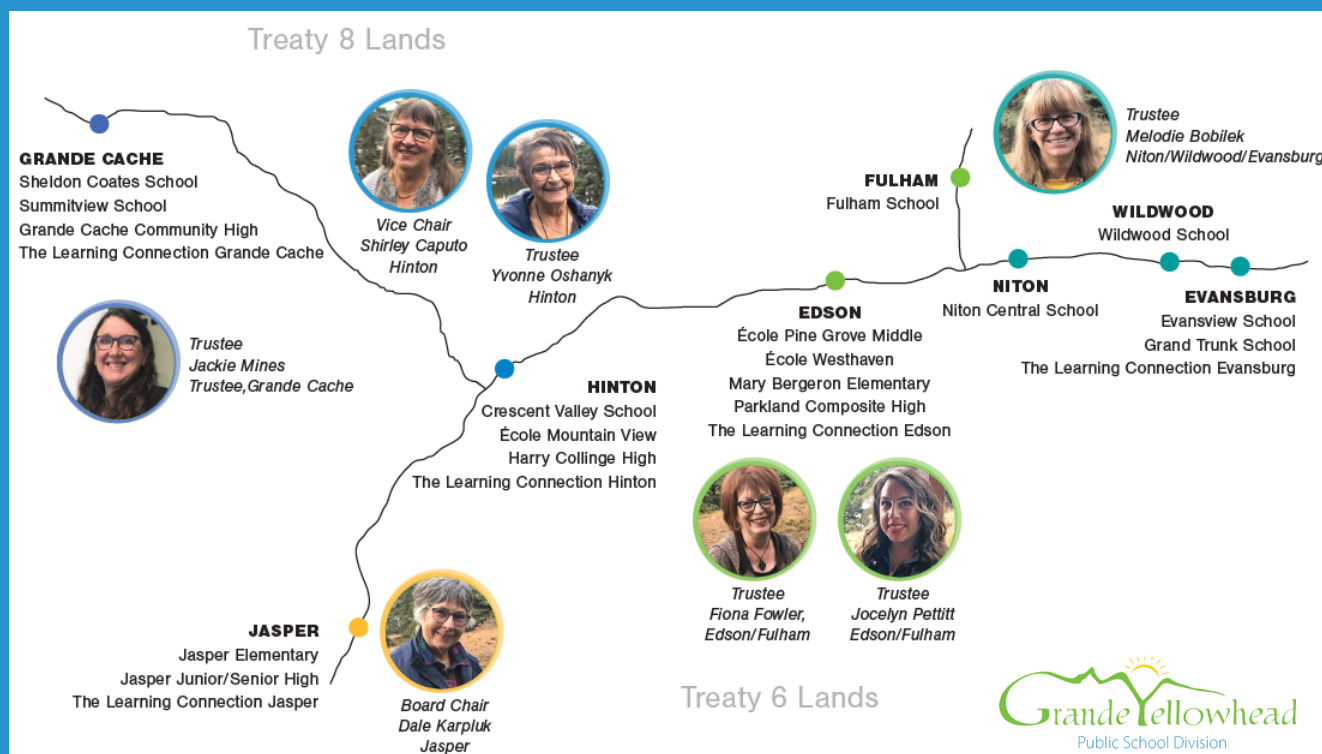


Board Brief

November 20, 2024

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Board Priority

1

STUDENT LEARNING

Board Chair Karpluk recognized teachers' attention to [Métis Week](#) for creating student awareness of the significant sacrifice made by the Right Honourable Louis Riel in his commitment to the rights of Métis people.

The Board approved the Division's **2023/2024 Results Review** for submission to Alberta Education. The Alberta Education Results Review summarizes the data from all GYPSD schools to show the collective impact of their improvement efforts. Each year, principals and their teams analyze their previous year's data to determine gap areas, and why those areas exist; they then create a strategic plan to address those specific gap areas - this is called the School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP). [GYPSD's AERR is posted to the Division website](#) on November 30. Principals construct their school's SCIP with teachers and School Council members and share it with parents before posting it to their school website on November 30 as well.

The Board approved a motion requesting the Minister of Education adjust the process and timeline for the grant to support students at risk in literacy and numeracy in Grades 1-3 and children in kindergarten.

Trustee Caputo noted the impactful ways [teachers build student awareness](#) of why schools host Remembrance Day activities and events.

Board Priority

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TEACHER, SUPPORT STAFF, AND LEADER EXCELLENCE

École Mountain View Elementary School Principal Paula Murphy presented her [school's work to identify gap areas in student writing](#) based on evidence collected through the Highest Level of Achievement Test (HLAT).

On Yvonne Oshaynk's request, the Board accepted her request to resign as a school board trustee in Hinton. The remaining trustees shared their deep appreciation for the wisdom and grace Yvonne Oshaynk brought to the table in her tenure as a trustee. The Board defeated a motion to hold a By-election for the now-vacant Hinton seat given the upcoming election in October 2025.

Interim Superintendent [Dr. Dennis Parsons presented his report to the Board](#) - reiterating his commitment to an organization that functions fully for student achievement; *"Our collective purpose is to establish optimal environments for the success of all students, and in that purpose, we are committed to the spirit of collaboration, teamwork, and innovation."*

Trustees attended the [Public School Boards' Conference](#), the [Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards'](#) Fall Meeting, and the [Alberta School Boards Association](#) Fall Conference and Annual General Meeting. Attendance at the meetings raises awareness of shared issues and areas for joint advocacy work.

Board Priority

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In preparation and support for [October 20, 2025, General Election](#), the Board approved six motions:

- Repeal Former Election Bylaws
- Appoint Returning Officer, substitute Returning Officer positions and Deputy Returning Officers
- Bylaw 2024-01 - Wards
- Bylaw 2024-02 - Number of Signatures
- Bylaw 2024-03 - Deposit Amount
- Bylaw 2024-04 - Criminal Record Check

Board Chair Karpluk provided an [update on the process to identify the criteria for the next superintendent](#): meetings with core stakeholder groups have concluded, and once the Board has reviewed the preferred profile they will be moving forward to the recruiting phase.

Board Priority

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SYSTEM HEALTH and WELLNESS

The Board heard the current school nutrition allocation is approximately \$59 per student. Given the impact of inflation on food costs, the Board provided a notice of motion for the December Board meeting to address the gap in funds for school nutrition programs.

Director of Inclusion Amy Corser announced that a Behavioural Specialist has been hired for the Division.

The Board approved the Division's request to transfer operating and capital reserves from 2023/24 to the current school year.

The Board also approved two motions connected to the Jasper Wildfire Restoration and Recovery work for Jasper Elementary and Jasper Junior/Senior: one to request ministerial approval to move \$500,000 from capital reserves to operating reserves; and two, a request that the Federal Ministry of Environment and Climate Change reimburse the Board the \$500,000 required for the insurance deductible.

The Board approved the [2023/2024 Audited Financial Statement](#) for submission to Alberta Education and to be posted on the Division Website.

LOOKING AHEAD...

- November 22: CUPE Negotiations Committee Meeting
- December 4: Jasper School Visits
- December 6: ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting
- December 10: ASBA Speakers' Corner
- December 10: TEBA Engagement Session
- December 18: December Public Board Meeting
- December 21 - January 5, 2025: Christmas Break

