

# Board Meeting Brief

January 26, 2022

**Darrel Delisle, Grande Cache**  
Grande Cache  
Sheldon Coates  
Summitview  
Grande Cache Community High  
SonRise Christian  
The Learning Connection  
- Grande Cache

**Shirley Caputo, VICE CHAIR, Hinton**  
Hinton  
Yvonne Oshanyk, Hinton

**FULHAM**  
Fulham School

**WILDWOOD**  
Wildwood School

**Melodie Bobilek, Niton, Wildwood, Evansburg**  
Niton  
Niton Central  
Evansburg  
Evansview  
Grand Trunk High  
The Learning Connection  
- Evansburg

**HINTON**  
Hinton  
Crescent Valley  
École Mountain View  
Harry Collinge High  
The Learning Connection  
- Hinton

**EDSON**  
Edson  
A.H. Dakin  
Evergreen  
École Westhaven  
École Pine Grove Middle  
Parkland Composite High  
The Learning Connection  
- Edson

**JASPER**  
Jasper  
Jasper Elementary  
Jasper Junior/Senior High  
The Learning Connection  
- Jasper

**Dale Karpluk, BOARD CHAIR, Jasper**  
Jasper

**Fiona Fowler, Edson/Fulham**  
Edson/Fulham

**Jocelyn Pettitt, Edson/Fulham**  
Edson/Fulham

**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.*

**Grande Yellowhead Public School Division**

## Board Priority

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### STUDENT LEARNING

Board Chair Karpluk recognized January 26th as Bell's Let's Talk Day for 2022, reminding everyone of the importance of good [mental health](#). She shared the Board's appreciation for the work of the Division's BEST team to provide in-school and community activities, resources and events. As well, every school within GYPSD has access to a Family School Liaison Counsellor.

Chair Karpluk also recognized [Family Literacy Day](#) and the importance of Early Literacy for learning success. Superintendent Lewis pointed out the [activities taking place in schools](#), and the work of GYPSD's very own local authors: teacher [Leanne DeLeeuw](#), and Division Psychologist, [Crystal Virtanen](#).

Chair Karpluk shared the Board's kudos to all the Division students who are wrapping up their final exams for Semester 1 classes and getting ready to start new courses on Tuesday. Congratulating them on their ongoing commitment to their studies!

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### TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

Superintendent Lewis shared [highlights from her work](#) that included:

- the creation of a second Aspiring Leaders Group
- Principal professional development in the Hapara platform
- implementation of [Administrative Procedure 163](#)

Both the Chair and Superintendent Lewis shared their hope that GYPSD teachers enjoy a rigorous and engaging [Teachers' Convention](#).

The Trustees' group is reading [The Governance Core](#) and meets once a month to share their thinking and application of the research-based ideas around system coherence for best practice in their governance and advocacy roles.

The Board received a Transportation Report from [Director Christine Van Neck](#). Highlights from the department's work over the past 4 months included:

- an aggressive plan to recruit and train new drivers with the MELT and S-Endorsement [requirements for school bus drivers](#)
- purchase of new buses to address an ageing fleet
- review of the department's communication processes and procedures
- examination of route times and ridership numbers

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### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

After two years of input from stakeholders, the Board of Trustees approved an update to the Edson elementary schools' attendance areas for [transportation services](#). The change will take effect for the 2022-2023 school year. The Board also approved the cancellation of the March 23rd PBM.

The Board received a report on the estimated costs to expand the gym at [École Pine Grove](#). Following the approved [amalgamation of schools in Evansburg](#), the gym expansion has moved to the third spot on the Division's Capital Plan request with Alberta Infrastructure.

Trustees have been attending a range of PD sessions offered by the Alberta School Boards Association ([ASBA](#)) and the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta ([PSBAA](#)), including attendance at an [ATA Summit](#) presentation and enjoying a presentation from the [Alberta Council for Environmental Education](#)