

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION
HELD AT CENTRAL OFFICE ON **June 13, 2023**

Board Chair Joan Nellis called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:59 p.m., acknowledged that the Board is on Treaty 8 Land, and reviewed the Division's Universal Guiding Principles, with the following present:

PRESENT

Trustees Ray Buziak, Chris Johnston, Donna Koch, Rob Martin, Joan Nellis, Andre Ouellette, Superintendent Sandy McDonald, Deputy Superintendent James Robinson, Executive Assistant Business Services SheraLea Crichton, (recorder), and Secretary to the Board Sandy Fredland (minutes).

Attending Virtually: Trustee Chris Johnston

Regrets: Associate Superintendent Business Services Norm Guindon

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA**

Adoption of Board Agenda

The Board reviewed the Regular Meeting agenda.

MOTION: Donna Koch moved that the Board adopt the Regular Meeting agenda as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 15546

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting of May 23, 2023

The Board reviewed the Regular Board Meeting minutes of May 23, 2023.

MOTION: Andre Ouellette moved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 23, 2023, as circulated.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 15547

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM THE MINUTES**

PRESENTATION

Parkside Montessori School Council Presentation

Danielle Pellerin, School Council Chair for Parkside Montessori, on behalf of School Council, presented to the Board regarding a request to expand the Montessori programming to Grade 7 and 8. The Board thanked the presenter and accompanying parents for taking the time to present to the Board, and will take the request under consideration.

The presenters exited the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

The Board called a 5-minute recess.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:21 p.m.

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**BOARD CHAIR/
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Board Chair Report

- Chamber Mixer
Joan Nellis reported to Trustees regarding the Chamber Mixer that was hosted by the Board at the Grande Prairie Composite High School on May 25, 2023. The event was reported as being well attended.
- Agenda Topics – Stakeholder Meeting with City Council
The Board discussed agenda topics for discussion with City Council at the planned Stakeholder meeting to be held June 20, 2023.

Superintendent's Report

Items for Information

Sandy McDonald provided to the Board as information the Superintendent's report regarding the following:

- Integrated School Supports Program
In January, Alberta Education announced an addition of \$14 million in funding annually to enhance addiction and mental health support for children and youth, including students. Part of the investment is to develop recovery-oriented, school-based supports in high priority communities across the province. Hillside Community School has been chosen as a site for an Integrated Schools Support Program (ISSP). Specific details are yet to be determined but will be shared as they are developed for the 2023 – 2024 School Year.
- Leadership for Tomorrow
The focus of the May 25 Leadership for Tomorrow session was on building the understanding of participants in the areas of planning and assurance. The last session of the year is scheduled for June 15, 2023.
- Mentorship Wrap Up Dinner
On May 31, the Division and the Trumpeter Local of the Alberta Teachers' Association celebrated the mentorship partnerships of division teachers that worked together this year in the Mentorship program.
- Rotary Excellence in Education Awards
The Swan City Rotary Club collected nominations from School Councils and School Administration for their annual teacher, support staff or parent volunteers who have gone above and beyond to make a difference for students in the division. A luncheon was held on May 31, 2023, to honour the nominees.

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- **Supporting High School Completion**
The principals of the Grande Prairie Composite High School, Charles Spencer High School and the Bridge Network continue working with system leadership to review practices to support the successful completion of high school for division students.
- **Division Indigenous Parent Advisory Circle**
Principals will be distributing information soon to inform parents about the development of an Indigenous Advisory Circle next year. More information about the Advisory Circle, to be organized by the division's Indigenous Programming Coordinator Shauna Livesey, will be shared with Trustees in the fall.

Items for Action

- **Board Self Evaluation and Superintendent Evaluation Location**
The Board Room and Training Room are booked for August 22 – 24 for Division Administration professional development. Administration is suggesting the Board Self Evaluation and Superintendent Evaluation session booked for the afternoon of August 22, 2023 be held at Crystal Park School in the large conference room. The Board was in agreement.

**BOARD POLICY
COMMITTEE**

**ADVOCACY AND
ENGAGEMENT
COMMITTEE**

**CULTURE AND
ENGAGEMENT**

- **Indigenous Graduation Honouring**
Rob Martin and Donna Koch reported to the Board regarding the Indigenous Graduation Honouring ceremony that was held at Camp Tamarac on June 8, 2023.

**BUSINESS
SERVICES**

Associate Superintendent Business Services Report

- **Division Summer Operations and Maintenance Update**
Sandy McDonald provided the Board with the Associate Superintendent of Business Services report in Norm Guindon's absence and shared an update on the Maintenance summer projects planned for the summer of 2023 as information.
- **3rd Quarter Budget Update**
Sandy McDonald presented to the Board as information the 3rd Quarter Budget Update.

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- Information Technology Optimization Project
The Division Information Technology team, led by Director Sudheshan Pillay, has engaged the IBM K-12 Education Consulting division to review the Grande Prairie Public School Division's technology information infrastructure and technical practices by meeting with stakeholders from information technology, curriculum, core business functions and schools, utilizing surveys and focus group discussions. The information gathered will be shared with the Division and school leadership team to be incorporated into the Division's future information technology plan.

ASBA / PSBAA

Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA)

- Spring General Meeting
Joan Nellis reported to the Board regarding the ASBA Spring General Meeting held in Calgary June 4 – 6, 2023.
- Trustee Certificate Program
Donna Koch discussed with the Board the ASBA Trustee Governance Program, offered through the University of Calgary. The program is composed of three modules that integrate the theory and practice of leadership and effective governance.

Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA)

- Spring General Meeting
Donna Koch reported to the Board regarding the PSBAA Spring General Meeting that was held in Calgary June 1 – 3, 2023.

The Regular Board Meeting was paused for the Parkside Montessori Presentation at 6:49 p.m.

**ALBERTA
EDUCATION**

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

- Non-Instructional Support Staff Committee
Joan Nellis and Andre Ouellette reported to the Board regarding the Non-Instructional Support Staff Committee meeting that was held May 24, 2023.
- Student Advisory Committee Meeting
Rob Martin and Andre Ouellette reported to the Board regarding the Student Advisory Committee meeting that was held June 9, 2023. Students will be creating videos and a PowerPoint for recruiting new students to the Committee for the 2023 – 2024 School Year. Appreciation was given to Mrs. Frykas for her work and support with the students and the Advisory Committee.

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- Teacher/Trustee Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes
The minutes for the May 2, 2023, Teacher/Trustee Liaison Committee meeting were submitted to the Board as information.

**CALENDAR OF
EVENTS**

Upcoming Professional Development/Meetings

The Board of Trustees reviewed the Upcoming Professional Development/Meeting Bulletin for Trustees.

Board Calendar

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, 2023, to be held at Central Office in the Board Room.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter to the Minister of Education
The Board will send a letter of congratulations to the new Minister of Education, the Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides.

**NEW IDEAS / NEW
ISSUES**

Andre Ouellette mentioned the Board Evaluation Survey, and Trustees were reminded to complete the survey by June 26, 2023.

Rob Martin asked if there were actionable items coming out of the Parkside Montessori presentation, and the response was that this will be a topic of discussion during Division capital planning.

Donna Koch reported to the Board that she was in Grimshaw June 12 and 13 as a member of the Edwin Parr Selection Committee. Trustee Koch thanked the Peace River School Division and the Edwin Parr Selection Committee for the experience.

Donna Koch mentioned to the Trustees that the next Public School Board Council meeting will be held in Medicine Hat August 9 – 11, 2023, should any of the Trustees wish to attend.

Joan Nellis thanked the Board and Administration for a great year.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Joan Nellis called the Regular Board Meeting closed at 7:39 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer