



Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of
Grande Yellowhead Public School Division

Meeting Number 6

January 31, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Education Services Center, Edson, AB

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TRUSTEE ATTENDANCE:

M. Bobilek	Present
S. Caputo, Vice-Chair	Present
F. Fowler	Present
D. Karpluk, Chair	Present
J. Mines	Present
Y. Oshanyk	Present
J. Pettitt	Present

ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Lewis, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Harding, Assistant Superintendent – Division Supports
C. Aschenmeier, Assistant Superintendent – Division Supports
J. Lin, Secretary-Treasurer
B. Kudinga, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
B. Orge, Director of Facility Services
C. Van Neck, Director of Transportation
N. Gilks, Special Projects Manager
K. Gilks, Teacher Supervisor – Education Technology
K. Brook, Executive Assistant
L. Lee, Director of Information Technology
A. Corser, Teacher Consultant
M. Auriat, Director of Human Resources

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Karpluk called the meeting to order at 1014 hours.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to all students on concluding the first Semester.
National Ribbon Skirt Day – January 4th
Bell's Lets Talk Day – January 24th
Family Literacy Day – January 27th
Assurance Measures Survey

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Superintendent Lewis has completed her Doctorate

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

7.2.5 – Revision to Policy 08

2024-001

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Bobilek moved that the Board approve the agenda, as amended.

Carried

2024-002

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Trustee Karpluk moved that the Board approve the minutes of the Public Board Meeting of December 20, 2023.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

DELEGATION / PRESENTATION

None.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None.

ACTION ITEMS

2024-003

Board Policy 17 Updates for September 2024

Trustee Bobilek moved that the Board of Trustees approve revisions to Policy 17, *Student Transportation Services*.

Carried

2024-004

Board Policy 17 Appendix Fees

Trustee Pettitt moved that the Board of Trustees for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) approves the update to Policy 17, Appendix A, *Transportation Fees* for the 2024/2025 school year.

Carried

2024-005

Board Policy 07 Updates

Trustee Mines moved that the Board of Trustees approve the changes to Policy 07, *Board Operations*.

Carried

2024-006

International Field Trips Approval

Trustee Fowler moved that the Board of Trustees approve an International Field Trip to Europe from March 23 to April 1, 2024 for Jasper Junior / Senior High School and the accompanying staff.

Carried

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2024-007

Board Policy 08 Updates

Trustee Fowler moved that the Board of Trustees approve the changes to Policy 08, *Committee of the Board*.

Carried

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

École Mountain View Elementary School – Focus on Reading:
Principal Kurt Scobie

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair Karpluk Shared:

- Representation at International Conferences
 - At first, we had a lot of interest from the Trustees in going to the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Conference in New Orleans in April 2024. The pre-conference is on rural education so it would be good information and it would have been interesting but when we starting looking at our budget and our priorities there is a lot of opportunities in Alberta. So we decided we will not attend the international conference and attend conferences here in Alberta. We may attend in the future as there is obviously value in it but we will take part in the opportunities here.
- Ministry Invitation for Input into Social Studies Curriculum
- MLA Meetings
- Niton Community Conversation

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Lewis reported on all the activities she has been leading since the last Public Board meeting on December 20, 2023.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Research-Informed Approach to Literacy and Numeracy Instruction

The Board received an information report regarding the research-informed practices teachers within Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) employ to ensure students' success with literacy and numeracy skills.

Full Day, Full Week Kindergarten

The Board received an update on the full-day kindergarten program options available throughout the Division.

First Quarter Financial Report

The Board received the first quarter financial update.

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Division Operations: Department Updates

The Board received a presentation from all department heads on the work that was carried out since the last Public Board Meeting on December 20, 2023.

Division Health and Wellness Survey Results

The Board received an update regarding the work the Division Health and Wellness Committee is doing.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Connections to Board Governance Work Plan Calendar

Trustee Pettitt shared with the Board that she attended the *Shaping the Future Conference* in Jasper January 25-27th.

Board Policy Committee

The Policy Committee met on January 29th to discuss the Policies that were brought forward at today's meeting.

Recognition of Employees Committee

The Committee would like to discuss Board Policy 19 and bring it to the Policy Committee.

Board Planning Seminar Committee

No Report.

Board Negotiations Committee

Meeting on February 13th – Pre-Meeting. CUPE Negotiations February 15th&16th.

Board Representatives

- **PSBAA – Work Plan Update**
 - PSBC February 8th&9th
- **ASBA Zone 2/3**
 - The Board discussed upcoming events and topics from ASBA Zone 2/3

FUTURE BUSINESS

Meeting Dates

Board – Open to Public

February 28, 2024 Public Board Meeting (10:00 a.m.)

Committees – Closed to Public

February 28, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting (9:00 a.m.)

Notice of Motion

None.

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Future Agenda Items

Trustee Karpluk requested the following:

- Administration to set up a meeting with MP Soroka
- Information regarding Northern Student Teacher Bursary in Alberta
- Report on Teaching Discipline Process and how it is affecting the division
- Report on the Nutrition Program in Schools

2024-008

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Caputo moved for adjournment at 1340 hours.

Carried

X Dale Karpluk
Dale Karpluk (Feb 29, 2024 06:37 MST)

Dale Karpluk
Board Chair

X Jun Lin
Jun Lin (Feb 29, 2024 12:07 MST)

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Secretary-Treasurer