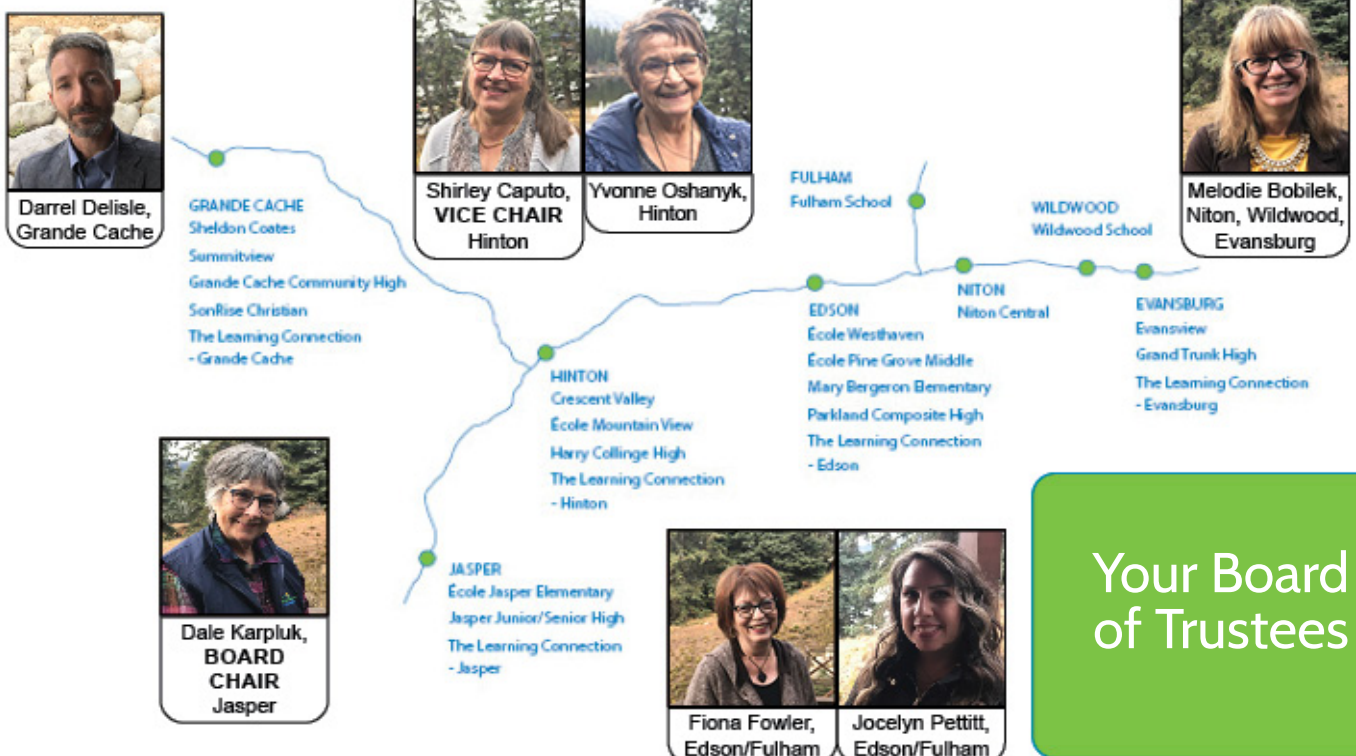


Board Meeting Brief

April 20, 2022



Your Board of Trustees



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Board Priority

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STUDENT LEARNING

The Board received a report from Director of Inclusive Learning, Erin Murphy, describing the province-wide challenges for accessing Alberta Health Services, cross-ministry, and other external agency supports for children in crisis and/or with severe needs. Trustee Caputo (Hinton) asked for the report in response to a request for information from the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards (RCASB). RCASB is gathering information from school boards that serve rural communities to inform and guide their advocacy work.

Chair Karpluk (Jasper) shared the Board's appreciation for families within the Division who are welcoming displaced Ukrainians into their homes; "children from Ukraine will be welcomed with open hearts into GYPSD schools."

Board Priority

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TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

The Minister of Education is moving forward with the implementation of the [newly released curricula in English Language Arts and Literature, Mathematics, and Physical Education and Wellness](#) for students in kindergarten through Grade 3 this September. Chair Karpluk praised the professionalism and expertise of GYPSD's teachers, noting the very short timeframe to prepare for the fall implementation: "...we will take it one step at a time."

Highlights from [Superintendent Lewis' report](#) included the attendance of 22 of GYPSD's leaders and aspiring leaders at the *Women in Leadership* symposium opened by [Dr. Jane Kise](#), then the senior team's presentation at [uLead 2022 - The Summit of Educational Leadership](#). Over 1,200 delegates attended the International Conference, hearing from renowned international researchers like [Dennis Shirley](#), [Andy Hargreaves](#), and [Pasi Sahlberg](#), Canadian leaders like [Trista Hollweck](#), [Phil McRae](#), and [Chief Cadmus Delorme](#), and other experts whose work is critical for children to thrive, like [Dr. Michael Rich](#).

[Recognition of Staff](#) Committee Chair Pettitt (Edson), shared the Board's approval to increase the amounts for staff long service awards will be well-received by recipients, and the plans for the upcoming retirement event on June 17th.

Board Representative for [PSBAA](#), Trustee Fowler (Edson), shared the outstanding professional learning sessions available for trustees through the association,

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Board Chair Karpluk shared information on the upcoming [Community Engagement Sessions taking place virtually for each of the five zones that make up GYPSD](#). All stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the conversation!

The Board of Trustees approved motions to:

- approve the 2022-2023 school year calendar and approved in principle calendars for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years;
- approve the 2022/2023 Budget Allocation Model; and
- approve Administration to pursue a collaborative partnership with Jasper Park Lodge regarding shuttle services for GYPSD students at the JPL to our GYPSD schools.

On behalf of the Trustees, Chair Karpluk thanked the Edson Friendship Centre for their invitation to visit the centre and meet their team.

Trustee Delisle (Grande Cache) shared his recent attendance at the [Greenview Industrial Gateway Open House](#).

Vice-Chair Caputo encouraged everyone attending the Palisade's Indigenous Education Camp in Jasper on the 24th and 25th, to plan for a stop in Hinton on the way to attend the [PATH Indigenous Dance Show Case](#). The show starts at 2 pm on the 24th, tickets are free and can be picked up at the Hinton Friendship Centre.