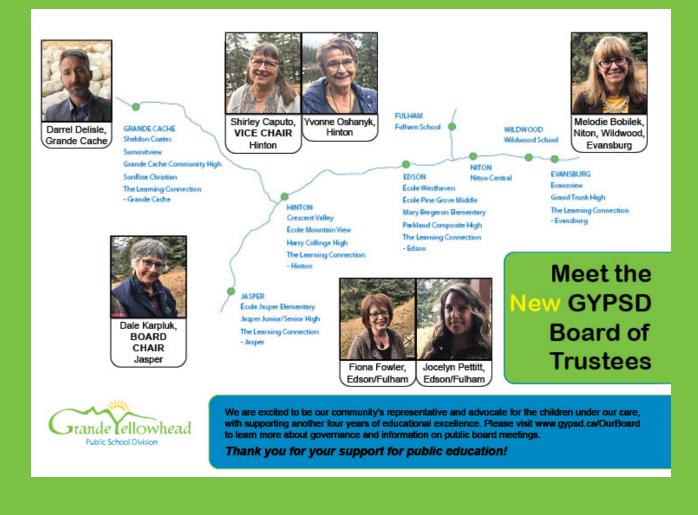
## **Board Meeting Brief**

## February 23, 2022





Board Chair Karpluk recognized February 23 as the annual <u>Pink</u> <u>Shirt Day</u>, stating "wearing pink on this day raises awareness of bullying prevention and sends a strong message to victims of bullying that they're not alone."

Chair Karpluk also recognized February as <u>Black History Month in</u> <u>Canada</u> and a time to reflect on the history, achievements, and contributions of Canadians of African origin. "Black History Month provides an opportunity for people of all cultures to gain insight into the experiences of black Canadians and <u>Albertans</u>, and the vital role they have played throughout our shared history and continue to play today. It is also an opportunity to examine the issues that Canadians of African origin continue to face in our communities and take steps to put an end to racism and discrimination and create welcoming and inclusive environments for all."

The Board received a report on the many school-wide and classroombased activities that raise students' awareness of environmental issues and that empower students to <u>take ownership</u> for the wellness of their environments.

The Board also received a report describing the



success of the Division's **School Nutrition Program** which provides the fuel for strong physical bodies and minds.

Board Chair Karpluk and Superintendent Lewis met with MLA Shane Getson and Grand Trunk Principal Heidi Zadderey to discuss the implementation of the Aviation career pathway.

The Board received reports from Director <u>Facility Services</u>, Mr. Brian Orge, and Manager of Facilities and OH&S, Mr. Jackson Kendrick, describing the comprehensive health and safety measures and monitoring processes in place across the Division, and the thorough cleaning protocols in place through GYPSD's contracted custodial services.

Superintendent Lewis shared <u>highlights from her work</u> that included:

- Multiple meetings with GoA officials and Division leadership to address changes to COVID public health measures.
- Leadership meetings and Professional Development Sessions with all of the Division's Principals, Assistant Principals, and Central Office Department Heads.
- Meeting with Alberta Education's Field Manager to present and celebrate GYPSD's <u>3 Year Education Plan and Annual Results</u> <u>Review</u>.

The Board of Trustees approved the following motions to:

- maintain current <u>Transportation Service Fees for the 2022-2023</u> <u>school year</u>
- advocate to the ministers of Education and Justice for Alberta school boards' inclusion under Bill 70
- place the COVID-19 proof of vaccination status/proof of negative test mandate, AP 163, in abeyance
- update Board Policies 17 <u>Student Transportation Services</u>; Board Policy 8 <u>Committees of the Board</u>; and Board Policy 9 - <u>Board</u> <u>Representatives</u>.

Over the upcoming weeks, the Trustees will be meeting with the Town Councils of Edson and Hinton, and with the Deputy Minister of Education to discuss the <u>2022 Budget Announcement</u>.



The Trustees shared the various meetings they have attended, including the ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting, and the PSBAA professional development and business meeting where Board Chair Karpluk and Superintendent Lewis presented on a Board's purpose in setting Policy and the Superintendent's role in setting Administrative Procedures, and how policy and procedure work in concert to direct,



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## Board Priority 3 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



