



MINUTES

Golden Hills School Division

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Location: Boardroom of the Golden Hills School Division

Start Time: 9:30 AM

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 (9:30 AM)

1.0 Attendance

Present:

a) Chair

- Laurie Huntley

b) Vice Chair

- Jim Northcott

c) Trustees

- Barry Kletke - excused himself at 3:38 pm
- Rob Pirie
- Jen Mertz
- Justin Bolin

d) Superintendent

- Bevan Daverne

e) Deputy Superintendent

- Wes Miskiman - excused himself at noon

g) Secretary Treasurer

- Tahra Sabir

h) Recording Secretary

- Kristy Polet

Absent:

f) Associate Superintendent

- Jeff Grimsdale

2.0 Call to Order

Chair Huntley called the meeting to order at 9:37 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#20230328.1001

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees go In Camera at 9:37 a.m.

4.2 Out of In Camera

Recommendation: BD#20230328.1002

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera at 12:57 p.m.

Recess at 12:58 p.m.

Reconvened at 1:34 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION: BD # 20230328.1003

MOVED by Trustee Mertz that the Board of Trustees go In Camera at 1:35 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION: BD# 20230328.1004

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera at 1:46 p.m.

5.0 Approval of Agenda

5.1 Approval of Agenda

Recommendation: BD#20230328.1005

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as presented.

6.0 Welcome Public, Vision and Mission Statements

7.0 Presentation of Minutes

7.1 Regular Minutes of February 28, 2023

Recommendation: BD#20230328.1006

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Minutes of February 28, 2023.

8.0 REPORTS

A) Chair's Report

Chair Huntley presented information on the following topics:

- All communication materials were forwarded to the Board of Trustees.
- Discussed Superintendent recruitment.
- Sarah Hoffman, NDP Education Critic, requested school divisions to send a note to parents regarding Elections.
- Discussed opinion pieces from the Public School Board Association of Alberta (PSBAA) regarding provincial elections.
- Elk Island Public School Division Chair, Trina Boymook gave examples of sharing communication to MLA's.
- ASBA reviewed the School Capital Planning information and clarified each stage.
- Received approval letter from Education Minister, Adriana LaGrange regarding Trinity Christian Academy renovations.
- Discussed the Canadian School Board Association (CSBA) survey that was sent out by Dr. Vivian Aboud, CEO of ASBA, that was due March 24, 2023.

- March 21, 2023 Presidents' Summary letter was sent out to Board Chairs, this letter is a summary of the ASBA's presidents monthly meeting with the Education Minister, Adriana LaGrange.
- March 20, 2023, took part in the ASBA Chairs' Election Advocacy Meeting and Ministers Town Hall Meeting regarding curriculum briefing with the Education Deputy Minister, Andre Tremblay and Assistant Deputy Minister, Jennifer Cassidy.
- March 21, 2023 - Meetings with ASBA Education Consultant, Terry Gunderson, Acme Town Council, and the Acme Alumni Association.
- March 22, 2023 Principal interviews.

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MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees move April 25, 2023 board meeting to April 27, 2023.

B) Board Committees

Vice Chair Northcott and Trustee Pirie presented information on the following topics:

- Trustee Pirie discussed the Alberta School Board Association (ASBA) SGM that will be held June 5-6, 2023 in Calgary, AB. There will be a Chairs meeting on the Sunday, June 4, 2023.
- Trustee Northcott discussed the ASBA Zone 5 Meeting that was held Friday, March 3, 2023, budget, bylaws, and the Edwin Parr celebrations that take place May 18 at the Calgary Winter Club.

C) Board Representatives to External Organizations

Nothing to report on at this time.

D) Administration Reports

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the following topics:

- Facilities Update:
 - Snow removal is over budget.
 - Wheatland Crossing Fitness Facility - structural work has been awarded and in the process of receiving estimates for mechanical work.
 - Trinity Christian Academy parking lot - goes to tender by March 31, 2023 and will close in April.
 - Trinity Christian Academy building office space - currently in the process of rendering drawings.
- Superintendent Daverne presented information on the following topics:
 - 2023 Edwin Parr Award nominee is Brooklyn Gipman from Drumheller Valley Secondary School. The Edwin Parr Awards Celebration will be held at the Calgary Winter Club on May 18, 2023.
 - 2023-2024 Administrative Positions are as follows:
 - Principals
 - Carmen Spitzer - International Student Services
 - Stefan Dykema - George Freeman School
 - Ryan Hatch - Carbon School
 - Adam Pirie - Westmount School
 - Jennifer Bertsch - Colony Schools

- Associate Principals
 - Rosalind Schnieder - Golden Hills Learning Academy/Strathmore Storefront
 - Mike Walsh - Trinity Christian Academy
 - Shane Stockwood - Hutterite Colony Schools
- Currently Golden Hills has 19 Colony schools, this number will rise to 22 Colony schools in the coming years as four schools are splitting.
- 51 Teaching positions available, along with two Instructional Coaching positions - holding interviews.
- There is approximately eight retirees this year.
- The Drumheller Valley Secondary School String Group will be performing at the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) SGM June 1-3, 2023.
- Discussed Joint Use Agreement planning with Municipalities.
- Discussed adjacent land that is beside Prairie Christian Academy in Three Hills.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

A) Action Items

9.1 Capital Planning (T. Sabir)

Recommendation: BD#20230328.1008

MOVED by Trustee Bolin that the Board of Trustees approve the replacement schools' requests for the following:

1. Westmount School (\$4,107,506 deferred maintenance) - currently announced "planning funding"
2. Greentree School (\$ 3,543,117 deferred maintenance) - replacement
3. Dr. Elliott School (\$ 3,404,200 deferred maintenance) - replacement

9.2 Advocacy Planning (B. Daverne)

Recommendation: BD#20230328.1009

MOVED by Trustee Mertz that the Board of Trustees approve the 2022-2023 Advocacy Points.

B) Information Items

9.3 Monthly Enrolment Monitoring Report (February) (T. Sabir)

Recommendation:

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the Monthly Enrolment Monitoring Report for February 2023 to the Board of Trustees.

9.4 Budget Announcement (T. Sabir)

Recommendation:

Secretary Treasurer Sabir reviewed the 2023-2024 Budget with the Board of Trustees as information.

9.5 Transportation Monitoring Report

Recommendation:

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the Transportation Monitoring Report for September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022 and September 1, 2022 to current to the Board of

Trustees. This report provides opportunity to consider the impact of Transportation Policy on the education of students in the jurisdiction.

9.6 School Capital Project Planning Process - Westmount (T. Sabir)

Recommendation:

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information to the Board of Trustees on the School Capital Project Planning Process and the status of Westmount and Acme schools.

9.7 Acme Replacement School Project Update (B. Daverne)

Superintendent Daverne presented an update on the allocated funding for the Acme Replacement School Project.

10.0 School Monitoring Reports

10.1 Drumheller Valley Secondary School Greentree Elementary School

Recommendation:

The Drumheller Valley Secondary School and Greentree Elementary School Tours were postponed and will be visited at a later date.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Adjournment

Recommendation: BD#20230328.1010

The Board of Trustees adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer