



Board Meeting Brief

December 20, 2023

Treaty 8 Lands

GRANDE CACHE

Sheldon Coates School
Summitview School
Grande Cache Community High
The Learning Connection Grande Cache



Trustee
Jackie Mines
Trustee, Grande Cache



JASPER

Jasper Elementary
Jasper Junior/Senior High
The Learning Connection Jasper



Board Chair
Dale Karpluk
Jasper



Vice Chair
Shirley Caputo
Hinton



Trustee
Yvonne Oshanyk
Hinton

HINTON

Crescent Valley School
École Mountain View
Harry Collinge High
The Learning Connection Hinton



Trustee
Fiona Fowler,
Edson/Fulham



Trustee
Jocelyn Pettitt
Edson/Fulham

FULHAM

Fulham School



Trustee
Melodie Bobilek
Niton/Wildwood/Edsberg

EDSON

École Pine Grove Middle
École Westhaven
Mary Bergeron Elementary
Parkland Composite High
The Learning Connection Edson

NITON

Niton Central School

EVANSBURG

Evansview School
Grand Trunk School
The Learning Connection Evansburg



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Board Priority

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STUDENT LEARNING



The Board enjoyed a taste of the upcoming production of the musical *Anastasia*! [Drama students from Ecole Pine Grove Middle School](#), accompanied by Principal Ripkens and their teachers, Mr. Bohn and Mr. Jones, performed "[A Rumor in St. Petersburg](#)" for the Trustees and other attendees of the meeting. The students will perform the musical for the public in January at [The Red Brick](#) in Edson!



The Board heard from Inclusive Consultant Amy Corser who shared that a Learning Support Teacher within each of the five GYPSD zones is trained to administer additional student screens in Reading, Math, and Writing.

Board Priority

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TEACHER,
SUPPORT
STAFF, AND
LEADER
EXCELLENCE

Superintendent Lewis shared [highlights from her report](#), including the addition of new Secretary-Treasurer Jun Lin and new Assistant Superintendent Joey Bouchard, and the recent Superintendent Youth Council workshop held in Hinton at Harry Collinge High School.



The Board approved six trustees to attend the [2024 National School Boards Associations Annual Conference and Exhibition](#) to hear and participate in important public education topics affecting boards across North America.



Board
Priority

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COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT

Chair Karpluk provided a comprehensive list of the Board's accomplishments since this time last year, including:

- updating the school attendance boundaries in Hinton;
- introducing a new Board priority of System Health and Wellness;
- informing candidates running during the provincial election about the value of a well-funded and inclusive public school system in Alberta;
- preparing for changes to distance criteria for transportation service eligibility;
- partnering with the Municipality of Jasper to provide a safe, sustainable, and flexible transit service option for the students and families living within Jasper and at the Jasper Park Lodge;
- moving into the construction phase of the amalgamation and modernization project taking place at Grand Trunk school.

On [January 30th, 2024, the Division will be meeting with Niton Junction and Yellowhead County area community members](#) to discuss the Grade 9 program at Niton Central School in light of declining student enrollment.

The Board approved the administration to write a letter of support for the [Edson and District](#) Community Learning Society in their re-application for the [Settlement Workers in Schools Initiative](#) Grant.

The Board heard [Jasper Junior Senior High School](#) Principal Mark Crozier explain the process he used with stakeholders to examine the challenges of offering French Immersion Programming in a small high school.





Board Priority

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SYSTEM HEALTH and WELLNESS

Trustee Pettitt (Edson) will be joining the Inclusive Learning Team and Superintendent Lewis at the *Shaping the Future* Conference, an [Ever Active School](#) event, in January 2024.

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

Board Chair Karpluk shared her appreciation for the work of all staff across the Division and encouraged staff and students to take a well-deserved break.



LOOKING AHEAD...2024!



- January 8: Classes resume
- January 16: Division Health and Wellness Committee Meeting
- January 18: ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting
- January 22: ASBA Speaker's Corner PD
- January 25: Sharing the Future Conference
- January 29: Policy Committee Meeting
- January 30: MLA Meetings
- January 30: Niton Junction and Yellowhead County Area Community Engagement
- January 31: Public Board Meeting

Season's Greetings and Happy New Year!