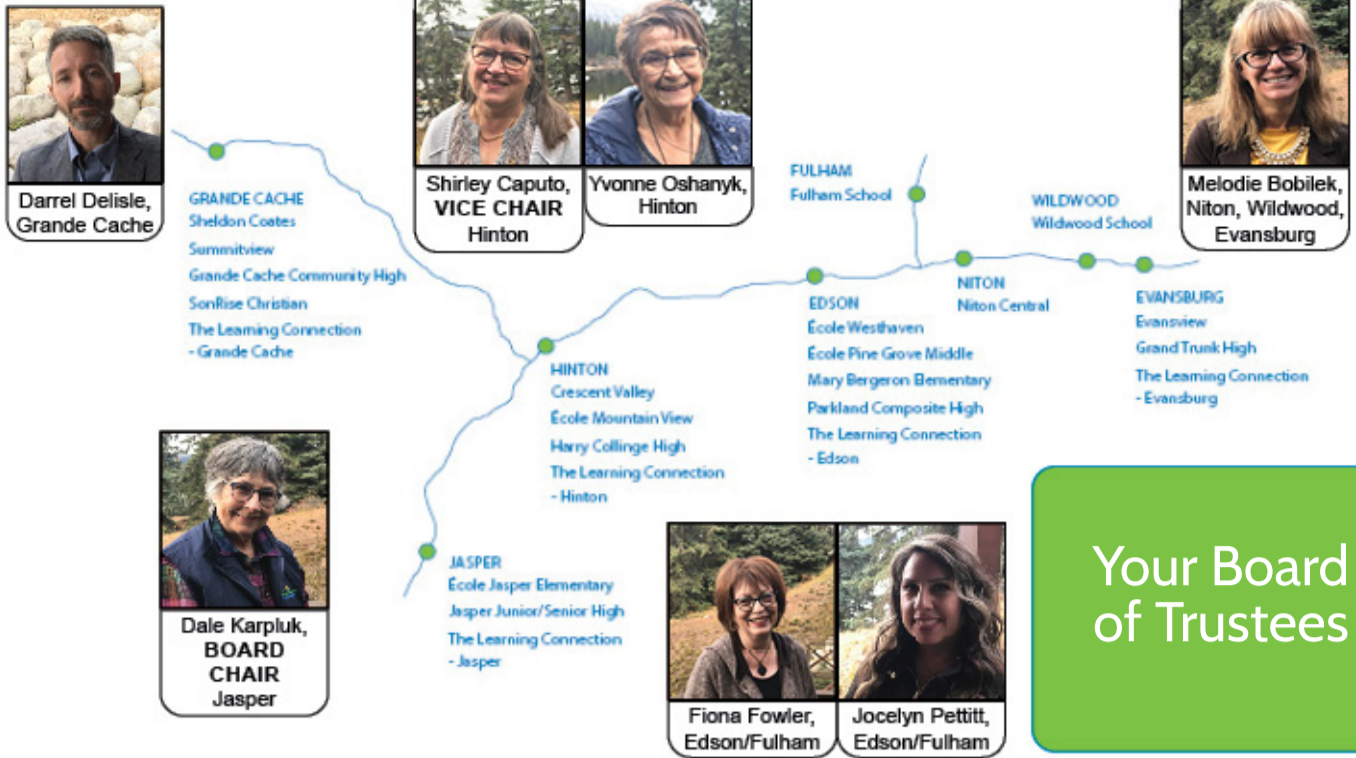


Board Meeting Brief

April 6, 2022



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Board Priority

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STUDENT LEARNING

Board Chair Kapluk acknowledged National Library and School Librarian Week, recognizing the importance of [libraries in communities](#) to encourage family reading and in support of the Division's literacy goal.

The Board approved a motion for a letter to be sent to the Minister of Education requesting a staggered approach to the implementation of the proposed new curriculum, beginning with kindergarten for the 2022/23 school year, then introducing one grade per year following, pointing out that the proposed new curriculum has not yet been released and the significant work that goes into preparing to teach and assess a new curriculum.

Superintendent Lewis and members of the Learning Services Team and Principal Cota shared their presentation on the Division's use of student data to drive classroom, school, and system decision making, recently presented at the [CASS Annual Spring Learning Conference](#).

In her report, Superintendent Lewis shared the team's [preparation for the Board's Community Engagements](#) to inform the [Division's 3YEP](#) which focuses on strategies to support student achievement and success.

Board Priority

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TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

The Board received a report from HR Manager Meghan Auriat on the department's timelines and workflow. The Human Resources Department ensures staff are aware of important staffing timelines, that processes are clear and transparent, and is always in [pursuit of excellent employees](#).

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

- Preparing for the Annual Principals' Planning Retreat
- Budget Review and Strategic Planning for the 2022-23 School Year.

Trustee Fowler (Edson), GYPSD's Board Representative for the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta shared the organization's professional learning role, and PSBAA's recent support of a research paper, *Changed Program Delivery in Response to the Pandemic: Impact on K-12 Education in Alberta School Divisions*.

Board Chair Karpluk, GYPSD's Board Representative for the Alberta School Boards Association shared that the [Edwin Parr Teaching Award](#) recipients will be celebrated on May 27th; Deputy Superintendent Kastrinos is representing GYPSD and CASS by serving on the selection committee.

Board Priority

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Board Chair Karpluk shared the Board's recent meeting with the newly elected Board of Evergreen Catholic Separate Schools, which has schools in Hinton, and a recent meeting she attended alongside other GYPSD trustees and senior administration with the Yellowhead County Mayor, councilors, and members of the Yellowhead County Library Board.

The Board of Trustees approved motions to:

- explore a proposed grade reconfiguration of the two elementary schools in Hinton;
- request that the Minister of Education reinstate the fuel contingency fund (eliminated in 2014) to address unsustainable student transportation costs; and
- share concerns with the Minister of Education in regards to her expansion of Charter Schools in Alberta