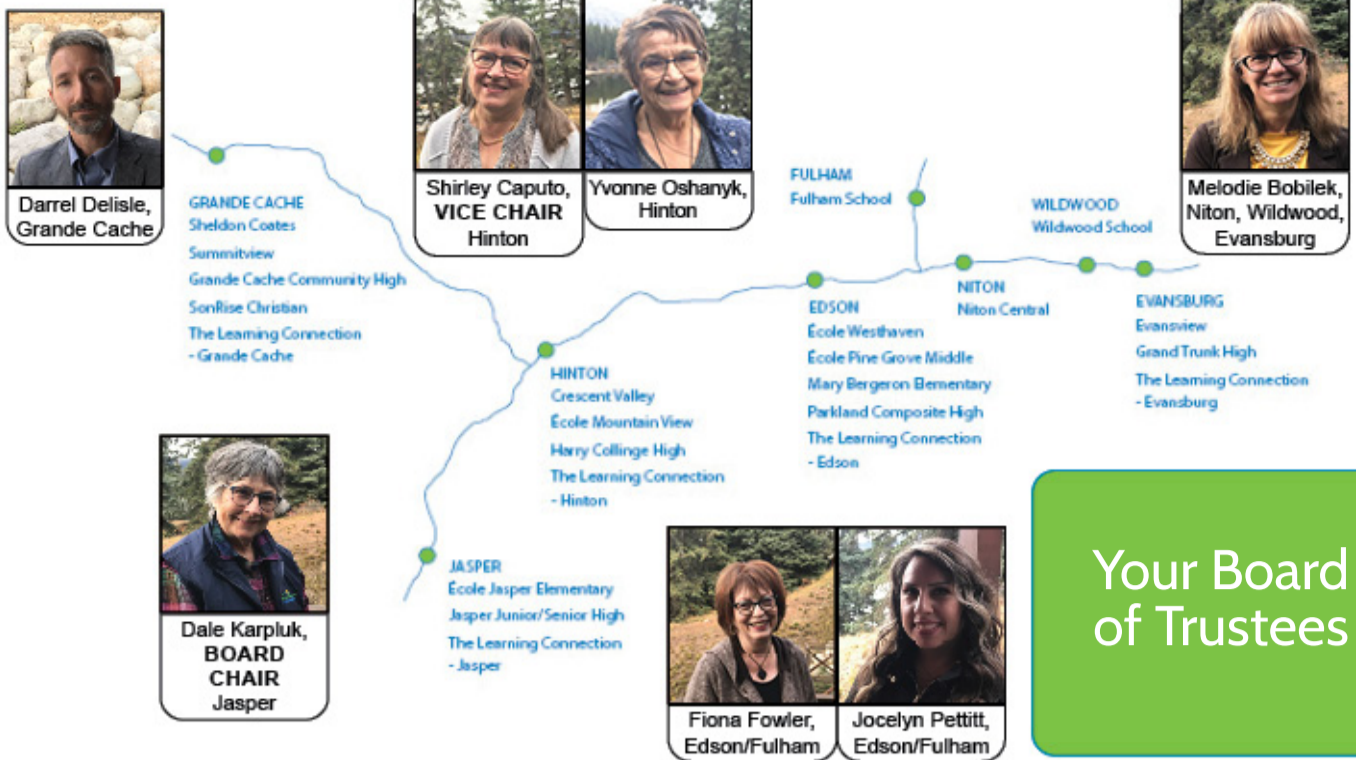


Board Meeting Brief

May 4, 2022



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Board Priority

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STUDENT LEARNING

The Board received a report on the number of students in French Immersion Programs in GYPSD. FRIM programming is supported in the communities of Jasper, Hinton, and Edson. The report shows that over the past decade, FRIM enrolment has remained stable.

Carra Aschenmeier, Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services, spoke about the Division's support for GYPSD FRIM students to write the [DELFL exam](#). Success in the DELF exam provides students an internationally recognized diploma allowing them to apply to study at a university in France. The DELF exam in GYPSD is proudly offered and assessed by GYPSD FRIM teachers who have committed to making sure this opportunity is available to the Division's FRIM students.

Board Chair Karpluk recognized the Division's incredible staff throughout the Division in celebration of Education Week. Each year the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) spotlights the importance and value of education through Education Week.

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TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

Board Chair Karpluk acknowledged Bus Driver Appreciation Day and shared a heartfelt "thank-you" to the Division's drivers "who ensure that our most precious cargo - our students - are transported safely to school and home again."

Board Representative for [ASBA](#) Board Chair Karpluk (Jasper), shared the important province-wide events taking place in the next month: this year's six Edwin Parr winners will be celebrated on May 22 in Edmonton, and the ASBA Spring Annual General Meeting and Professional Development Event will take place June 5-7th in Red Deer.

Superintendent Lewis shared highlights from her report which included:

- PD to prepare for the implementation of the new curriculum in September;
- HR contract work and staffing needs for 2022/23;
- Enrollment predictions for next year's school budget submissions;
- Negotiations with various staffing groups;
- Community Engagement preparation and participation for Grande Cache, Jasper, Hinton, and the Lobstick zone;
- Indigenous Education Camp 2022

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Board Chair Karpluk shared information on the [Community Engagement Sessions that occurred virtually in each of the five zones that make up GYPSD](#). Stakeholders had an opportunity to hear from the community's principals, contribute to the creation of the Division's 3 Year Education Plan, and ask questions or make comments on issues.

An online survey will also be shared with all parents/guardians, staff, and high school students unable to attend the online conversations and an opportunity for everyone to contribute more information and details to the Division's overall plan and strategies.

The Board of Trustees approved motions to:

- approve the schematic design for the K-12 amalgamation and modernization project at Grand Trunk High School;
- approve the administration send a letter to the Minister of Education sharing the Board's concern with Bill 21: The Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act which requires Boards to request permission to spend from the Division's budget reserves.

In response to a request from Trustee Pettitt (Edson), Dr. Harding, Assistant Superintendent of Board Relations, Communications, and Transportation, provided clarification on the eligibility of students attending a private school to receive funded transportation service. Alberta Education only funds transportation for kindergarten riders (ECS) in private schools. Grades 1-12 students attending private schools are not eligible for funded transportation services.