

Board Meeting Brief

March 9, 2022

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GRANDE CACHE
Sheldon Coates
Summitview
Grande Cache Community High
SonRise Christian
The Learning Connection - Grande Cache

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Yvonne Oshanyk, Hinton

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Meet the GYPSD Board of Trustees

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Grande Yellowhead Public School Division

Board Priority

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STUDENT LEARNING

The Board approved a motion for a letter to be sent to the Minister of Education requesting a postponement to the implementation of the proposed new kindergarten to Grade 6 curriculum, pointing out the impact of a two-year pandemic on students' learning, and that the focus of next year should be on addressing any learning gaps and social/emotional issues.

Superintendent Lewis shared the Inclusive Learning Team's work to support students needing specialized services. Recently, staff received Non-Violent Crisis Intervention and Traumatic Event Systems Model training.

Superintendent Lewis also shared her recent meeting with members of the Superintendent's Youth Council - students from each of the Division's high schools meet four times a year to share their feedback and ideas.

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TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

The Board approved motions:

- to once again host the **2022 Retirement Celebration** at the Overlander Mountain Lodge on June 17th. The annual celebration recognizes the incredible careers and contributions of GYPSD staff to the success of the Division;
- to make September 30th - the [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#) - a non-operational day for schools;
- to select first-year teacher [Aimee Allers](#) (Grande Cache Community High School) as GYPSD's nominee for ASBA's Edwin Parr Teacher Award;
- approve the Division's 3-year Capital and 10-year Facilities Plan submission to Alberta Education.

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

- Meetings with the Town of Hinton and Town of Edson councils.
- Leadership meetings to discuss the easing of public health measures in schools.
- Professional Development with Central Office Department Heads.

Trustees, Superintendent Lewis, and members of the Senior Team attended the [Alberta Rural Education Symposium](#); attendees heard from the Ministers of Education, Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development, and Municipal Affairs. The focus of the 3-day symposium was *Flourishing Rural Communities*.

The Board received a report from Secretary-Treasurer Nicholson summarising the 2022 Education [Budget](#). School divisions will receive their specific budget allocations for next year - based on a three-year rolling weighted average of student enrollments - at the end of March.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Board Chair Karpluk shared the Division's appreciation for substitute teachers for their service and commitment to the Board's priority of student learning and also acknowledged International Womens' Day - inviting everyone to root out and challenge gender bias.

The Board of Trustees has arranged for the Public Board Meetings to be [live-streamed on YouTube](#).

The Board of Trustees approved the following motions to:

- update Board Policy 19, [Recognition of Staff](#);
- update Board Policy 7, [Board Operations](#); and
- update Board Policy 7, Appendix B - [Delegation Protocol](#).

After an in-depth review of the costs to run the SonRise Christian Program and the low space utilization rates of the three Grande Cache Schools, the Board approved a motion of [notification of proposed school closure](#) for Sheldon Coates and the SonRise program in 2023.

The Board of Trustees was pleased to meet town councilors and staff from Hinton and Edson, exploring ideas on shared visions and goals for the children and families in their communities.