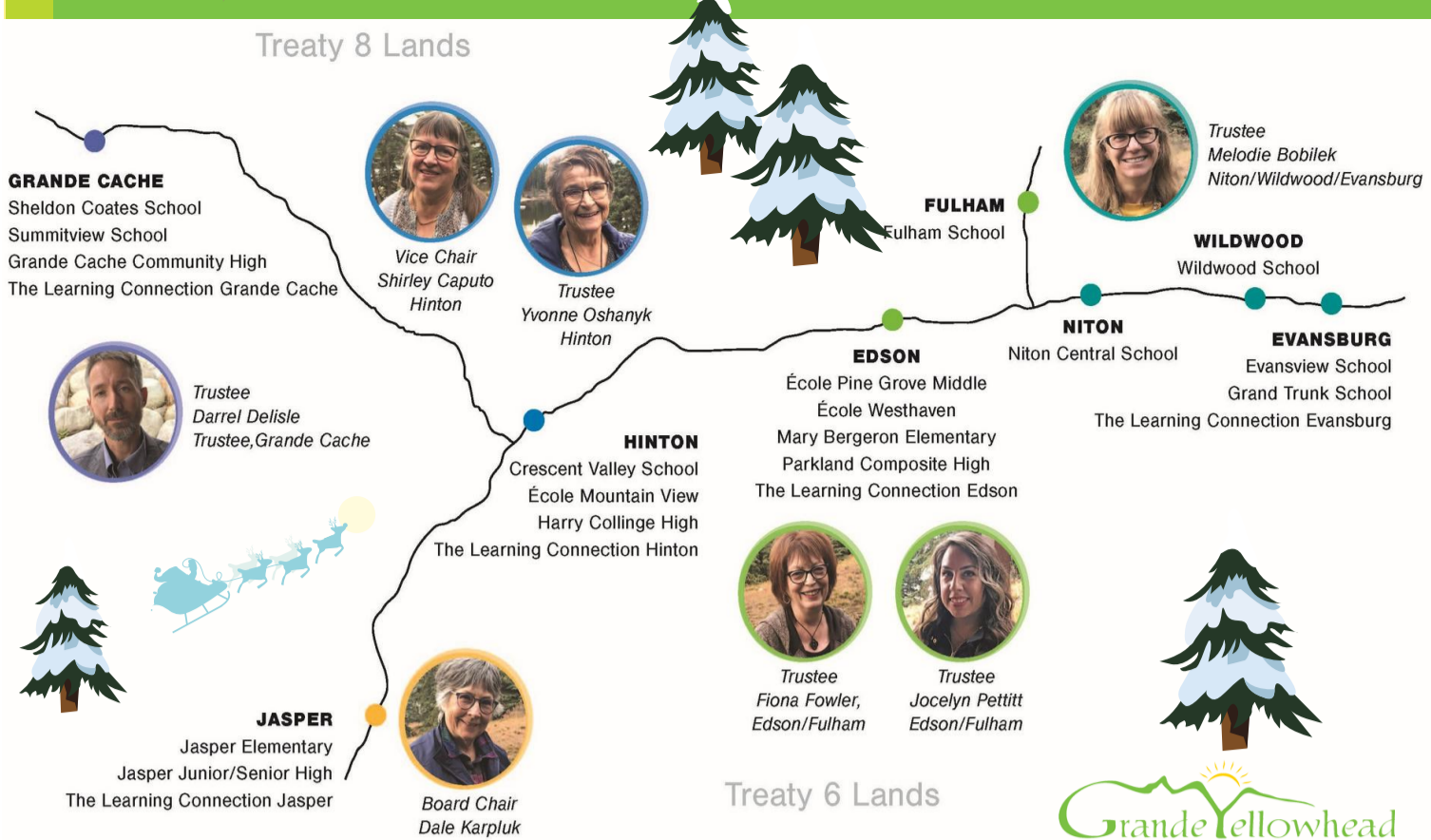


# Board Meeting Brief

December 14, 2022



## Board Priority

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### STUDENT LEARNING

The Board started its last meeting of the 2022 school year by being serenaded by Sheldon Coates' students. Principal Arthur Cota and Grade 1/2 teacher Jillian Hammer led the students in singing some favourite holiday tunes for the Trustees!



Board Chair Karpluk shared her hope that Division students, parents, and teachers had a chance to provide input to the Minister of Education's [Task Force on Career Education](#).



The Learning Services Team shared the various events occurring early in the new year:

- Grade 12 students across GYPSD are preparing for [January Diploma Exams](#)
- Nominations for the Alberta School Boards Association's (ASBA) [Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards](#) are being accepted until February 3, 2023

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### TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE



Vice-Chair Caputo (Hinton), also chair for the Policy Committee, shared the plan to review and refine each of the 21 Board Policies where needed. The committee plans to address all of the policies before the end of the 2022/23 school year.

Trustee Pettitt (Edson), chair for the Ad Hoc Committee on Health and Wellness spoke of her recent attendance with Division staff at the Pan-Canadian Summit on [Workplace Wellness](#).

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 December and January. Highlights from the Division's Report:

- Learning Services shared January dates for curriculum resource development workshops, assessment and reporting committee meetings, and the next seminar event for the [Indigenous Lead Teachers](#) working with Dr. Dwayne Donald
- Assistant Superintendent Aschenmeier provided an update on the Division's shift to Digital Report Cards through PowerTeacher
- The Human Resources Team shared information on how and what staff can access in Inkblot - [ASEBP's new service provider for specialized support](#)

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### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



The Board approved motions to

- advocate to the Minister of Education for an increase to the reserves amount school jurisdictions can keep
- advocate to the Minister of Education for an increase to infrastructure and capital maintenance funds
- advocate to the Minister of Education for support to school jurisdictions' utility costs
- advocate to the Minister of Trade, Immigration, and Multiculturalism for funds to staff a coordinator position at the Rural Renewal Program launching in Jasper
- approved the [future name of the modernized k-12 school](#) in Evansburg; based on input from the Lobstick communities, the school will be called the Grand Trunk School.

Board Chair Karpluk provided a high-level summary of the Board's [successes](#) over the last year. Highlights included:

- the attendance boundary update from 2017 for the two [Edson elementary schools](#)
- an extensive community engagement process to gather data and input on a review of the attendance areas in [Hinton](#)
- recognition of [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#) to ensure that ALL stakeholders could attend local and regional events to reflect on the history and trauma done to Indigenous peoples
- a [school bus pilot](#) model in Jasper
- community engagement in [Grande Cache](#) to explore the closure of Sheldon Coates
- an [innovative learning program](#) with Canada Research Chair, Dr. Dwayne Donald, for the Division's Indigenous Lead Teachers
- a Health and Wellness Ad Hoc Committee to review [Board Policy 20](#) and the Division's support for students and staff

ATA Local Evergreen #11 President Jessie Smeall shared her appreciation for the strong relationship between the teachers' union, the Board, and the Division. [Round Table Discussions](#) in Jasper, Hinton, and Edson will be hosted by the ATA in the new year to discuss the future of public education in Alberta - all stakeholders are welcome to register. [An online survey is also available for sharing input.](#)



*We wish you the very best the season has to offer and Happy New Year!*