



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

Meeting Number 3

October 23, 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	Absent
J. Pettitt	Present

ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE:

- Dr. Parsons, Interim Superintendent of Schools
- Dr. Harding, Assistant Superintendent – Division Services and Supports
- C. Aschenmeier, Assistant Superintendent – Division Services and Supports
- M. Auriat, Assistant Superintendent – Human Resources
- J. Lin, Secretary-Treasurer
- K. Kendall, Assistant Manager of Transportation Services
- N. Gilks, Director of Communications and Special Projects
- B. Orge, Director of Facilities
- K. Brook, Senior Executive Assistant
- L. Lee, Director of Information Technology
- A. Corser, Director of Inclusion

DELEGATIONS PRESENT:

School Administration/Staff/Students: Jessie Smeall (Music Teacher, École Mountain View School), Kelly MacKay (Grade 6 Teacher, École Mountain View School)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Karpluk called the meeting to order at 1002 hours.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- École Mountain View students will perform songs from the Tri-School Truth and Reconciliation/Orange shirt Day Event in Hinton

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- School Bus Safety Week
 - Fun Fact: our bus drivers cover 1 million, 400 and 40 thousand kms in one school year – that is equivalent to almost 36 times around earth!
- This Friday is a Professional Development “Data Day” for schools
- The importance of literacy

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

2024-139

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Caputo moved that the Board approve the agenda.

Carried

2024-140

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Trustee Karpluk moved that the Board approve the minutes of the Public Board Meeting of September 18, 2024.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

DELEGATION / PRESENTATION

None.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

École Mountain View School Grade 6 Class

The Public Board Meeting recessed at 1020 hours.

The Public Board Meeting reconvened

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None.

ACTION ITEMS

2024-141

Board Letter of Support – Permanent Temporary Housing in Jasper

Trustee Mines moved that the Board of Trustees for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) moves to direct the administration to send a letter to Minister Nicolaides expressing appreciation after the recent Alberta Government announcement regarding the provision of temporary housing in Jasper and our continued advocacy for temporary housing for Jasper’s school staff

Carried

2024-142

Board Letter of Support – Northern Rockies Museum

Trustee Caputo moved that the Board of Trustees for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) moves to direct

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administration to send a letter of support for the Northern Rockies Museum of Culture & Heritage to the Town of Hinton.

Carried

2024-143

Insurance Deductible Payment

Trustee Fowler moved that the Board of Trustees approves the transfer of \$500,000 from reserves for the payment of the insurance deductible.

Carried

2024-144

Fund Transfer to Jasper Restoration Contractor

Trustee Fowler moved that the Board of Trustees approves the transfer of \$4,500,000 of provincial funds to the Jasper restoration contractor.

Carried

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair Karpluk Shared:

- Responses to Advocacy Letters
 - SLS Grant Allocation
 - Dual Credit Feedback
- Fulham Area Stakeholder Engagement
- Superintendent Search

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Interim Superintendent Parsons reported on all the activities he has been leading since the last Public Board meeting on September 18, 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 September 18, 2024.

2024/25 Student Enrollment Report

The Board received a report on the September 27th student enrollment for the 2024/2025 school year

Literacy and Numeracy Report

The Board received the annual report describing the Literacy and Numeracy work taking place in Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD).

Transportation Operations Report

The board received the annual comprehensive operations report from Assistant Manager Katelynn Kendall.

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TRUSTEE REPORTS

Connections to Board Governance Work Plan Calendar

Trustees shared some work they have been doing that connects to the Board's Annual Governance Work Plan Calendar. Some of that work included:

- Trustee Caputo attended the Tri-School Ceremony hosted by Harry Collinge High School on September 27th
- Trustee Mines finished the Indigenous Course at the U of A
- Board Chair Karpluk would like to start posting the Board Package to the Website on Monday

2024-145

Motion to add an Action Item to the Agenda

Trustee Caputo moved that the Board of Trustees add an action item to the Agenda to amend Board Policy 7, Board Operations.

Carried

2024-146

Amendment to Policy 7, Board Operations

Trustee Bobilek moved that the Board amend section 6.5 of Board Policy 7, Board Operations, to say that the Board Packages will be posted to the Division Website at least 24 hours in advance of the Public Board Meeting.

Carried

Board Policy Committee

No Report.

Recognition of Employees Committee

No Report.

Board Planning Seminar Committee

No Report.

Board Negotiations Committee

No Report.

Board Representatives

- **PSBAA – Work Plan Update**
 - PSBAA Fall General Meeting was held on October 16th – 18th
 - There will be a PSBC meeting November 15th-16th
- **ASBA Zone 2/3**
 - Friday October 25th is the Annual ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting in Edmonton

FUTURE BUSINESS

Meeting Dates

Board – Open to Public

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

Committees – Closed to Public

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

Notice of Motion

Trustee Caputo requested that the Board write an advocacy letter to the Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change to request a refund of the \$500,000 deductible for the insurance claim to clean and remediate the Jasper schools.

Board Chair Karpluk requested that the Board write an advocacy letter regarding the Funding and Mandatory Screening for Literacy and Numeracy.

Future Agenda Items

None.

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ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Caputo moved for adjournment at 1423 hours.

Carried

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Dale Karpluk (Nov 21, 2024 22:30 MST)

Dale Karpluk
Board Chair

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Jun Lin
Secretary-Treasurer