

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

Meeting Number 10

May 21, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

Education Services Center, Edson, AB

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TRUSTEE ATTENDANCE:

M. Bobilek	Present
S. Caputo, Vice-Chair	Present
F. Fowler	Present
D. Karpluk, Chair	Present
J. Mines	Present
J. Pettitt	Present

ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE:

K. Scobie, Acting Superintendent of Schools
C. Aschenmeier, Assistant Superintendent – Division Services and Supports
M. Auriat, Assistant Superintendent – Human Resources
J. Lin, Secretary-Treasurer
L. Liu, Director of Finance
N. Gilks, Director of Communications and Special Projects
L. Lee, Director of Information Technology
A. Corser, Director of Inclusion
B. Orge, Director of Facilities
K. Brook, Senior Executive Assistant

DELEGATIONS PRESENT:

School Administration/Staff/Students: SYC Students and Teacher Advisors

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Karpluk called the meeting to order at 1012 hours.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Board would like to express their deepest sympathies on the passing of Alvin Findlay, president of the Mountain Métis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- May 5th to 9th
 - Mental Health Week
 - Alberta Forest and Emergency Preparedness Week
- May 5th

- Red Dress Day, which is the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People
- School Bus Appreciation Day
- The Transportation Department will be hosting a GYPSD Bus Road-eo, where are talented drivers compete in a number of events and obstacle courses
- This Board Meeting the Superintendent's Youth Council members will be presenting to the Board

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

2025-044

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Fowler moved that the Board approve the agenda.

Carried

2025-045

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Trustee Karpluk moved that the Board approve the minutes of the Public Board Meeting of April 16, 2025.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

DELEGATION / PRESENTATION

None.

Spotlight On Students

Moved further down the agenda to accommodate late student arrival from Hinton and Jasper schools.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None.

ACTION ITEMS

2025-046

Education Plan Submission

Trustee Mines moved that the Board approve the 2025-2028 Education Plan (Year 2) for submission to Alberta Education.

Carried Unanimously

2025-047

Board Policy 22 – School Attendance Areas

Trustee Bobilek moved that the Board of Trustees approve the adoption of a new Board Policy, *Policy 22, School Attendance Areas*.

Carried Unanimously

2025-048

School Bus Purchases – Evergreening

Trustee Fowler moved that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of four new school buses for the Transportation Department.

2025-049

Friendly Amendment to Motion 2025-048

Trustee Bobilek moved that the Board of Trustees make a friendly amendment to Motion 2025-048, as follows:

That the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of four new school buses for the Transportation Department to the maximum of \$800,000.

Carried Unanimously

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Superintendent's Youth Council

- Parkland Composite High School
- Grande Cache Community High School
- Harry Collinge High School

The Public Board Meeting recessed at 1144 hours.

The Public Board Meeting reconvened at 1230 hours.

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

- Grand Trunk High School
- Jasper Junior Senior High School

2025-050

2025/26 School Year Budget Report

Trustee Mines moved that the Board of Trustees approve the 2025/26 School Year Budget Report and direct Administration to submit it to the Minister of Education.

Carried Unanimously

2025-051

Advocacy Letter: CUPE Budget

Trustee Pettitt moved that the Board of Trustees for Grande Yellowhead Public Schools approve that an advocacy letter be sent to the Minister of Education and Childcare requesting provincial funding to support compensation for CUPE bargaining for the recently ratified CUPE Collective Agreement with Local #1357.

Carried Unanimously

2025-052

Follow-up Letter Requesting Compensation for Insurance Deductible

Trustee Caputo moved that the Board of Trustees moves to direct Administration to send a follow-up letter to the new Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Honourable Julie Dabrusin, to compensate Grande Yellowhead Public School Division for the \$500,000 insurance deductible in relation to the Jasper Wildfire in July of 2024.

Carried Unanimously

2025-053

Letter of Support for School Council at École Jasper Elementary School Re: Playground Grant Applications

Trustee Mines moved that the Board of Trustees for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) moves to direct administration to send a letter supporting funding applications from École Jasper Elementary School's School Council to redevelop the playground at the school.

Carried Unanimously

2025-054

Letters of Congratulations – 2025 Federal Elections MPs

Trustee Fowler moved that the Board of Trustees for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) moves to direct administration to send letters of congratulations to the elected Members of Parliament responsible for communities within the GYPSD boundary – for Yellowhead, Mr. William Stevenson, and Parkland, Mr. Dane Lloyd – as a result of the federal election held on April 28, 2025.

Carried Unanimously

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair Karpluk Shared:

- Response Letter from Minister Nixon – Holding Funds for Interim Housing in Jasper
- Upcoming Spring General Meetings – PBSAA, ASBA, Rural Caucus

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Acting Superintendent Scobie reported on the activities from the Superintendent's office since the last Public Board Meeting on April 16, 2025.

The Public Board Meeting recessed at 1405 hours.

The Public Board Meeting reconvened at 1418 hours.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Division Operations: Department Updates

The Board received a report from all department heads since the last Public Board Meeting on April 16, 2025.

Human Resources Planning and Recruiting Report

The Board received an overview of Human Resources workflow for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division's staffing purposes.

Preparing for Trustee Elections: 2025 Candidate Handbook

The Board received the 2025 Candidate Handbook to assist potential candidates in learning about the important role of a public-school trustee.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Connections to Board Governance Work Plan Calendar

Trustee Mines shared that she attended a Family Indigenous Support Union.

Board Policy Committee

Trustee Bobilek shared that the Policy Committee will be bringing *Policy 08, Committees of the Board*, and *Policy 16, Recruitment and Personnel Selection*, forward at the June Public Board Meeting

Recognition of Employees Committee

Trustee Pettitt shared that information about the number of this year's retirees will be finalized by the end of May.

Board Planning Seminar Committee

Trustee Bobilek shared that the Committee plans to meet at the beginning of June to start planning the new Board Orientation in October.

Board Negotiations Committee

No Report.

Board Finance Committee

Trustee Mines shared that the Committee has met a couple of times and has started to look at their governance budget.

Board Representatives

- **PSBAA – Work Plan Update**
 - PSBAA FGM is in Calgary from June 3rd to June 5th
- **ASBA Zone 2/3**
 - Zone 2/3 meeting is on Friday, May 23rd

FUTURE BUSINESS

Meeting Dates

Board – Open to Public

June 18, 2025 Public Board Meeting (10:00 a.m.)

Committees – Closed to Public

June 18, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting (9:00 a.m.)

Notice of Motion

None.

Future Agenda Items

- Trustee Caputo would like to meet with the Edson and Hinton Friendship Centres.


- Trustee Mines added that she would also like to meet with the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation in Grande Cache.
- Board Chair Karpluk would like to discuss possible changes to the current Transportation Fee Schedule.

2025-055

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Bobilek moved for adjournment at 1444 hours.

Carried

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Dale Karpluk (Jun 18, 2025 22:01 MDT)

Dale Karpluk
Board Chair

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Jun Lin
Secretary-Treasurer