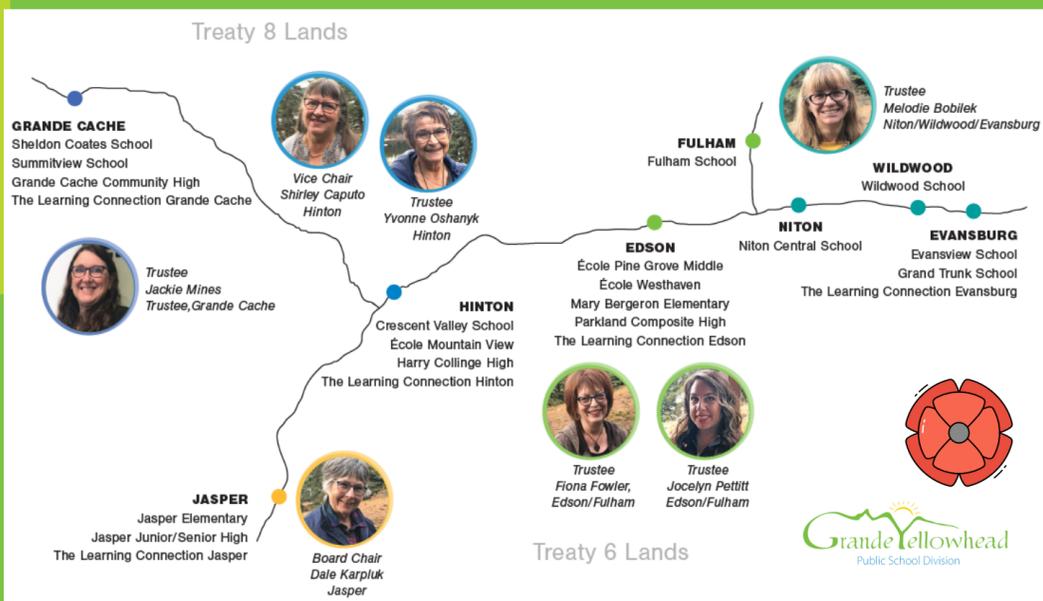


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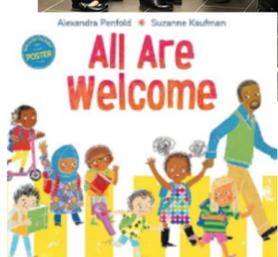
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STUDENT LEARNING

Board Chair Karpluk shared her appreciation for the teachers working to prepare Grade 12 students for their upcoming January Diploma Exams, noting that after Christmas break, we are nearing the halfway mark of the school year. Chair Karpluk took a moment to emphasize the importance of [regular, daily attendance to ensure the consistency of learning and academic success](#).

The Board approved the Division's [Annual Education Results Report \(AERR\)](#) for the 2022/23 school year. The fall report summarizes the results from all of GYPSD's school data and results, and input from students, teachers, and parents/guardians, in reflection on the [previous year's Education Plan](#). The AERR provides evidence of success from the strategies selected to improve student learning results while offering insight into areas for focus. Each school in GYPSD analyzes their school's data to identify their current year's goals and approaches, called the [School Continuous Improvement Plan](#). The school's SCIP is posted to the school website on November 30th.

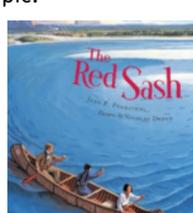
The Board enjoyed a presentation from the Grade 5 and 6 students at [Fulham Elementary](#). This year's theme at Fulham is "All are Welcome", based on the book by Penfold and Kaufman. Under the direction of Principal Marshall and Grade 5/6 teacher, Alison Minelli, the students sang, read a poem, and shared their learning from a 'cardboard challenge' whereby teams collaborated, problem-solved, and negotiated their different visions for structures that had to hold their entire team.



The students at Fulham Elementary are developing their [Growth Mindset!](#)



The Board of Trustees also heard how students across GYPSD grew their understanding of [history, language, and culture](#) of Canada's Métis people and Louis Riel who devoted and sacrificed his life to defend the rights of Métis people.



Students at Crescent Valley School in Hinton learn the art of finger weaving from Assistant Principal and Grade 6 teacher Paula Murphy as they read [The Red Sash](#).



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TEACHER, SUPPORT STAFF, AND LEADER EXCELLENCE

Superintendent Lewis shared [highlights from her report](#) that included the substantial work school leadership teams are doing around last year's data - to review their results and reflect on their instructional strategies for the development of this year's school improvement plan. Changes to the results review processes and improvement plan format intend to improve readership and understanding amongst the school's stakeholders and bring clarity and focus to the core work of teachers.

The Board approved the Audited Financial Statements submission for 2022/23. Superintendent Lewis shared her appreciation for the audit committee's work in preparing the [financial statements for 2022/23](#) to submit to the province. She also shared her appreciation for the committee members who successfully worked out the Memorandum of Agreement with the Alberta Teachers' Association Local No. 11, which the Board also approved.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Board attended the [Rural Caucus of Alberta School Board's](#) fall meeting, and the Alberta School Boards Association Fall General Meeting and Learning Conference where they heard from Minister Nicolaides and Premier Danielle Smith. They also had the opportunity to connect with MLAs Long and Getson during an MLA Breakfast.

The Board approved motions to:

- invite MLA Long and MLA Getson for coffee and conversation
- send a letter of congratulations to the newly elected Mayor of Hinton, Nicholas Nissen
- transfer operational reserves
- approve a new electrical contract
- send an advocacy letter to the Ministers of Transportation and Corridors and Education to improve access to road tests for potential school bus drivers



Above: the Board of Trustees with West-Yellowhead MLA, Martin Long.

Right: the Board of Trustees with ASBA President Marilyn Baziuki, Vice-President Shali Baziuki, and CEO, Dr. Vivian Abboud



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SYSTEM HEALTH and WELLNESS



The Board received a comprehensive summary of projects addressed by the Inclusion Team. In addition to supporting professional development in VTRA and NVCI and supporting the LST and FSLC groups, the team is working to complete the Classroom Complexity Grant. The team is also supporting the work of the new Wellness Navigators in all of the high schools. The Wellness Navigators and other members of the Inclusion Team will be attending the *Shaping the Future* Conference, an [Ever Active School](#) event, in January 2024.

Board members will be attending January's ASBA *Speaker's Corner*, a PD event that will focus on Mental Health and Wellness in School Divisions.

LOOKING AHEAD...



- December 1: ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting
- December 11: ASBA Speaker's Corner PD Event
- December 13: Board Strategic Planning Meeting
- December 19: Board Policy Committee Meeting
- December 20: [Public Board Meeting](#)
- Christmas Break: December 25 - January 5, 2024
- January 8 & 9, 2024: CUPE Negotiations

