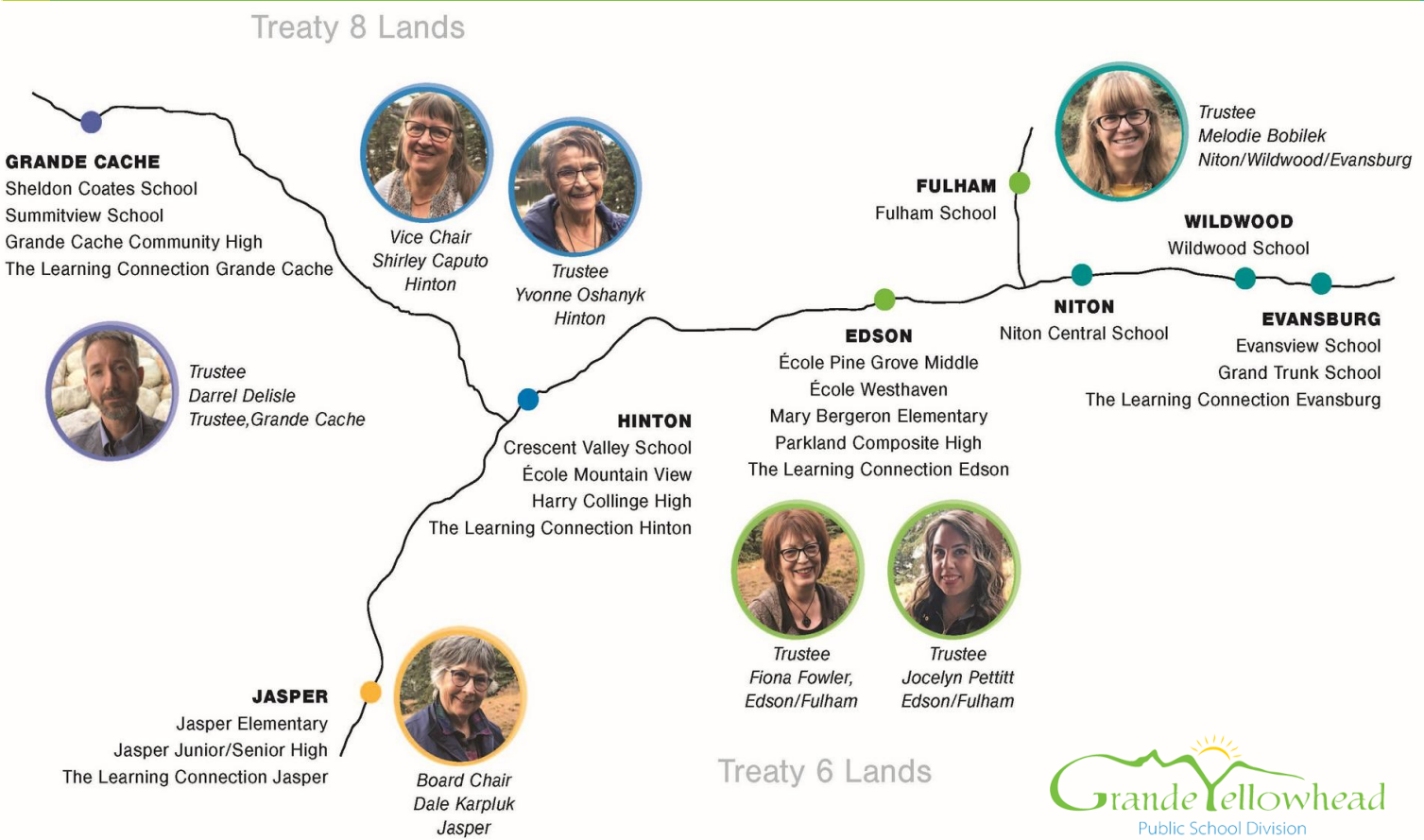


Board Meeting Brief

February 15, 2023



Board Priority

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STUDENT LEARNING

The Board Chair acknowledged the important events that take place in February to bring awareness to and promote Black History Month, Random Acts of Kindness week, Pink Shirt Day, and celebrate 100 Days of Learning.

The Board received a delegation of students in the [French Immersion](#) and the [Montessori](#) programs at Ecole Westhaven Elementary School. Principal Debra Boos, FRIM Kindergarten teacher Emily Stanton and Montessori teacher Brooke Thompson illustrated the benefits of the two programming options with presentations from the students. The pre-registration window for next year is open now!



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TEACHER, SUPPORT STAFF, AND LEADER EXCELLENCE

Superintendent Lewis shared highlights from her [report](#), featuring her presentation to the Education Society of Edmonton with members of the Learning Services Team. The Superintendent's Youth Council (SYC) is working with the Superintendent and Learning Services to learn how to conduct research and implement data collection tools in their high schools. These *Youth Participatory Action Researchers* are interested in exploring ways to improve their educational experiences in high school.



The Board received an update from each [department](#) head outlining the Division's work recently completed or in progress for February and March.

Director of Informational Technology Lyle Lee and Supervisor Teacher for Educational Technology Kandis Gilks gave the Board an overview of their work to support technology infrastructure and support all Division teachers to access technology to enhance and support learning. The department has produced a monthly newsletter for staff called "Get Techy With It" - highlighting great digital platforms, efficiency tools, and monthly professional learning opportunities.

Director of Facilities Brian Orge and OH&S Manager Jackson Kendrick updated the Board on their work to ensure safe and healthy environments across GYPSD while also responding to and implementing new OH&S legislation and AHS guidelines and protocols.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Board Chair Karpluk reminded everyone about [Community Engagement events scheduled for Jasper, Edson, and the Lobstick zone](#). She also shared her appreciation to Jessica Smeall, the Evergreen Local President, for including her, Edson Trustee Fiona Fowler, and Lobstick Trustee Melodie Bobilek at the ATA [Partners in Education](#) luncheon that occurred during Teachers' Convention.

The Board approved the following motions:

- to advocate to the Minister of Education for an increase in the School Nutrition Program funds
- to invite Edson stakeholder input on a proposal request for a TELUS cell tower on Board owned land
- to maintain the current external auditor for the next two years
- to update changes to Board Policy 3 and Policy 3 Appendix A
- to approve the signing authority for the vice-chairs expenses

Trustees are accessing the [Indigenous Canada](#) course produced by the Faculty of Native Studies at the University of Alberta. The [12-module course is free and open to anyone](#) interested in exploring the different histories and contemporary perspectives of Indigenous peoples living in Canada.