

Board Meeting Brief

November 10, 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 is 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

Superintendent Lewis spoke to the data showing student learning growth outcomes that GYPSD principals shared with the newly elected Board of Trustees during their [school visits and leader presentations](#) in Jasper, Edson and the Lobstick zone.

The Board Chair also shared the trustees' appreciation for GYPSD's principal and teacher commitment to student learning and shared her upcoming attendance at an Alberta School Boards Association Board (ASBA) Chairs' Committee meeting to address concerns with the Draft K-6 Curriculum.

Central administration attended the College of Alberta School Superintendents Fall Learning Conference, where attendees heard about and shared their appreciation for the [new Assurance Framework from Alberta Education](#).

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TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

The Board received a staffing report from Chief Deputy Superintendent Constantine Kastinos outlining the Division's Staffing Cycle. The Division leaders were acknowledged for their commitment to recruiting and supporting excellent staff while keeping within Alberta Education's budget framework.

Dr. Harding, Assistant Superintendent Board Relations, provided a Transportation Report describing the Division's number of current routes and rider numbers. The Transportation Department has been actively, and successfully, recruiting new bus drivers and a Director of Transportation.

Acting Director of Facility Services, Mr. Brian Orge provided the Board with the 2021-2022 Infrastructure (IMR) and Capital Maintenance Renewal (CMR) Funding Reports. IMR and CMR are provided from Alberta Education to school boards to upgrade building components to meet health and safety standards, replace failed facility components, and/or meet municipal requirements. Mr. Orge and his team are committed to ensuring excellent working and learning environments for GYPSD staff and students.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Chair Dale Karpluk (Jasper) encouraged everyone who is able to attend one of the outdoor public services taking place at Legions in Evansburg, Edson, Hinton, Jasper and Grande Cache to recognize Remembrance Day and pay respects to Canada's military for their service and sacrifice.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Kapluk shared their appreciation for the individuals who serve on School Councils. The Division hosted its annual *Council of School Councils'* meeting on Monday, November 8th. Trustees, Superintendent Lewis, the senior team, principals and representatives from the GYPSD's 17 school councils met to discuss [the Board's recent decisions to address the spread of COVID-19](#) and Alberta Education's new [Assurance Framework](#). Chair Karpluk shared, "I know I can speak on behalf of all of [us], that we appreciate the commitment of our stakeholders to the success of our schools...Serving on the school council is a rewarding way to support a child's school as well as public education in our communities." The Parent Survey provides essential data for the school. Alberta Education mails the Parent Survey code to families with children in Grades 4, 7 and 10. Watch the mail for the Parent Survey information from Alberta Education in January!

The Board Chair shared correspondence and information on the upcoming [ASBA](#) and [PSBAA](#) Fall General Meetings and Conferences and acknowledged the receipt of letters from stakeholders regarding the [Board's decision on requiring proof of vaccination status or a negative COVID-19 test](#). She reiterated the Board's moral obligation to protect staff and students and repeated that no school boards in Alberta mandate vaccinations for children. She also repeated that [the proof of vaccination or COVID-19 status decision was encouraged for all of Alberta's public school jurisdictions by both the Minister of Health and the Minister of Education](#).

The Board passed a motion to appoint a replacement for a public member to the Audit Committee.