

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON **May 12, 2020**

Board Chair John Lehnrs called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:01 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, Deputy-Superintendent James Robinson, 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.
- MOTION:** Rob Martin moved that the Board adopt the Regular Meeting agenda as presented.
- CARRIED 15182
- MINUTES** Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 28, 2020
The Board reviewed the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of April 28, 2020.
- MOTION:** Paulette Kurylo moved to adopt the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 28, 2020 as circulated.
- CARRIED 15183
- Abstained: Lynn Driedger (absent from the meeting)
- Regular Board Meeting of April 28, 2020
The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of April 28, 2020.
- MOTION:** Andre Ouellette moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 28, 2020 as circulated.
- CARRIED 15184
- Abstained: Lynn Driedger (absent from the meeting)
- BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** 2020 Board Social Discussion
The Board reviewed a report submitted by the Director of Human Resources entitled, *Long Service and Retirement Recognition Comparison April 2020*.
- MOTION:** Paulette Kurylo moved that the 2020 Board Social event be put on a one-year hiatus.
- CARRIED 15185

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Administration will bring to the next Board meeting suggestions for Exemplary, staff long service and retiree awards for consideration.

**BOARD CHAIR/
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Board Chair Report

- August School Start-Up Discussion
In follow-up to the Premier's announcement on May 1, 2020 that schools will remain closed for the 2019 – 2020 School Year, the Board discussed the plan for schools re-opening for the 2020 – 2021 School Year. Administration will be bringing a detailed report at a future Board meeting outlining plans for school restart. The Alberta School Boards' Association sent out a survey for Boards in regard to school start up. Administration will send a draft reply to the Board for review and will submit on behalf of the Board once approved.

Superintendent's Report

Items for Information

Sandy McDonald provided to the Board information regarding the following:

- Learning from Home Update Report
Sandy McDonald presented to the Board a detailed summary of Division operations to date to transition the learning from home for parents, students, and teachers.
- Student Assessment Update
A document that provides clarity to parents in regard to how student work will be assessed and how final marks will be identified was shared with the Board.
- Peace Collaborative Services (PCS) Update
A draft 'Agent Board Agreement' has been created and shared with the 5 other Divisions that have expressed a desire to remain part of a collaborative providing professional therapeutic supports to students. Our Division has agreed to remain as the Agent Board and is requesting a two-year commitment letter from each of the participating Divisions.
- Schools Re-Opening for the 2020 – 2021 School Year
Education Minister LaGrange announced that Alberta Education is working with all education partners and the Chief Medical Officer of Health to develop guidelines for anticipated school start up scenarios. Draft guidelines are expected to be shared soon by Alberta Education and will be used to begin the development of local plans between now and August for school start-up.
- Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC) Update
Alberta Education announced in the new Funding Framework that funding will be reduced over the next two years to the Pembina Hills

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School Division in support of the Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC). This decrease in funding has the potential of ending operations at ADLC by the end of the 2020 – 2021 school year.

- **System Leadership Planning Retreat**
A planning retreat for the System Leadership will be held May 20, 2020 to review the new team structure and formalize the planning process for the 2020 – 2021 school year.
- **Vice Principal Staffing Update**
Interviews will be held on May 15 for the vacant Vice-Principal positions at Charles Spencer High School and École Montrose.
- **High School Graduation Planning Update**
The Division High Schools have been working with staff and students to develop alternate plans for graduation and appropriate recognition for the graduates this year. Virtual celebrations are being planned by the Grande Prairie Composite High School and Charles Spencer High School.
- **Staff, Student and Parent Surveys Update**
The distribution of staff and parent satisfaction surveys will be deferred until June, and the Our School surveys for students will not be distributed this year.
- **Presentation to Swan City Rotary Club**
Superintendent Sandy McDonald presented to the Swan City Rotary Club regarding the topic of the Health and Wellness Suite at the Grande Prairie Composite High School. The purpose of the presentation was to share the Division's appreciation for the Rotary's initial investment in the Centre and explain that even though the Centre will be demolished with the old Composite High School, the Division will continue to provide supports to students.

**BOARD POLICY
REVIEW**

**CULTURE AND
ENGAGEMENT**

**BUSINESS
SERVICES**

2020 – 2021 Draft budget

Norm Guindon presented to the Board the draft 2020 – 2021 Division budget. The deadline for budget submission to Alberta Education is May 30, 2020. The final 2020 – 2021 Division Budget will be brought to the May 26, 2020 Board meeting for approval.

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2020 – 2021 International Travel

Norm Guindon discussed with the Board international travel that may be planned for the 2020 – 2021 school year. Administration will seek information in regard to the cancellation policy for an international travel request submitted by Charles Spencer High School second languages for to travel to France and Spain from March 31 – April 10, 2021. This will be brought back to a future Board meeting for consideration.

School Fees – Academy and French Immersion Preschool

Norm Guindon provided the Board with a proposal to change the fee structure for the Academy and French Immersion Pre-school.

MOTION: Joan Nellis moved that the Board approve Administration’s recommended fee changes for the Academy and French Immersion Pre-School 2020 – 2021 school year as presented.

CARRIED 15186

ASBA / PSBAA

Alberta School Boards’ Association (ASBA)

- Zone 1 2020 Friends of Education Nomination Submission
The Board reviewed the 2020 Friends of Education nomination for Zone 1. It was reported that the Division will not have an Edwin Parr nomination for 2020.

ALBERTA EDUCATION

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No report.

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, May 26, 2020 to be held in the Central Office Board Room.

CORRESPONDENCE

NEW IDEAS / NEW ISSUES

Trustees requested that a School Council/Trustee Zoom meeting be scheduled sometime early in June. Trustees will compile 3 or 4 questions for School Councils to consider prior to the meeting. An agenda will be brought to the May 26, 2020 Board meeting.

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Rob Martin suggested the Board contact MLA Tracy Allard who has been appointed to the Government's Student Transportation Task Force with the purpose of discussing shared transportation between the three local school divisions.

Rob Martin inquired about the totem pole currently at the Composite, and if it would be incorporated into the design of the new Composite High School. Superintendent McDonald reported that plans to relocate the totem pole to the new school are being developed.

Lynn Driedger asked Administration questions regarding:

- Early Literacy and was informed by Administration that the focus of Early Literacy will be on the classroom teacher and small group instruction.
- Gifted Programming – Administration reported that the Gifted Program will run the same as it did in the 2019 – 2020.
- Can students from other divisions attend the Bridge Network for extra courses and was informed that the other two neighbouring Divisions have their own versions of the Bridge Network.
- 5G towers and if the Division has a plan when 5G becomes available, and Administration replied that the Division's Wi-Fi is through the Supernet and will not be through 5G.
- A suggestion regarding sponsors for the Composite shops, and Administration replied that this will be considered.

ADJOURNMENT

John Lehnert called the Regular Board Meeting closed at 8:07 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer