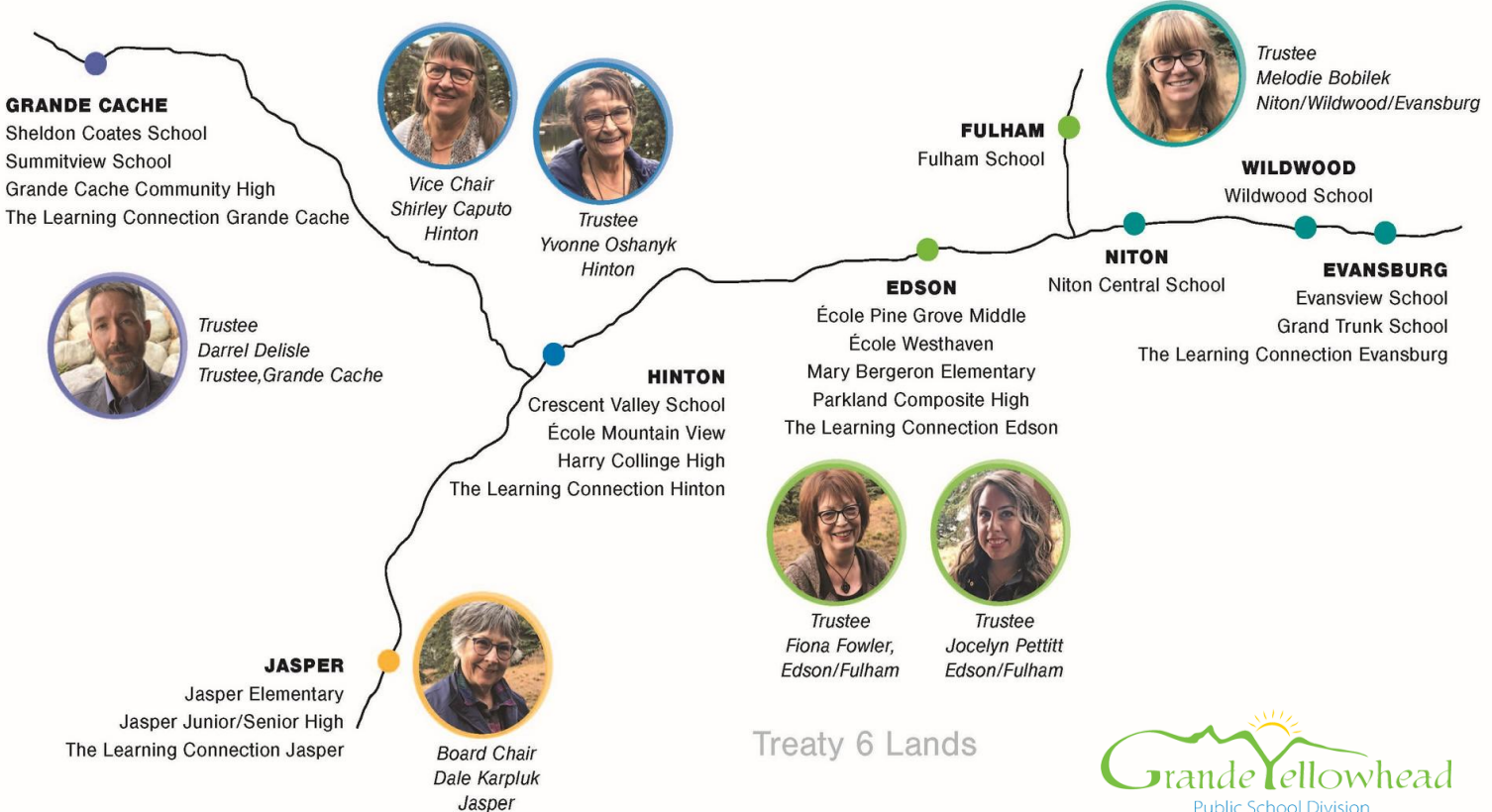


Board Meeting Brief

January 25, 2023

Treaty 8 Lands



Board Priority

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STUDENT LEARNING

The Board Chair acknowledged students writing [Diploma exams in January](#) and shared the Board's appreciation for their hard work, commitment to their learning, and resiliency, and to their teachers for preparing for these important assessments.

The Board received three delegation presentations during the meeting:

- [Edson Friendship Centre](#) shared a short and powerful video they produced with local Elders and family members to add a local perspective to reconciliation and intergenerational trauma.
- Kindergarten learners from the [Indigenous Language and Culture Program \(ILC\)](#) at Crescent Valley Elementary School in Hinton - a partnership with the [Hinton Friendship Centre](#) - gave the Board a short lesson on words in Michif, Sauteaux, and Cree.
- [Community Futures West Yellowhead](#) shared information on the Youth Entrepreneur Programs and Resources including Lemonade Day and the newly launched YETI summer camp experience.

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TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

The Board received the Q1 Financial Report from Secretary-Treasurer Nicholson, showing the Board is managing its public funds appropriately.

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

- Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services Carra Aschenmeier provided a brief overview of the work Division principals are undertaking with their teachers to prepare for digital report cards, new curriculum implementation, and the ongoing professional learning journey of the [Indigenous Pathways](#) central and school-based leaders with Dr. Dwayne Donald.
- Director of Facilities, Brian Orge shared his praise and appreciation for the exemplary work done in Ecole Jasper Elementary School following a devastating flood that occurred over the Christmas Break; the Facilities team worked around the clock to have the school cleaned, restored, and ready for the return of students in the new year.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Board received a School Nutrition Program Report that showed an increase in demand for food within GYPSD schools. The Board identified a plan to request an increase to the SNP grant as an advocacy issue with Alberta Education moving forward.

Facilities Director Brian Orge presented a proposal request regarding the installation of a TELUS cell tower on Board property in Edson. The Board will be engaging with stakeholders prior to moving forward on the cell tower placement request.

The Board approved the following motions:

- Updates and amendments to Board Policies: [Policy 1, Division Foundational Statements](#); [Policy 2, Role of the Board](#); Policy 2 Appendices: Self-Evaluation Process [2A](#) & Performance Assessment Guide [2B](#); [Policy 5, Role of the Board Chair](#); [Policy 6, Role of the Vice-Chair](#); and [Policy 8, Committees of the Board](#).
- [Approval of the Board Annual Governance Work Plan Calendar](#).
- An update to the [Hinton Elementary School Attendance Areas](#)
- A decision on the Hinton *School of Choice* Service Fee Implementation Schedule
- To maintain current Transportation Service Fees for 2023/24 - [Policy 17, Appendix A](#).
- To send letters to MLA Long and Getson requesting their support of GYPSD's [Mental Health in Schools grant application](#).

Board Chair Karpluk shared the response she received from the Ministry of Trade regarding her advocacy letter for a funded staff position within the new [Rural Renewal Stream](#) program launching in Jasper.

The Board representatives for school board partner organizations (ASBA, PSBAA) will be accessing Election Tool Kits and identifying key issues to support GYPSD's Board in their advocacy work for excellent public education during the upcoming provincial election.