

Board Meeting Brief

October 27th, 2021



Front from the left: Trustee and Board Vice-Chair Caputo (Hinton), Board Chair Karpluk, (Jasper), Trustee and Committee of the Whole Chair Fowler (Edson)
Back from left: Trustee Bobilek (Lobstick), Trustee Pettitt (Edson), Trustee Delisle (Grande Cache), Trustee Oshanyk (Hinton)

OUR VISION

Our school division endeavours to provide each student with the opportunity to fulfill their potential and pursue their dreams.

OUR MISSION

We nurture each student's education and well-being within an inclusive rural learning community.



The Board of Trustees for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division are committed to thoughtful governance, strong advocacy for strong public education, building collaborative relationships, and developing solution-focused partnerships to ensure success for GYPSD students and communities.

Board Priority

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Student Learning

The Board received a report on the 2021/2022 [Superintendent's Youth Council](#) (SYC).

- The new and returning 24 members were chosen from students in Grades 10-12 who demonstrated a diverse range of interests, identities and perspectives, who were passionate about and willing to share experience, knowledge and skills, and were interested in leadership opportunities both at the Division and school level.
- The SYC is a space for students opportunities to build positive relationships with others across the Division, lead by example in their schools, provide valuable input on education initiatives, and participate in leadership opportunities.

Board Priority

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Teaching and Leadership Excellence

The Board received a report from Acting Assistant Superintendent Ms. Carra Aschenmeier on the success and impact of GYPSD's annual province-wide professional development program: the [Palisades' Indigenous Education Camp](#).

Superintendent Lewis shared highlights from her work that included:

- The second DLT professional learning and business meeting of the school year with Principals, Assistant Principals and central leadership team;
- Preparation for GYPSD's annual DATA DAY! In preparation for each school's [School Continuous Improvement Plan](#) creation, and for the development of the spring [Education Assurance Plan](#), the Learning Services' Team supports the Divisional screening process.
- Once teachers have collected their student data, the central team collates the information and prepares the principals for their analysis of their school data. This information informs teachers where students may require extra support. It also informs the school's instructional focus/foci.

The Board received a status report from Acting Director of Facilities, Mr. Brian Orge, on the Division's commitment to providing excellent, safe, and healthy working and learning environments for GYPSD's students and staff.

Board Priority

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Community Engagement

Newly selected Board Chair Dale Karpluk (Jasper), offered her congratulations to the new and returning Trustees following the [October General Election](#), and shared her deep appreciation for the service of the out-going board members.

[The new Board](#) received an enrollment report and was pleased to hear student enrollment in the Division has increased 3% over last year.

The Board passed motions to:

- Require proof of vaccinations for [all staffing groups, including Trustees](#).
- Restrict school and bus access to members of households that have an individual who is COVID-19 positive.
- Cancel one of the two [PBMs scheduled](#) in January and February of 2022.
- Change the November 9th PBM to November 10th.