



# MINUTES

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## 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, December 12, 2023 (9:30 AM)**

### 1.0 Attendance

Present:

- a) Chair
  - Laurie Huntley
- b) Vice Chair
  - Barry Kletke
- c) Trustees
  - Jen Mertz
  - Jim Northcott
  - Rob Pirie
- d) Superintendent
  - Jeff Grimsdale
- f) Secretary Treasurer
  - Tahra Sabir
- g) Recording Secretary
  - Kristy Polet

Absent:

- c) Trustee
  - Justin Bolin
- e) Deputy Superintendent
  - Wes Miskiman

### 2.0 Call to Order

Chair Huntley called the meeting to order at 9:32 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.

Chair Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary Treasurer Initials \_\_\_\_\_

## 4.0 In Camera

### 4.1 In Camera

**Recommendation: BD#20231212.1001**

**MOVED by Trustee Northcott** that the Board of Trustees go In Camera at 9:33 PM.

### 4.2 Out of In Camera

**Recommendation: BD#20231212.1002**

**MOVED by Trustee Mertz** that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera 10:48 AM.

Recessed at 10:40 AM

Reconvened at 11:04 AM

## 5.0 Approval of Agenda

### 5.1 Approval of Agenda

**Recommendation: BD#20231212.1003**

**MOVED by Trustee Northcott** 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 November 28, 2023

**Recommendation: BD#20231212.1004**

**MOVED by Trustee Pirie** that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Minutes of November 28, 2023, as presented.

## 8.0 REPORTS

### A) Chair's Report

Chair Huntley presented information on the following topics:

- Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 5 meeting discussed parent complaint procedure.
- Chair Huntley submitted an article in the Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA), The Advocate (November 2023 addition) based on our Powerful Learning Framework and Collaborative Days.
- Golden Hills has been asked to present at the Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA) SGM in 2024. Consultant, Deb Hinds-Nunziata will be the guest speaker.
- Discussed the expansion of the Alberta Security Infrastructure Program is a grant that will ensure all Albertans can live, learn, and worship freely and safely. The program provides communities or identifiable groups at risk of hate-motivated violence, harassment, or vandalism with funding to improve their safety.
- December 11, 2023, Speaker's Corner with Alberta Education and Kingsgate Legal was attended virtually. Discussion revolved around the Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers and Teacher Leaders, requirements for Trustee Codes of Conduct, and the Recall Act (Bill 52).
- Discussed meeting with MLA Chantelle de Jonge.
- The Board of Trustees expressed their greetings to staff and other stakeholders.

## **B) Board Committees**

No information at this time.

## **C) Board Representatives to External Organizations**

Trustees Northcott and Pirie presented information on the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 5 meeting that was held December 1, 2023.

- Edwin Parr Committee meeting taking place December 19, 2023 at the Indus Arena.
- Professional Development Day will be held on Friday, January 12, 2023 at the Golden Hills Division Office for Zone 5.

There is no new information to bring forward for the Rural School Board Caucus (RSBC) or Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA).

## **D) Administration Reports**

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the following topics:

- Facilities Update:
  - Wheatland Crossing Fitness Center - starting on the drywall.
  - Trinity Christian Academy Addition - is in various stages, security cameras being installed, installing a 19' video wall, other stages are depending on the weather.
  - Strathmore High School – electrical work in process for new video wall, sanitary sewer system smoke test completed.
  - Strathmore Maintenance Shop - roof top unit has been installed.
  - Trochu Maintenance Shop - HVAC system upgrades are complete, fully functioning.
  - Drumheller Valley School Bus Loop - exploring options with existing bus loop.
  - NorthStar Academy - relocating from Didsbury to Red Deer County, the move will be complete in the new year.
  - Dr. Elliott - shop boilers have been installed.
  - Caretaking and Maintenance - short staffed due to illnesses.
- Transportation:
  - All regular routes have been successfully covered by regular drivers, still short on spare drivers and in process of building spare driver pool.
  - Alberta Education has extended the eligibility distances from 2024 to 2025.

Superintendent Grimsdale presented information on the following topics:

- New Administration Orientation was held at Division Office on December 7, 2023.
  - Discussed mentorship program, appreciate the guidance provided by an experienced administrator as it makes the transition easier.
- Kindergarten registration will begin after the Christmas break.
- December 5, 2023 - education leaders toured Bow Valley College, discussed the opportunity of Dual Credit courses.
- UFA fuel savings cards - discount works off of the volume of gas/fuel purchased.

## 9.0 NEW BUSINESS

### A) Information Items

#### 9.1 Monthly Enrolment Monitoring Report (November 2023) (T. Sabir)

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the Enrolment for the month of November 2023.

Recessed at 12:15 PM

Reconvened at 1:50 PM

#### 9.2 Technology Services Report (J. Grimsdale)

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 key to supporting Powerful Learning whether in school or at home.

#### 9.3 International Program Report (J. Grimsdale)

Superintendent Grimsdale 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.

## 10.0 Guest

### 10.1 Chantelle de Jonge, MLA for Chestermere-Strathmore

Chair Huntley and Superintendent Grimsdale welcomed MLA, Chantelle de Jonge to our Board meeting during lunch break. The discussion was focused on future educational opportunities.

## 11.0 ADJOURNMENT

### 11.1 Adjournment

**Recommendation: BD#20231212.1005**

The Board of Trustees adjourned at 2:13 PM.

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Chair

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Secretary Treasurer