

Board Meeting Brief

November 23, 2022

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STUDENT LEARNING



Chair Karpluk shared the Board's appreciation for the various ways GYPSD schools recognized [Remembrance Day](#). The Board also recognized that [Bully Awareness Week](#) takes place each November to support students in learning how to recognize bullying and stop it.

[Jasper Junior/Senior High School](#) Principal Mark Crozier and Music Teacher Christina Gerhardt described the music courses available to students in the junior and senior high programs before sharing a video compilation of student performances.

Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services, Carra Aschenmeier, described the many Literacy and Numeracy initiatives and supports for students in GYPSD. Ms. Aschenmeier shared her appreciation for the work done by ESC educators to address early learning delays captured by the Division's comprehensive screening process. The Learning Services team shared the department's focus on teaching and assessing the new k-3 and k-6 [curriculum](#) and building a resource inventory for GYPSD teachers, and their work to [review the draft curriculum currently being piloted](#) in classrooms.

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TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE



At the recent Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Fall General Meeting, GYPSD received two awards: Grande Cache teacher Amy Allers was recognized as a provincial winner for Zone 2/3 of the Edwin Parr Beginning Teacher Award, and the Board of Trustees was recognized for their commitment to and priority of Community Engagement. The ASBA Community Engagement Award for 2021/22 came as a result of the Board's approach to exploring the possible reconfiguration of grades between the two elementary schools in Hinton last spring.

Superintendent Lewis shared her highlight's [report](#), and the Board received an update from each [department](#) head outlining the Division's work recently completed or in progress for November and December. Highlights from the Division's Report:

- Teacher Consultant Jennifer Albrecht shared the Indigenous Pathways Team's professional learning journey. [School leads and Divisional staff recently spent the day at Enoch learning from Elder Bob Cardinal and Dr. Donald.](#)
- The Human Resources and Inclusive Learning Team, Principal Kurt Scobie, and Trustee Pettitt (Edson) attended the [Pan-Canadian Summit on K-12 Workplace Wellbeing](#), the first of its kind hosted by the [EdCan Network](#).

Chief Deputy Superintendent Kastrinos and Inclusive Learning Director Murphy provided their quarterly report on Division Health and Wellness initiatives for staff and students.

- Ms. Murphy shared her appreciation for the information and Wellness Fair that took place at HCHS in collaboration with the [Hinton Friendship Centre](#) and partnering Hinton agencies to support students understanding of healthy choices and relationships.
- CDS Kastrinos explained ASEBP's decision to shift to a new service provider for staff accessing support (EFAP) beginning December 1.

The Board shared their appreciation to Secretary-Treasurer Sean Nicholson for delivering another strong [financial audit](#), and thanked Superintendent Lewis and Assistant Superintendent Aschenmeier for their preparation of a "visually engaging and highly readable" Alberta Education's Assurance Measures Review (AEAM) submission. Once accepted by Alberta Education, the 2021/22 AEAM Report will be posted on the GYPSD website under [Division/Reports and Publications](#), and the

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

ATA Local Evergreen #11 President Jessie Smeall shared her appreciation for the many GYPSD educators and allies of public education who attended the [Stand Up for Education Rally](#) that took place at the Alberta Legislature October 22. President Smeall encouraged everyone to register for upcoming [Round Table Discussions](#) the ATA is hosting around the province.

Board representative Trustee Fowler (Edson) shared news and information from the [Public School Boards' Council \(PSBC\)](#) November meeting; and Board Chair Karpluk, representative for the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA), shared news and information from the [Fall General Meeting](#).

Board Chair Karpluk shared the Board's appreciation for those who attended the Hinton Attendance Area Information Session of November 15th. The Board is reviewing the current [eligible transportation school designations for the two elementary schools in Hinton](#).



The Board approved motions to

- approve the 2021/22 Audited Financial Statement submission to Alberta Education
- approve the transfers to reserves
- approve the 2021/22 Assurance Measures Review submission to Alberta Education

The Board postponed a decision to remove 'High' from Grand Trunk High School's name (in anticipation of the [amalgamation and modernization project taking place in Evansburg](#)). Community input will be sought and the decision on the new name will take place at a future Public Board Meeting.

The Board reviewed the School Councils' Report for 2021/22. The report describes the various activities undertaken by GYPSD School Councils and parent fundraising groups. The Board's Annual Council of School Councils' meeting is postponed to the new year (TBD).