



MINUTES

Golden Hills School Division No. 75

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Location: Boardroom of the Golden Hills School Division

Start Time: 9:30 AM

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 (9:30 AM)

1.0 Attendance

Present:

a) Chair

- Laurie Huntley

b) Vice Chair

- Barry Kletke

c) Trustees

- Jennifer Mertz
- Jim Northcott
- Rob Pirie
- Justin Bolin

d) Superintendent

- Bevan Daverne

e) Secretary Treasurer

- Tahra Sabir

f) Associate Superintendent

- Wes Miskiman

g) Deputy Superintendent

- Jeff Grimsdale

2.0 Call to Order

Chair Huntley called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

3.0 Acknowledgment

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge that we live, work and play on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, Piikani), the Tsuut'ina, the Îyâxe Nakoda Nations, the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

4.0 In Camera

4.1 In Camera

Recommendation: BD#20211214.1001

MOVED by Trustee Northcott that the Board of Trustees go In Camera at 9:36 a.m.

Chair Initials _____ Secretary Treasurer Initials _____

4.2 Out of In Camera

Recommendation: BD#20211214.1002

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera at 10:29 a.m.

Recessed at 10:29 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:38 a.m.

5.0 Approval of Agenda

5.1 Approval of Agenda

Recommendation: BD#20211214.1003

MOVED by Trustee Bolin that the Board of Trustees approve the December 14, 2021 agenda as presented.

6.0 Welcome Public, Vision and Mission Statements

7.0 Presentation of Minutes

7.1 Regular Minutes of November 23, 2021

Recommendation: BD#20211214.1004

MOVED by Trustee Northcott that the Board of Trustees approve the November 23, 2021 Regular Minutes.

8.0 REPORTS

A) Chair's Report

Chair Huntley presented information on the following topics:

- Attended the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Chair Orientation on November 26, 2021.
- Attended the ASBA Board Chair Curriculum summary meeting, discussion around the resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting, another meeting to be scheduled.
- Received invitation for all Trustees from the Alberta Teachers Association (ATA) to attend a Trustees Summit being held January 13, 2022.
- Received request from the Rural School Board Caucus (RSBC) to forward them issues that divisions are encountering.
- Letter received regarding Bill 70 - COVID Liability.
- December 13, 2021, media release and Board Chairs meeting regarding Curriculum.

B) Board Committees

Trustee Northcott had no new information to report on for the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 5.

Trustee Pirie reported that the ASBA Zone 5 January 7, 2022 meeting will be held at Golden Hills School Division.

C) Board Representatives to External Organizations

No new information to report on at this time.

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D) Administration Reports

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the following topics:

- Received information from Alberta Treasure board that they will no longer be giving school divisions discounted loan rates.
- Provincial Trustee Election information, 427 in total, 189 newly elected, 209 acclaimed and 4 vacant.
- Alberta Education posted the 2021-22 Enrolment Verification Audit list, less this year with 111 students being audited.
- Alberta Risk Managed Insurance Consortium (ARMIC) held its Subscribers meeting December 7-9, 2021, will be hiring an Executive Director.
- Transportation - Inclement weather meetings, received excellent feedback from drivers, discussed installing Webasto and Proheat engine for buses. Numerous other inclement weather supports are also underway.
- Modularity - Trinity Christian Academy Modularity are delayed due to supply chain issues.
- Summer Projects - will be posting tenders earlier due to the shortage in supplies.
- Alberta Rural Education Symposium (ARES) - will be hosting their Conference March 6-8, 2022. The Theme for the 2022 symposium is Flourishing Rural School Communities: Learning and leading through appreciative inquiry.

Associate Superintendent Grimsdale presented information on the following topics:

- The Drumheller Institution donated a Teepee to Drumheller Valley Secondary School and Greentree Elementary.

Superintendent Daverne presented information on the following topics:

- Alberta Teachers Association (ATA) - discussed retirement session held for southern Alberta through the ATA, Golden Hills School Division hosts their own retirement sessions.
- The Early Literacy and Numeracy Intervention Programs are a provincially funded program that have proven success within GHSD schools. Effective January 3, 2022, Michelle Silver Rushford, Associate Principal of Wheatland Elementary, will be the full-time Numeracy Support. She will be expanding the numeracy support program to all elementary schools in the district.
- Kurt Ratzlaff, Principal of Acme, Carbon and Dr. Elliott schools, will be retiring at the end of February 2022.
- Administrative Procedure 493 - *COVID-19 Staff Vaccination and Rapid Testing Assurance*, 70 % attestations have been complete, reviewing exemption requests. Community use of our facilities will be required to fill out the attestation.
- School year has been challenging, push back of masks and vaccinations within our schools.
- Administrators' meetings will hopefully be held in person starting in January 2022.
- Technology is revamping the staff portal, looking at Microsoft Teams.
- Reviewing the 2022-2023 Calendar with Administrators before it comes to the Board of Trustees.
- 2022 Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards - nomination packages due by February 1, 2022, GHSD has lots of representation.
- School sports - spectators allowed, specific protocol must be followed, has caused challenges.

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9.0 NEW BUSINESS

A) Information Items

9.1 Monthly Enrolment Monitoring Report (November 2021) (T. Sabir)

Recommendation:

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented the November 30, 2021 Monthly Enrolment to the Board of Trustees for information.

9.2 Technology Services Report (J. Grimsdale)

Recommendation:

Associate Superintendent Grimsdale presented information on the primary role of the Technology Services that supports the teachers, staff and students throughout Golden Hills School Division. Technology infrastructure is a key piece to supporting Powerful Learning whether in school or at home.

9.3 International Program Report (B. Daverne)

Recommendation:

Dr. Kandace Jordan, Director of International and Innovation Services, presented information on Golden Hills International Program, which provides opportunity for our resident students to experience global competencies by interacting with students around the world. Our international students have the opportunity to learn English and benefit from quality academic programming.

9.4 Administrative Procedure 260 - Form 260-2 International Travel Consent Form (B. Daverne)

Recommendation:

Administrative Procedure 260-Form 260-2 International Travel Consent Form was reviewed by the Board of Trustees. The new procedure is to support necessary changes in administrative best practices.

9.5 Wheatland Crossing - Fitness Facility Update (B. Daverne)

Superintendent Daverne presented information on preliminary draft designs for the Wheatland Crossing community and school use fitness facility.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

10.1 Adjournment

Recommendation: BD#20211214.1005

The Board of Trustees adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

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