

# Board Meeting Brief

June 19, 2024

## Treaty 8 Lands

### GRANDE CACHE

Sheldon Coates School  
Summitview School  
Grande Cache Community High  
The Learning Connection Grande Cache



Trustee  
Jackie Mines  
Trustee, Grande Cache



Vice Chair  
Shirley Caputo  
Hinton



Trustee  
Yvonne Oshanyk  
Hinton

### HINTON

Crescent Valley School  
École Mountain View  
Harry Collinge High  
The Learning Connection Hinton



Board Chair  
Dale Karpluk  
Jasper

### JASPER

Jasper Elementary  
Jasper Junior/Senior High  
The Learning Connection Jasper

### FULHAM

Fulham School

### EDSON

École Pine Grove Middle  
École Westhaven  
Mary Bergeron Elementary  
Parkland Composite High  
The Learning Connection Edson



Trustee  
Fiona Fowler,  
Edson/Fulham



Trustee  
Jocelyn Pettitt  
Edson/Fulham



Trustee  
Melodie Bobitek  
Niton/Wildwood/Evansburg

### WILDWOOD

Wildwood School

### NITON

Niton Central School

### EVANSBURG

Evansview School  
Grand Trunk School  
The Learning Connection Evansburg

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## Board Priority

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## STUDENT LEARNING

On behalf of the Board, Chair Karpluk congratulated this year's Grade 12 students writing their final diploma exams in preparation for graduation from high school. She praised their hard work and focus in achieving this "significant milestone" in their learning journey.

Parents were invited to attend an information session to hear how GYPSD is going to provide feedback on specific curricular outcomes on Grades 7-9 report cards. Next year, two schools will pilot the process in advance of a full implementation for 2025. Parents not able to attend the information event can access the webinar through the [Division's website.](#)

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## TEACHER, SUPPORT STAFF, AND LEADER EXCELLENCE

In the Board Chair's Report, Chair Karpuk shared a response from **Minister Nicolaidis** regarding Board advocacy around the Teacher Discipline Process. She also reported on the Board's attendance at the annual spring conferences and meetings for the **Public School Boards' Association of Alberta**, the **Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards**, and the **Alberta School Boards Association**.

Chair Karpluk also shared the Board's appreciation for staff who are retiring, and Trustee Pettitt provided an update of the plans to celebrate this year's retirement cohort and those receiving long-service awards in the fall.

The Board received reports from Director of Human Resources, Meghan Auriat, who provided an update on the required instructional times for each of GYPSD's schools and staff access to the Division's ATA and CUPE Professional Development Growth funds.

In the [Superintendent's Report](#), Dr. Lewis shared highlights of her work, including her attendance at the [Edwin Parr Award](#) Banquet with GYPSD's nominee, Paige Ekdahl, and the [Superintendent Youth Council's](#) School Improvement Pitch to their principals.

Chair Karpluk recognized **Hinton Trustee Shirley Caputo** whose lifetime contributions to Hinton were acknowledged earlier this month when she was selected to receive the *2024 Senior's Lifetime Achievement Award*.

Inclusive Learning Consultant Amy Corser provided an update on the comprehensive screening taking place in junior kindergarten and kindergarten classrooms, ensuring [supports for special learning needs are in place early](#).

On behalf of the Board, Chair Karpluk shared their deep appreciation for GYPSD staff - wishing everyone a well-earned summer break.



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Superintendent Lewis chaired the Board's annual [Organizational Meeting](#) until the Trustee group selected Trustee Dale Karpluk (Jasper) to serve as the Board Chair for the 2024/25 school year and until the next School Board Trustee Election - scheduled for the Fall of 2025.

Chair Karpluk spoke of the Division's recognition of ***National Indigenous History Month***; "Each of our schools have been exploring Indigenous histories, languages, and cultural practices that contribute to student learning and illustrate GYPSD's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation... I encourage everyone who is able to locate a [***National Indigenous Peoples Day***] celebratory event taking place [June 21] in your community and attend."

The Board approved the following motions:

- Public Board Meeting schedule for 2024/25
- Advocacy letter for increased funding for special needs students
- Advocacy letter for increased funding for Dual Credit programming
- Fulham [Community Engagement](#) event for September



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## SYSTEM HEALTH and WELLNESS

The Board received a comprehensive report describing the Division's commitment to positive mental health and wellness - including the **summer programming** scheduled by the **BEST and Wellness Navigators' team members within each community**.

The report outlined the many initiatives and programs for staff - including the *Guarding Minds at Work* Survey, ASEBP and Inkblot services, and Non-Crisis Intervention Training (NVCI). The report also identified the extensive supports instituted within schools - highlighting the staff (EAs, FSLCs, BEST, and Wellness Navigators) and initiatives such as [Hygiene Closets](#).

## LOOKING AHEAD...

- June 21: Retirement Celebration
- June 22: GTHS Graduation
- June 27: Graduations at HCHS, PCHS, JHS
- June 28: GCCHS Graduation
- August 7: Public School Board Council
- August 21: Public Board Meeting

