

Board Meeting Brief

June 1, 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

Yvonne Oshanyk, Hinton

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

FULHAM
Fulham School

EDSON
Ecole Westhaven
Ecole Pine Grove Middle
Mary Bergeron Elementary
Parkland Composite High
The Learning Connection - Edson

NITON
Niton Central

WILDWOOD
Wildwood School

Melodie Bobilek, Niton, Wildwood, Evansburg

EVANSBURG
Evansview
Grand Trunk High
The Learning Connection - Evansburg

Dale Karpluk, BOARD CHAIR, Jasper

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

Fiona Fowler, Edson/Fulham

Jocelyn Pettitt, Edson/Fulham

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Grande Yellowhead Public School Division

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Board Priority

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STUDENT LEARNING

Board Chair Karpluk welcomed the grandchildren of former GYPSD trustee, **George Monsma**, the founder of the [Monsma Scholarship](#). Greg and Gayle shared the impact of their grandfather's value for education in how their own father, Bud Monsma, became a successful businessman. To honour their father and extend their grandfather's legacy to support education, the Family Foundation has increased the scholarship amount to **\$500** per year for one student from each of the Division's five high schools. All student awards are located on the [GYPSD website](#) under **Administrative Procedure 370**.

Board Chair Kapluk acknowledged June as [Indigenous History Month](#) and reminded attendees that this upcoming September 30th will be a non-instructional day within GYPSD to honour the [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#). Additionally, the [Hinton Friendship Centre](#) and [Crescent Valley Elementary](#) have received the [Public School Boards' Association of Alberta's Award](#) for a Special Contribution to **Promoting and Advancing TRC Calls to Action**.

GYPSD's [Summer School](#) program will be running out of Parkland Composite High School. And families are encouraged to check out the **BEST summer programs** that will be running within the Division's five communities in July and August.

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TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

The Board shared their pride in the recent announcement that Grande Cache Community High School first-year teacher [Aimee Allers was one of six provincial winners of this year's Edwin Parr Award](#).

[Superintendent Lewis shared highlights from her report](#) which included:

- Principals' Annual Planning Retreat;
- Planning and Professional Learning for the Central Office and Leadership Teams;
- Extensive meetings across all departments to prepare for the upcoming school year.

Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services presented GYPSD's Three Year Education Plan submission to Alberta Education. The Board shared their appreciation for input from stakeholders and to the Administration team for their work on the 2022-2025 plan. Once submitted, the plan will be posted to the [GYPSD website](#).

Board Representatives Fowler and Caputo reminded Board members of the upcoming [PSBAA](#) and [ASBA](#) Spring General Meetings and Professional Development Events, and the Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards' Spring Meeting taking place in Red Deer from June 2-7.

Trustees Pettitt and Bobilek of the Employee Recognition Committee are meeting with Special Projects Manager Nikki Gilks to review preparations for the Retirement Celebration taking place June 17th and 18th.

The Board received a report on repairs done to the roof of the Grande Cache Community High School following a wind storm in February. Facilities Director Brian Orge shared that the repair ensures the roof can withstand hurricane-level winds.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Board Chair Karpluk announced the Minister of Education will be visiting Parkland Composite High School, Jasper Junior/Senior High School, and Grande Cache Community High School on June 8th and 9th, and meeting with the Board of Trustees to discuss topics of importance to GYPSD.

On a request from Trustee Bobilek, the Board received a report on the number of families in the Niton attendance area who chose to send their children to school in Edson or Evansburg instead of to Niton Central School.

The Board of Trustees approved the following motions:

- GYPSD's 2022/2023 Three Year Education Plan for Alberta Education
- To maintain the current grade configurations at the Hinton elementary schools

Board Chair Karpluk (Jasper) and Superintendent Lewis will be hosting an information meeting on June 9th at the Jasper Junior/Senior High School for families living at the Jasper Park Lodge to discuss the Parent-Provided Agreement contract.

Board Chair Karpluk encouraged families to take advantage of supports for children and youth experiencing mental health challenges made available through [Alberta Health Services and The Mental Health Foundation](#).