



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

**Meeting Number 6**

January 29, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

Education Services Center, Edson, AB

<https://www.youtube.com/@grandeyellowheadpublicscho2377>

**TRUSTEE ATTENDANCE:**

M. Bobilek	Present
S. Caputo, Vice-Chair	Present
F. Fowler	Present
D. Karpluk, Chair	Present
J. Mines	Present Virtually
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
- L. Liu, Director of Finance
- C. Van Neck, Director of Transportation
- N. Gilks, Director of Communications and Special Projects
- K. Brook, Senior Executive Assistant
- L. Lee, Director of Information Technology
- A. Corser, Director of Inclusion
- T. Miluch, Teacher Consultant

**DELEGATIONS PRESENT:**

School Administration/Staff/Students: Principal Steven Ripkens, EA Rachel Ripkens, Tim Bohn, PGMS Drama Teacher, students from the cast of *Beetlejuice Jr.*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Karpluk called the meeting to order at 1011 hours.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Happy New Year to Everyone
- Would like to encourage all High School Students for starting their second semester now

- Would like to applaud all students' writing diplomas
- National Ribbon Skirt Day - January 4<sup>th</sup>
- Bell's Let's Talk Day, January 24<sup>th</sup>
- Family Literacy Day, January 27<sup>th</sup>

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Addition of 8.1.3 – Attendance Areas and Designated Schools

**2025-001**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Trustee Pettitt moved that the Board approve the agenda.

**Carried Unanimously**

**2025-002**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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

**Carried Unanimously**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

**DELEGATION / PRESENTATION**

None.

**SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS**

École Pine Grove Middle School Student Musical Presentation

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

None.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**2025-003**

**Public Funding for Alberta's K-12 Public Schools**

Trustee Mines moved that the Board of Trustees for Grande Yellowhead Public Schools approve that an advocacy letter be sent to the Minister of Education requesting public funds for K-12 education in Alberta only be used to operate Alberta's public schools; for an immediate freeze on Charter School approvals and changes to policies for accepting students; and, for the discontinuation of any public funds allocated to operate private/independent schools. Further, these funds, with adequate increases, are returned to the public system to address needed support for children attending Alberta's public school system.

**Carried Unanimously**

**2025-004**

**Revisions to Policy 20, Health and Wellness**

Trustee Bobilek moved that the Board of Trustees approves the amendment to Board Policy 20, *Health and Wellness*.

**Carried Unanimously**

2025-005

**Revisions to Policy 21, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Gender Expression**

Trustees Bobilek moved that the Board of Trustees approve amendments to Board Policy 21 – *Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Gender Expression*.

**Carried Unanimously**

2025-006

**Jasper Learning Connection (TLC) Location and Lease**

Trustee Caputo moved that the Board of Trustees for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) approved Principal Crozier's request to house the Jasper Learning Connection (TLC) within the Jasper Junior Senior High School Library, thus eliminating the need to sign a new lease agreement with the current lease agreement with the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce expires June 30, 2025.

**Carried Unanimously**

2025-007

**Advocacy Letter for Jasper Housing**

Trustee Fowler moved that the Board of Trustees for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) moves to direct administration to send a letter to Premier Smith, Minister Nixon, MP Soroka, and MLA Long advocating the funds for Jasper Housing be immediately distributed as promised.

**Carried Unanimously**

**BOARD CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Karpluk Shared:

- Response from Minister Nixon Re: School Staff Housing in Jasper
- Principal Presentations: School Continuous Improvement Plans
- Attendance Areas and Designated Schools

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

**First Quarter Financial Report**

The Board received the First Quarter Financial Report from Secretary-Treasurer Lin.

## TRUSTEE REPORTS

### Connections to Board Governance Work Plan Calendar

No Report.

### Board Policy Committee

- Developing a Policy to anchor our AP 305 which is Student Attendance; Policy 22, School Attendance Areas
- Changes to Policy 7 – Role of the Board
- Changes to Policy 8 – Committees of the Board
- Housekeeping edits to Policy 17 – Student Transportation

### Recognition of Employees Committee

Meeting in February

### Board Planning Seminar Committee

No Report.

### Board Negotiations Committee

No Report.

### Board Representatives

- **PSBAA – Work Plan Update**
  - Emailed Public School Nomination Forms for the Awards
  - PSBC – February 6th & 7th
- **ASBA Zone 2/3**
  - ASBA Sustainability Presentation

## FUTURE BUSINESS

### Meeting Dates

Board – Open to Public

February 26, 2025 Public Board Meeting (10:00 a.m.)

Committees – Closed to Public

February 26, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting (9:00 a.m.)

### Notice of Motion

None.

### Future Agenda Items

None.

2025-008

### Closed Session

Trustee Caputo moved that the Board go into closed session at 1442 hours.

**Carried Unanimously**

  
Dale Karpuk

  
Jun Lin

2025-009

**Out of Closed Session**

Trustee Bobilek moved that the Board come out of closed session at 1515 hours.


**Carried Unanimously**

2025-010

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Fowler moved for adjournment at 1516 hours.

**Carried Unanimously**

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Dale Karpluk (Feb 28, 2025 14:37 MST)

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Dale Karpluk  
Board Chair

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Jun Lin  
Secretary-Treasurer