



GOLDEN HILLS

SCHOOL DIVISION

AGENDA

TYPE: Regular Board Meeting

DATE: 8/27/2024 **TIME:** 9:30 AM

LOCATION: Boardroom of the Golden Hills School Division

DETAILS:

"Powering Hope and Possibilities" Vision: Inspiring confident, connected, caring citizens of the world

Mission: Intentionally maximizing learning for all

1.0 Attendance

2.0 Call to Order

3.0 Acknowledgment

4.0 In Camera

4.1 In Camera Action

4.2 Out of In Camera Action

5.0 Approval of Agenda

5.1 Approval of Agenda Action

6.0 Welcome Public, Vision and Mission Statements

7.0 Presentation of Minutes

7.1 Regular Minutes of June 18, 2024 Action

8.0 REPORTS

A) Chair's Report

B) Board Committees

C) Board Representatives to External Organizations

D) Administration Reports

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

A) Action Items

9.1 Board Annual Leadership Plan 2024/2025 (J. Grimsdale) Action

9.2 Locally Developed and/or Acquired Courses and Approvals for Semester I (J. Grimsdale) Action

B) Information Items

9.3 Monthly Enrolment Monitoring Report (June 2024) (T. Sabir) Info

9.4 School Bus Driver Competency Grant - Update (T. Sabir) Info

9.5 Budget 2024/2025 - Update (T. Sabir) Info

9.6 Administrative Procedure (J. Grimsdale) Info

10.0 ADJOURNMENT



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, June 18, 2024 (9:30 AM)

1.0 Attendance

Present:

a) Chair

- Laurie Huntley

b) Vice Chair

- Rob Pirie

c) Trustees

- Jen Mertz
- Barry Kletke
- Justin Bolin
- Jim Northcott

d) Superintendent

- Jeff Grimsdale

f) Secretary Treasurer

- Tahra Sabir

g) Recording Secretary

- Kristy Polet

Absent:

e) Deputy Superintendent

- Wes Miskiman

2.0 Call to Order

Chair Huntley called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

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 Stoney Nakoda Nations, the Métis Nation (District 3 and 4), 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#20240618.1001

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees go In Camera at 9:31 AM.

Carried

4.2 Out of In Camera

Recommendation: BD#20240618.1002

MOVED by Trustee Northcott that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera at 10:30 AM.

Carried

Recessed at 10:30 AM

Reconvened at 10:46 AM

5.0 Approval of Agenda

5.1 Approval of Agenda

Recommendation: BD#20240618.1003

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as amended with the addition of 9.2 under Action Items:

- 9.2 Compensation

Carried

6.0 Welcome Public, Vision and Mission Statements

7.0 Presentation of Minutes

7.1 Regular Minutes of May 28, 2024

Recommendation: BD#20240618.1004

MOVED by Trustee Mertz that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Minutes of May 28, 2024, as presented.

Carried

8.0 REPORTS

A) Chair's Report

Chair Huntley presented information on the following topics:

- Chair Huntley shared all correspondence.
- Chair Huntley and all Trustees took part in the following conferences, meetings and events:
 - Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) SGM held May 30-June 2, 2024.
 - Rural School Board Caucus (RSBC) Spring Meeting.
 - Alberta School Boards Association SGM held June 2-4, 2024, 2024.
 - ASBA Zone 5 June meeting, that was held June 7, 2024.
 - The Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Student Awards, pleased to congratulate Keagan Farmer of Drumheller Valley Secondary School on his award.
 - The Golden Hills School Division Powwow demonstration that was held May 31, 2024.

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- Attended numerous school graduations and award celebrations.
- Chair's meeting with the Minister regarding Cell phones in School legislation.

Chair Huntley extends her sincere thanks to GHSD Trustees for their dedication and hard work, their participation in Board work, on external committees, and attendance at Trustee events. Also, to the Senior Administration team for another outstanding and successful school year!

B) Board Committees

No information at this time.

C) Board Representatives to External Organizations

Trustee Northcott presented information on the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 5 meeting that was held Friday, June 7, 2024.

- ASBA President, Marilyn Dennis was in attendance for the meeting.
- Discussed Dual Credit review, Grants for Rural Teachers.
- Discussed Trustee Elections - Rural Trustees will not be asked to divulge their political party of interest.
- Discussed virtual meeting costs for ASBA.
- Discussed Bill 20 - Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (amended) - it sets new rules for local elections and councils to enhance integrity and maintain public trust.
- Discussed Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- "Backpack Full of Cash" documentary has been postponed.

Trustee Kletke and Trustee Northcott had no new information to present regarding the Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA) and the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) due to their SGM that took place from May 30 - June 4, 2024.

D) Administration Reports

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the following topics:

Transportation:

- Current Training Group has four trainees, they will start in early summer with the goal of being ready to drive a route by the start of the school year.
- Staff from our schools are also enrolled for school bus training.
- Diesel price is \$1.44, GHSD estimated the price to go as high as \$1.50.

Facilities:

- Strathmore High School Washroom renovation.
- Trinity Christian Academy Administrative Addition challenges.
- New Acme School has broke ground on June 3, 2024, parking lot has been relocated.
- Many Projects will be worked on over the summer:
 - Ecole Brentwood School - new vinyl plank flooring
 - Carbon School - LED lights
 - Carseland School - Flooring and replace the boilers.
 - Crowther Memorial Junior High - Flooring and main breaker replacement.
 - Drumheller Valley Secondary School - wall removal for staff work room, Air Chiller upgrade.
 - Dr. Elliott replacement boiler pump actuator, install acoustical ceiling and insulate Room #126.

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- Greentree School - Upgrade BMS, change lights, new ceiling tiles.
- Prairie Christian Academy - Replace window in portable.
- Strathmore High School - replace grease trap and replace carpet and seats in theatre.
- Three Hills School - replace flooring in gathering space.
- Westmount Elementary School - North exterior parking light upgrade, Strive Classroom floor replacement and bathroom partition.
- Wheatland Elementary School - replace Library carpet.
- Wheatland Crossing - installation of modular classroom sinks, HVAC - heating line replacement, Classroom LED lighting.

Superintendent Grimsdale presented information on the following topics:

- Congratulations Keagan Farmer of Drumheller Valley Secondary School on his Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Student Awards.
- Final Administrators meeting was held June 5, 2024.
- Attended the Strathmore High School Powwow on June 14, 2024.
- New Draft Curriculum review for Social Studies will take place June 11, 2024, there are 22 teachers taking part.
- Will be drafting new Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy.
- Review of mobile devices in grades K-12 classrooms - This new policy is to be implemented by September 1, 2024. We will be working with Administrators; information will need to go out to parents prior to the start of school.

HR Update:

- 85 teachers have been hired, 13 are school based Administrators. In the process of hiring substitute teachers.
- Meagen Vesely - newly appointed Vice Principal for Wheatland Elementary School.
- Learning Academy and NorthStar Academy have approximately 800 summer students registered.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

A) Action Items

9.1 Field Trip Studies/Student Excursion - George Freeman (J. Grimsdale)

Recommendation: BD#20240618.1005

MOVED by Trustee Mertz that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed junior high school field studies/excursion for George Freeman School the Netherlands and France from May 2-11, 2025 subject to advisory notices from Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada website http://www.voyage.gc.ca/countries_pays/updates_mise-a-jour-eng.asp such that if a travel warning is issued prior to the trip and not rescinded before the departure date, the trip will be cancelled and parents must be advised that this will be the case.

Carried

9.2 Compensation (W. Miskiman)

Recommendation: BD#20240618.1006

MOVED by Trustee Northcott that the Board of Trustees approve an adjustment in compensation for all non-unionized (exempt) staff as recommended in Schedules A, B and C.

Carried

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B) Information Items

9.3 Administrative Procedures - 131, 170, 303, 315 and 361 (J. Grimsdale)

Superintendent Grimsdale presented information on the following Administrative Procedures that have been reviewed by the stakeholders, AP 131 Emergency Closing of Schools Inclement Weather, AP 170 Appendix A Critical Incident Manual, AP 315 Independent Students, AP 315 Pediculosis (Head Lice) and AP 315 Appendix A, AP 361 Retention.

9.4 Monthly Enrolment Monitoring Report (May 2024) (T. Sabir)

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the Monthly Enrolment Monitoring Report for May 2024 to the Board of Trustees.

9.5 Third Quarter Financial Report (Mar/Apr/May 2024) (T. Sabir)

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented and reviewed the Third Quarterly Financial Report to the Board of Trustees, which outlines Golden Hills revenue and expenditures, budget variances and comparisons with benchmarks from September 2023 to May 2024 for the record.

9.6 Administrative Designations (W. Miskiman)

On behalf of the Deputy Superintendent, Superintendent Grimsdale reviewed the Administrative Designations/Appointment set out below for the upcoming 2024/2025 school year.

Acting Principal Designations:

- Laurianne Hewey (Carbon School June 10-28, 2024)

Acting Vice Principal Designations:

- Meagen Vesely (George Freeman School June 3-28, 2024)

Principal Designations:

- Sadie Oberle (Acme and Dr. Elliott Schools)
- Dana Yemen (Drumheller Valley Secondary School)
- Shane Stockwood (Hutterite Colony Schools)
- Joan Boles (Three Hills School)
- Michael Walsh (Trinity Christian Academy)
- Emily Garrioch (Wheatland Elementary School)

Vice Principal Designations:

- Jennifer Walker-Aoki (Acme and Dr. Elliott Schools)
- Kathryn Coulter (Ecole Brentwood Elementary)
- Erin Friesen (Crowther Memorial Junior High School)
- Dana Levesque (Drumheller Valley Secondary School)
- Peter Ehrman (Greentree Elementary School)
- Sherry Krulicki (Trinity Christian Academy)
- Meagen Vesely (Wheatland Elementary School)

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

10.1 Adjournment

Recommendation: BD#20240618.1007

The Board of Trustees adjourned at 12:14 PM.

Carried

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

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BOARD ANNUAL LEADERSHIP PLAN

“Inspiring confident, connected, caring citizens of the world”

August 27, 2024

Background:

Board’s Policy 2 - *Role of the Board*, specifically 9, Selected Responsibilities, (9.1) “The board shall: Establish a comprehensive annual leadership plan with suggested timelines.”

The Board’s Annual Leadership Plan provides corporate direction and informs leadership flow for the administrative functions. A copy of the Board’s Annual Leadership Plan is provided in the trustee’s agenda packages for each regular board meeting. It is understood that internal forces as well as external organizations, such as Alberta Education, also establish timelines for various functions and these may result in ongoing changes and updates.

The Board of Trustees is urged to review the attached Annual Leadership Plan, to suggest and discuss any desired changes, and to consider additional opportunities for community engagement. The Board’s Annual Leadership Plan is usually approved with the understanding that internal and external factors may necessitate changes as the year progresses.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Trustees approves the Board’s Annual Leadership Plan subject to the necessity for ongoing changes as a result of internal and external influences.

Jeff Grimsdale
Superintendent



GOLDEN HILLS SCHOOL DIVISION
BOARD ANNUAL LEADERSHIP PLAN 2024-2025

Motto: *Powering hope and possibilities*
Vision: *Inspiring confident, connected, caring citizens of the world*
Mission: *Intentionally maximizing learning for all*

Board Priorities	<p>The Board developed the following priorities for itself for 2024/25:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Position our schools as “schools of choice” for students and their families. 2. Continue to build relationship with Alberta government and other partners including other partner School Boards. 3. Developing a relationship with the ATA Local that advances the quality of education in Golden Hills. 4. Build on existing advocacy strategies and strengthen the approach. 5. Continue to develop understanding of measures and the outcomes of the linkages between planning and budget processes. 6. Explore authentic opportunities to inform and consult with all communities. 7. Continue to expand and implement a strategy on social media. 	
<p>August</p> <p>REGULAR AUGUST 27</p> <p>AGENDA SETTING AUGUST 21</p>	<p><u>ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:</u> Review the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pecuniary Interest Forms, Election of Chair and Vice Chair, Signing Authority, Meeting Dates and times, Trustee Expenses/Pier Diems/Mileage rate/Benefit Rate/Other Expenses, Conference attendance (PSBAA & ASBA), External and Standing Committee Members <p><u>Regular Meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monthly Enrolment Monitoring Report (June) ● Board Leadership Plan 2024-25 ● Locally Developed and/or Acquired Courses Report and Approvals for Semester I 	<p><u>Other Events:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PSBAA Learning & Meeting (Aug 7-9, 2024) Location: Grande Prairie, AB ● Organizational Professional Day (Aug 28, 2024) ● GHSD Collaborative PD Day (Aug 29, 2024) ● Organizational Professional Day (Aug 30, 2024)
<p>September</p> <p>REGULAR TENTATIVE SEPTEMBER 24</p> <p>AGENDA SETTING SEPTEMBER (TBD)</p>	<p><u>Agenda and Monitoring Reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Preliminary Enrolment Monitoring Report ● System Enhancement ● Family School Community Resource Program Report <p><u>Presentations/School Reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TBD 	<p><u>Other Events:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ASBA Zone 5 (Sept 6, 2024?) Location: TBD ● First Day for Students (Sept 3, 2024) ● New Teachers Orientation (Sept TBD) ● Professional Day - Leading and Learning (Sept 20, 2024) ● National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Sept 30, 2024)
<p>October</p> <p>REGULAR TENTATIVE OCTOBER 22</p> <p>AGENDA SETTING OCTOBER (TBD)</p>	<p><u>Agenda and Monitoring Reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enrolment Monitoring Report (September) ● AERR 2023-2024 (DRAFT) ● Human Resources Staffing Report ● IMR and Capital Projects Report ● Annual Modular Request ● Advocacy (reviewed in March 2024) <p><u>Presentations/School Reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TBD 	<p><u>Other Events:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ASBA Zone 5 Zoom Meeting (Oct 4, 2024?) Location: TBD ● Thanksgiving (Oct 14, 2024) ● PSBAA Fall Conference/AGM (Oct 16-18, 2024) Location: Doubletree by Hilton, West Edm. ● New Teacher Orientation (TBD)



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<p>November</p> <p>REGULAR TENTATIVE NOVEMBER 26</p> <p>AGENDA SETTING NOVEMBER (TBD)</p>	<p>Agenda and Monitoring Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audited Financial Statements YR End August 31, 2024 • AERR 2023-2024 (final) • Enrolment Monitoring Report (October) • Locally Developed and/or Acquired Courses Report and Approvals for Semester II • Provincial Exam Results (annual and five-year trends – In Camera and for public) (Moved to December last year) • Policies Review (continuous) <p>Presentations/School Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD 	<p>Other Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GHSD Collaborative Day (Nov 1, 2024) • ASBA Zone 5 Meeting (Nov 1, 2024?) Location: TBD • Remembrance Day Ceremonies (TBD) • Remembrance Day (TBD) • PSBAA Council Meeting (Nov 15-16, 2024) Location: Doubletree by Hilton, West Edm • ASBA Fall General Meeting, (Nov 17-19, 2024) Location: Westin, Edmonton
<p>December</p> <p>REGULAR TENTATIVE DECEMBER 10</p> <p>AGENDA SETTING DECEMBER (TBD)</p>	<p>Agenda and Monitoring Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolment Monitoring Report (November) • Technology Services Report • International Services Report Results 2023-24 and 2024-25 Planning <p>Presentations/School Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD 	<p>Other Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASBA Zone 5 Meeting (Dec 6, 2024?) Location: TBD • Christmas Luncheon with Division Office & Maintenance Staff (TBD) • Christmas Break – Schools (Dec 23, 2024 – Jan 3, 2025)
<p>January</p> <p>REGULAR TENTATIVE JANUARY 21</p> <p>AGENDA SETTING JANUARY (TBD)</p>	<p>Agenda and Monitoring Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Quarter Financial Report (Sept/Oct/Nov) • Enrolment Monitoring Report (December) • School Summaries Report • Administrative Procedure Updates • Inclusive Education Report (2023-24 Results & 2024-25 Plans) • CRA Mileage Allowance Review <p>Presentations/School Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD 	<p>Other Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASBA Zone 5 Meeting (Jan 10, 2025?) Location: TBD • New Teachers Orientation (TBD) • Professional Development Day (Jan 31, 2025)
<p>February</p> <p>REGULAR TENTATIVE FEBRUARY 25</p> <p>AGENDA SETTING FEBRUARY (TBD)</p>	<p>Agenda and Monitoring Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolment Monitoring Report (January) • Budget Process Begins – (Principles, Direction, Envelope Review) • Transportation Monitoring Report 2023-24 and current • Advocacy Planning • Policies Review <p>Presentations/School Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD 	<p>Other Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASBA Zone 5 Meeting (Feb 7, 2025?) Location: TBD • PSBAA Council Meeting (Feb 6-7, 2025) Location: DoubleTree Edm • Family Day (Feb 17, 2025) • Collaborative Day (Feb 19, 2025) • Teachers' Convention (Feb 20-21, 2025)
<p>March</p> <p>REGULAR TENTATIVE MARCH 25</p> <p>AGENDA SETTING MARCH (TBD)</p>	<p>Agenda and Monitoring Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolment Monitoring Report (February) • Capital Planning: Asset Management, Review of Facilities, IMR Plans and Capital Priorities Submission • Budget Announcement <p>Presentations/School Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD 	<p>Other Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASBA Zone 5 Meeting (Mar 7, 2025?) Location: TBD • Rural Education Symposium (TBD) Location: TBD



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<p>April</p> <p>REGULAR TENTATIVE APRIL 29</p> <p>AGENDA SETTING APRIL (TBD)</p>	<p>Agenda and Monitoring Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second Quarter Financial Report (Dec/Jan/Feb) • Enrolment Monitoring Report (March) • Budget Reporting • Three Year Education Plan (DRAFT) • Board and CEO Evaluations • Administrative Procedures <p>Presentations/School Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD 	<p>Other Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASBA Zone 5 Meeting (Apr 4, 2025?) • PSBAA Council Meeting (Apr 10-11, 2025) Location: Doubletree by Hilton, West Edm • Collaborative PD Day (Apr 4, 2025) • Spring Break (Apr 18 - 25, 2025)
<p>May</p> <p>REGULAR TENTATIVE MAY 27</p> <p>AGENDA SETTING MAY (TBD)</p>	<p>Agenda and Monitoring Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolment Monitoring Report (April) • Budget Submission • Locally Developed and/or Acquired Courses Report and Approvals for Semester I • Three Year Education Plan (FINAL) <p>Presentations/School Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD 	<p>Other Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASBA Zone 5 Meeting (May 2, 2025?) Location: TBD • ASBA Zone 5 - Edwin Parr Award Celebration (TBD) • Professional Day (May 2, 2025) • Victoria Day (May 19, 2025) • Employee Retirement and Long Service Recognition Event (TBD) • GHSD Graduations (TBD) • PSBAA SGM (June 3-5, 2025) Location: Westin Downtown Hotel, Calgary
<p>June</p> <p>REGULAR TENTATIVE JUNE 24</p> <p>AGENDA SETTING JUNE (TBD)</p>	<p>Agenda and Monitoring Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolment Monitoring Report (May) • Report on Administrative Appointments • Third Quarter Financial Report (Mar/Apr/May) • Administrative Procedures <p>Presentations/School Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD 	<p>Other Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASBA Spring General Meeting (June 1-3, 2025) Location: Westin Downtown Hotel, Calgary • ASBA Zone 5 Meeting (June 6, 2025?) Location: TBD • Organizational Professional Day (June 30, 2025)



LOCALLY DEVELOPED/ACQUIRED COURSES

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August 27, 2024

Background:

Alberta Education supports the local development and authorization of senior high school complementary courses which do not duplicate provincially authorized courses. The opportunity to authorize complementary courses allows boards to respond to the unique interests and abilities of its students and to foster educational improvement and excellence through innovation at the local level. Authorization for locally developed/acquired courses “shall be by board motion and shall be for a maximum of four years” (Alberta Education Policy 1.2.1, Locally Developed/Acquired and Authorized Junior and Senior High School Complementary Courses).

The following locally developed courses are being submitted for the Board’s consideration and approval.

<p><i>Punjabi Language and Culture Twelve-Year (12Y) (5 credits only)</i></p>	<p>September 1, 2024 until August 31, 2026</p>	<p>Golden Hills Learning Academy Strathmore Storefront</p>
<p>Punjabi Language and Culture Twelve-year (12Y) is a course sequence that provides opportunities for students to develop Punjabi language proficiency, as well as knowledge and appreciation of Punjabi-speaking cultures. This course sequence provides opportunities for students to develop an awareness of, and sensitivity to, cultural and linguistic diversity, in addition to preserving cultural identity.</p>		

Recommendation:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the use of the above acquired locally developed course and any learning resources detailed in the course outline for use in Golden Hills School Division.

Jeff Grimsdale
Superintendent



MONTHLY ENROLMENT MONITORING REPORT

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August 27, 2024

Background:

The Board of Trustees regularly monitors enrolment and notes trends over time. Funding is primarily enrolment-driven and monitoring, and projecting enrolment trends informs the board's budgeting processes.

As per the attached monitoring report, information is provided on the September 29, 2023, enrolment of provincially funded students, Siksika funded students and International funded students. Enrolment information has been adjusted for the New Funding Model.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Trustees receives the Enrolment Monitoring Report for information and for the record.

Jeff Grimsdale
Superintendent

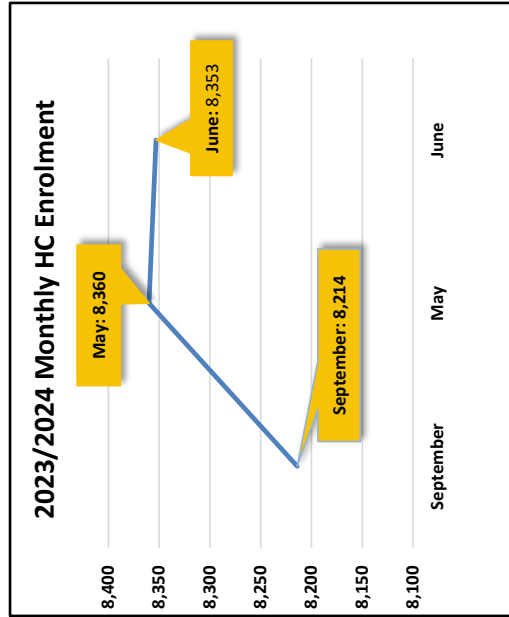
Tahra Sabir
Secretary Treasurer

Golden Hills School Division Enrolment

Schools - Month to Month Comparison Sept 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024

*Please note
kindergarten adjusted
to 1.0

* Enrolment information has been adjusted for the
New Funding Model



Configuration	School	September 30, 2023*	June 30, 2024	May 31, 2024	Difference
K-6, 10-12	Acme School	211.00	207.00	207.00	0.00
K-9	Carbon School	51.00	51.00	51.00	0.00
K-6	Carseland School	86.00	81.00	78.00	3.00
7-9	Crowther Memorial Jr. High School	470.00	459.00	460.00	-1.00
K-9	Dr. Elliott Community School	198.00	202.00	202.00	0.00
7-12	Drumheller Valley Secondary School	368.00	367.00	367.00	0.00
K-6	École Brentwood Elementary School	210.00	208.00	210.00	-2.00
K-12	George Freeman	496.00	499.00	499.00	0.00
K-6	Greentree School	359.00	362.00	362.00	0.00
K-12	Prairie Christian Academy School	289.00	286.00	286.00	0.00
10-12	Strathmore High School	691.00	690.00	690.00	0.00
K-12	Three Hills School	449.00	463.00	463.00	0.00
K-9	Trinity Christian Academy	222.00	222.00	222.00	0.00
K-12	Trochu Valley School	263.00	269.00	270.00	-1.00
K-6	Westmount School	365.00	370.00	370.00	0.00
K-12	Wheatland Crossing	339.00	341.00	341.00	0.00
K-6	Wheatland Elementary School	305.00	307.00	310.00	-3.00
	Sub Total	5,372.00	5,384.00	5,388.00	-4.00
7-9	Colonies	392.00	379.00	379.00	0.00
7-12	Drumheller Outreach	9.00	11.00	12.00	-1.00
1-12	Golden Hills Learning Academy	467.00	608.00	608.00	0.00
1-12	NorthStar Academy	394.00	384.00	383.00	1.00
7-12	Strathmore StoreFront	103.00	115.00	115.00	0.00
	Sub Total	1,365.00	1,497.00	1,497.00	0.00
	Homeschool	854.00	865.00	868.00	-3.00
	Shared Responsibility	196.00	187.00	187.00	0.00
	Sub Total	1,050.00	1,052.00	1,055.00	-3.00
	Provincial Total	7,787.00	7,933.00	7,940.00	-7.00
	Siksika	148.00	148.00	148.00	0.00
	International (Incl. Online)	279.00	272.00	272.00	0.00
	Sub Total	427.00	420.00	420.00	0.00
	Total HEADCOUNT	8,214.00	8,353.00	8,360.00	-7.00



SCHOOL BUS DRIVER COMPETENCY GRANT Update

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Background:

The School Bus Driver Competency Grant was implemented in 2023 by Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors (TEC) in partnership with Alberta Education to support the costs of providing supplementary, post-licensing training and mentoring to new or experienced school bus drivers.

Effective **April 1, 2024**, the following changes were made to the grant.

What has changed?

- Competency training can be completed over nine months instead of six months.
- A school authority can apply for \$3,000 of the total possible funding for eligible school bus drivers when they have completed at least 35 hours of training in at least six competencies within nine months of starting training.
- A school authority can apply for \$1,000 after a driver completes all remaining competency training requirements if the remaining training occurs within nine months of when training started.

What has stayed the same?

- The total possible funding per eligible driver remains at \$4,000.
- An eligible driver is a school bus driver employed by a school authority or by a contracted carrier providing student transportation services to a school authority.
- The nine competencies and school authority's flexibility to determine how best to allocate the required 50 hours of training across competencies stay the same.

Why were these changes made?

- Give eligible drivers additional time to complete training and allow school authorities to access funding earlier to support the training costs.
- Longer training completion period allows eligible training to start during the summer and continue into the winter, giving a broad range of driving, weather, and light conditions to develop driver competencies.

Changes to the School Bus Driver Competency Grant will be in effect for the next quarterly application period ending September 30, 2024. Deadline for applications for the July to September quarter is October 11, 2024.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Trustees receives the School Bus Driver Competency Grant Update as information.

Jeff Grimsdale
Superintendent

Tahra Sabir
Secretary Treasurer



BUDGET 2024/2025 UPDATE

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August 27, 2024

Background:

Pursuant to the recommendations of the Auditor General and in accordance with the Education Act s. 139(2) (b) the Board of Trustees is required to submit an annual budget to the Minister on or before May 31, for the fiscal year beginning on the following September 1.

On May 28, 2024 the Board of Trustees for Golden Hills School Division approved the 2024/2025 budget for submission to Alberta Education for May 31, 2024.

On July 24, 2024, the Minister of Education, Demetrios Nicolaidis, announced updated Board Funding and Rates. Additional funding outside of the budget cycle is not typically announced, but continued growth in the system beyond original expectations and rising costs pressures require action now.

The government will be providing school authorities with an additional \$125 million for the 2024/2025 school year to address higher-than-expected enrolment growth and unavoidable cost pressures, including inflation.

Where can this funding be used?

- To hire additional teachers and classroom support staff, so school authorities can manage class sizes and the growing number of students.
- May also be directed towards increased inflationary and operating pressures, such as utilities and insurance.

The government remains committed to ensuring students receive world-class education and is working to address pressures caused by unprecedented enrolment growth and rising costs.

As you will see in the below budget spreadsheet.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Trustees receives this as information and for the record.

Jeff Grimsdale
Superintendent of Schools

Tahra Sabir
Secretary Treasurer



ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES
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August 27, 2024

Background:

Administrative Procedures (AP) are regularly reviewed, and new procedures are drafted to support necessary changes in administrative best practices. This process of review and development, with opportunity for input by the appropriate stakeholders, leads to effective operations within the school system. The following APs has been reviewed by appropriate stakeholders and is recommended for implementation:

- AP 145 Personal Mobile Devices and Access to Social Media
 - AP 145 Appendix A

The above draft Administrative Procedure will be available at the board meeting.

Recommendation:

That the Board of Trustees receives the attached information around the development of *AP 145 Personal Mobile Devices and Access to Social Media and AP 145 Appendix A*.

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Jeff Grimsdale
Superintendent