



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

Meeting Number 7

February 28, 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 – Board Relations
C. Aschenmeier, Assistant Superintendent – Division Services
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 Consultant
K. Brook, Executive Assistant
J. Albrecht, Teacher Consultant
A. Corser,, Teacher Consultant
L. Lee, Director of Information Technology

DELEGATIONS PRESENT:

School Administration/Staff/Students: Steven Ripkens, Ryan Hall, Jillian Hammer, Darcy Reynolds, Mack Holden, Paige Ekdahl, Aaron Fern
Community Members: Staff Sergeant Chris Murphy, Brody Bobilek.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Karpluk called the meeting to order at 1002 hours.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome to Staff Sergeant Chris Murphy, our two Edwin Parr Nomination Candidates, and the staff and students from Parkland Composite High School who are here this morning.
- February is Black History Month and Random Acts of Kindness Month
- Today is Pink Shirt Day

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Addition of 7.2.4 – Board Policy 11 – Delegation of Authority

2024-009

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Carried

2024-010

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Trustee Karpluk moved that the Board approve the minutes of the Public Board Meeting of January 31, 2024.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

DELEGATION / PRESENTATION

- RCMP Recognition of Service: Dr. Lewis, Superintendent; R. Hall, Assistant Principal, PCHS/EPGMS Dual Campus (Edson); Board of Trustees of Grande Yellowhead Public School Division
- Edwin Parr First Year Teacher Award Candidate Presentations:
 - Candidate 1 – Mack Holden
 - Candidate 2 – Paige Ekdahl

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Parkland Composite High School Drama Students performed song from the *Percy Jackson* Musical

The Public Board Meeting recessed for photos at 1113 hours.

The Public Board Meeting reconvened at 1124 hours.

Trustee Bobilek recused herself from the Public Board Meeting at 1124 hours.

2024-011

Closed Session

Trustee Caputo moved that the Board go into closed session at 1124 hours.

Carried

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2024-012

Out of Closed Session

Trustee Oshanyk moved that the Board come out of closed session at 1132 hours.

Carried

Trustee Bobilek returned to the Public Board Meeting at 1132 hours.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None.

ACTION ITEMS

2024-013

Edwin Parr Teacher Award Nomination

Trustee Caputo moved that the Board of Trustees approve the nomination of Candidate Pagie Ekdahl as Grande Yellowhead Public Schools Division's Zone 2/3 submission for the Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA) 2024 *Edwin Parr Teacher Award*.

6 Trustees in Favour

1 Trustee Recused

Carried

The Public Board Meeting recessed for photos at 1136 hours.

The Public Board Meeting reconvened at 1146 hours.

2024-014

Board and Committee of the Whole Chairs' Attendance at National School Boards Association Annual Conference 2024

Trustee Caputo moved that the Board of Trustees approve the Board Chair and the Chair of the Committee of the Whole to attend the *National School Boards Association's* (NSBA) Annual Conference and Exposition to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 6th – 8th, 2024, including, as relevant, attendance at the *NSBA Rural Education Summit* as a preconference workshop on April 5th.

Trustees Karpluk, Fowler, Caputo, and Oshanyk in Favour

Trustees Bobilek, Mines, and Pettitt Opposed

Carried

The Public Board Meeting recessed for lunch at 1200 hours.

The Public Board Meeting reconvened at 1303 hours.

2024-015

Advocacy Support for Bill C322 – National Framework for School Food Program Act

Trustee Fowler moved that the Board of Trustees for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) send a letter of support, advocating for Bill C322: an Act to develop a national framework for a universal, school-based food program for publicly funded schools across Canada.

Carried

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2024-016

Board Policy 11 – Delegation of Authority

Trustee Caputo moved that the Board of Trustees approve the changes to Policy 11, *Delegation of Authority*.

Carried

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair Karpluk Shared:

- ATA Lunch during Teachers' Convention
- ASBA Engagement Session

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Lewis reported on all the activities she has been leading since the last Public Board meeting on January 31, 2024.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

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 January 31, 2024.

Annual OH&S Report

The Board received the annual OH&S report, as information.

Annual Technology Department Report

The Board received the annual Technology report, as information.

Annual Inclusive Learning, Mental Health, and Wellness Supports in School Report

The Board received the annual Inclusive Learning, Mental Health, and Wellness Supports in Schools report, as information.

Northern Student-Teacher Bursary Program

The Board discussed the Northern Student-Teacher Bursary Program; noted the limitation of the bursary to Grande Cache only.

Professional Conduct and Competency for Teachers and Teacher Leaders Regulation and Complaint Process – Alberta Education

The Board discussed the new Professional Conduct and Competency for Teachers and Teacher Leaders Regulation and Complaint Process laid out by Alberta Education. Noted the inefficiency and length of time for resolution in the new process.

Honouring Spirit Award

The Board received an update regarding the Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Education Award. 22 students were nominated for the award.

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TRUSTEE REPORTS

Connections to Board Governance Work Plan Calendar

No Report.

Board Policy Committee

Meeting on March 12th.

Recognition of Employees Committee

No Report.

Board Planning Seminar Committee

No Report.

Board Negotiations Committee

No Report.

Board Representatives

- **PSBAA – Work Plan Update**
 - February 8 & 9th PSBC Summary will be sent to all Trustees

2024-017

Closed Session

Trustee Mines moved that the Board go into closed session at 1426 hours.

Carried

- **ASBA Zone 2/3**

2024-018

Out of Closed Session

Trustee Fowler moved that the Board come out of closed session at 1516 hours.

Carried

FUTURE BUSINESS

Meeting Dates

Board – Open to Public

March 20, 2024, Public Board Meeting (10:00 a.m.)

Committees – Closed to Public

March 20, 2024, Committee of the Whole Meeting (9:00 a.m.)

Notice of Motion

Two advocacy topics: Northern Student-Teacher Bursary and Teacher Competency and Conduct Complaint Process.

Future Agenda Items

None.

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2024-019

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Caputo moved for adjournment at 1517 hours.

Carried

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer