sites Area Redevelopment Plan meeting that was held by the City of Grande Prairie on March 12, 2020.

- **Staffing Report**
The monthly staffing report was submitted to the Board as information.

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- Board meetings
Sandy McDonald reported to the Board that he participated in a teleconference hosted by Brownlee Law.

BOARD POLICY REVIEW

CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT

BUSINESS SERVICES

Budget 2020 – 2021 Development Update

Norm Guindon provided to the Board an update on the Division's budget process to date.

Division 2021 – 2024 Capital Plan Update

Norm Guindon provided the Trustees with a verbal update regarding the Grande Prairie Public School Division's 2021 – 2024 Capital Plan. The plan will be brought to Trustees at the April 28, 2020 Board meeting.

ASBA / PSBAA

Public School Boards' Council (PSBC)

- Meeting
Lesley Craig reported to the Board that the PSBC meeting scheduled for April 16 – 17, 2020 has been cancelled.

Update on Association Events

- Canadian School Boards' Association Congress (CSBA)
Scheduled for July 2 – 5, 2020 in Banff, AB: Cancelled
- Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA) Spring General Meeting
Scheduled for June 1 – 2, 2020 in Edmonton, AB: Cancelled
- National School Boards' Association (NSBA) Annual Conference
Scheduled for April 4 – 6, 2020 in Chicago, IL: Cancelled
- ASBA Edwin Parr Nomination Deadline: Extended to April 14, 2020

ALBERTA EDUCATION

Teacher/Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA) Pulse Survey

John Lehnert reported to the Board that TEBA is asking Boards to complete a TEBA Survey in preparation for future bargaining. The deadline for responses is April 24, 2020. Administration will prepare responses and share with the Boards' Negotiation Committee prior to submission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

School Council/Trustee Liaison Committee Meeting – April 2, 2020

Following discussion, the Board will cancel this meeting, due to the COVID-19 situation.

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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, April 28, 2020 to be held in the Central Office Board Room.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter to Avondale Neighbourhood Association President
- Letter from Capital Planning, Re: Harry Balfour School, 2020 03 16
- Letter from Minister of Education, Re: Superintendent Contract, 2020 03 19

NEW IDEAS / NEW ISSUES

The Board expressed appreciation to Administration and Division Staff for the exceptional response to the COVID-19 situation.

ADJOURNMENT

John Lehnert called the Regular Board Meeting closed at 7:53 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer