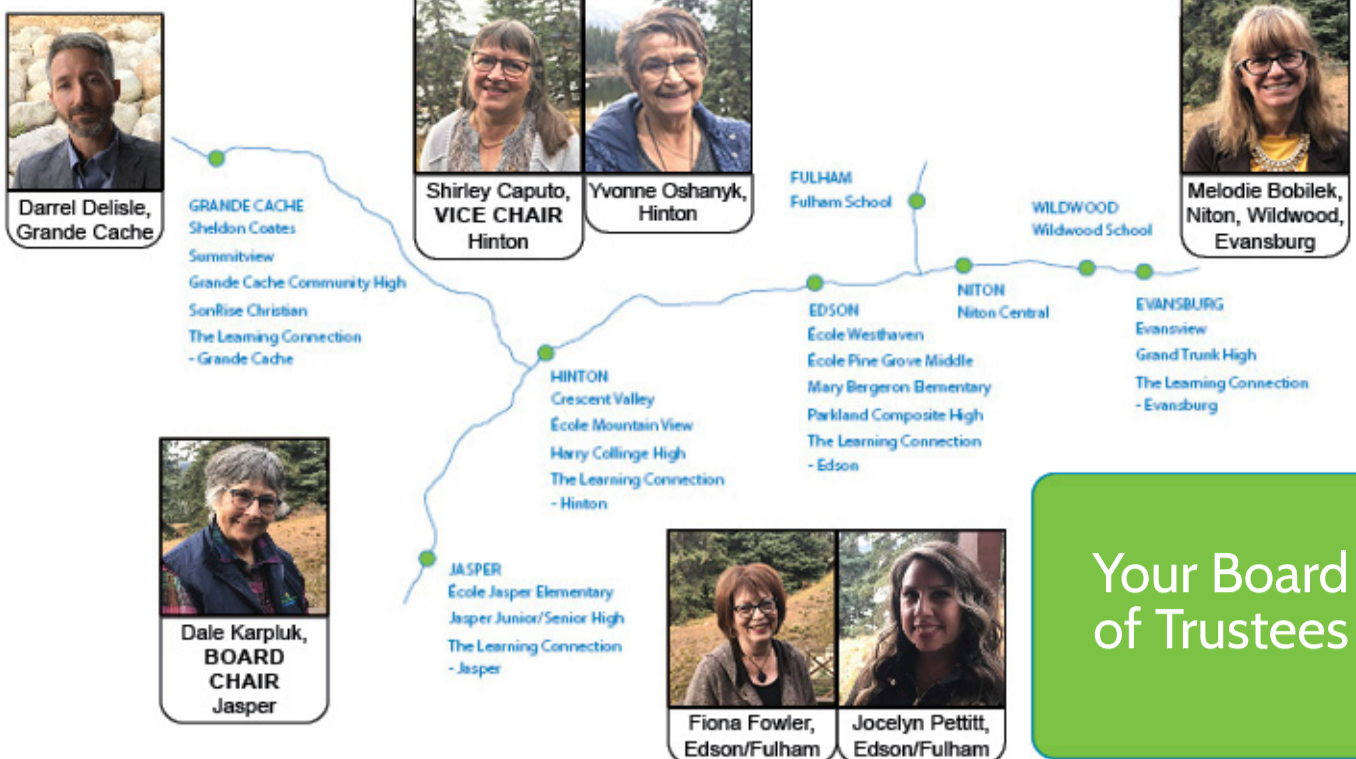


Board Meeting Brief

June 15, 2022



Your Board of Trustees



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Board Priority

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STUDENT LEARNING

Chair Karpluk extended the Board's best wishes to all the Grade 12 students writing their final exams in conclusion of their learning journeys with GYPSD, saying, "We are so very proud of [you]...we wish [you] all the best in [your] next steps - whether it's off to post-secondary, industry training, or full-time employment...May your journeys always bring you home safely."

GYPSD's [Summer School](#) program offers both in-person learning at Parkland Composite High School and an online option throughout the Division. Summer school is a fantastic option for high school students to free up space in their timetable during the regular semesters, or take a specialized course needed for a particular career pathway. [Deadline to enrol is June 20th.](#)

Families are encouraged to check out the **BEST [summer programs](#)** running within the Division's five communities in July and August. BEST programs keep kids engaged and empowered through activities focused on mental wellness and resilience.

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TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

Board Representatives Fowler and Caputo spoke to the excellent Professional Learning and [student presentation](#) experienced at the PSBAA Spring Conference, drawing attention to [PSBAA's Annual Special Recognition Awards](#) received for the [Hinton Friendship Centre and Crescent Valley School Partnership](#), and for the [GYPSD Communications'](#) focus on the Board's priorities through [Good News Stories](#).

The Board received a report from Deputy Superintendent Kastrinos and HR Manager Meghan Auriat on the resurgence in the use of the Division's Professional Development Funds for [ATA](#) and [CUPE staff](#), following COVID, and a review of each school's instructional times and operational hours.

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

- Attendance at the Spring General Meetings and Conference for the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta, the Rural Caucus of Alberta Schools Association, and the Alberta School Boards Association.
- Staffing Interviews and Principal Year-End Meetings in preparation for the 2022/23 School Year;
- Facilitating [Minister LaGrange and MLA Long's Tour of Schools](#);
- Meeting with CAO of Municipality of Jasper to explore a possible municipal transportation collaboration for the town and top recreation and hospitality areas.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Board Chair Karpluk shared her recent meeting with three families who live at the Jasper Park Lodge and their challenges with transportation. Superintendent Lewis, Trustees Fowler (Edson) and Caputo (Hinton), along with members of the senior team also attended the meeting in Jasper.

The Board of Trustees approved the following motions:

- Letter to Minister LaGrange requesting the return of funding for the [Alberta School Councils' Association \(ASCA\)](#).
- Letter to Minister LaGrange requesting transportation funding adjustment to address the 2020 expansion of the Separate Catholic Board's area in Edson.
- Communication's Plan for 2022/23.

The Board Chair thanked everyone for their hard work and commitment to GYPSD and wished everyone a happy summer!

The first Public Board Meeting for the 2022/23 School Year will take place on August 24th, 2022.