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### STUDENT LEARNING

Fulham Community School Students performed a scene from their play, *The Mystery of the Missing Medallion*! Special thanks to **Principal Marshall**, teacher **Alison Minelli** and Tech Facilitator **Bill Dyck** for bringing the play from the Fulham stage to the board room.



Director of Technology **Lyle Lee** and Supervising Teacher of Educational Technology **Kandis Gilks** provided their annual report, illustrating the range of work the Tech Team does to ensure students are thriving, parents are connected, and staff are supported in optimal teaching and learning environments.

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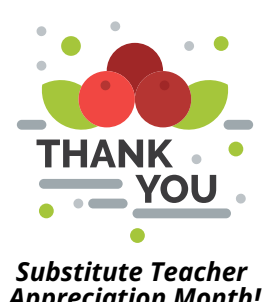
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### TEACHER, SUPPORT STAFF, AND LEADER EXCELLENCE

The Board approved a series of motions to appoint the new Superintendent of Schools. **Kurt Scobie** will be transitioning to the central office beginning May 1 as a temporary assistant superintendent before taking on the Superintendent/CEO role starting July 1; he will be bringing his "passion for student learning...[and] his essential force for equity and excellence" to his new assignment. Dr. Parsons will continue to serve as Superintendent/CEO until the end of June.

**Superintendent Parsons** shared [highlights from his report](#), which included the number of exemption requests he's addressed in support of the Board's enforcement of **School Attendance Areas**.

Director of Facilities **Brian Orge** brought forward the **Board's 3-Year Capital and 10-Year Facilities Plans** for Board approval. The approved 3-Year Capital Plan is submitted to Alberta Education every spring for their consideration of requests from boards across the province. The capital and facilities' documents are available on the [Division's website](#).



The Board approved a motion to send newly appointed **Minister of Infrastructure Martin Long** a letter of congratulations with an open invitation to connect with Mr. Long, a Division MLA since 2019.

**Trustee Pettitt**, Chair of the Employee Recognition Committee, will provide an update on this year's retirement celebration plan near the end of May as more staff intention forms are submitted to HR.

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### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**Chair Karpluk** shared responses from Minister Nicolaides on the Board's advocacy issues specifically related to the use of public funds for public schools, and full-time funding for kindergarten programming. Additionally, the Board met with Evergreen Catholic Separate School Division (ECSSD) to discuss bussing and possible joint advocacy topics relevant to smaller rural towns. ECSSD has two schools in Hinton.

The Board requested administration arrange a meeting with the Yellowhead County Council to provide information on Alberta Education's process to fund capital projects, such as the amalgamation and modernization project taking place in Evansburg.

As part of their support for public education, the Board will be contributing 'success stories' to an initiative from the Public School Boards Association of Alberta. The project invites boards to share the names of five former public school graduates who have gone on to thrive in their chosen fields and meaningfully represent their communities.

The Board heard from parent **Holly See**. Mrs. See shared her concerns around the Board's enforcement of school attendance areas. Her concerns will be reviewed by the Policy Committee and any resulting recommendations will be subsequently brought forward to the Board.

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### SYSTEM HEALTH and WELLNESS

Chair Karpluk shared the Board's advocacy efforts around school nutrition programs found traction. Minister Nicolaides shared the [province's decision to collaborate federally on a national school food program](#).

Inclusive Learning Director **Amy Corser** provided the annual inclusive education report describing how a team of 38 connected individuals provides assessments, programs, supports, and specialized services to GYPSD students. She also encouraged parents to check out the various Spring Break activities and events organized by the BEST and Wellness Navigators taking place in each community.

The Board defeated a motion for trustees to attend the Canadian School Boards' Association Summer Conference taking place in Winnipeg this July.

### LOOKING AHEAD...

- April 8 and 9: CUPE Negotiations Resume
- April 10-11: PSBC
- April 11: ASBA Zone 2/3
- April 11: Division PD Day
- April 15: Jasper Indigenous Education Camp
- April 16: Public Board Meeting
- April 18: Good Friday Stat Holiday
- April 30 - May 2: CASS Indigenous Gathering

