



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, April 23, 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:

- g) Deputy Superintendent
 - Wes Miskiman

2.0 Call to Order

Chair Huntley called the meeting to order at 9:29 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.

4.0 In Camera

4.1 In Camera

Recommendation: BD#20240423.1001

MOVED by Trustee Northcott that the Board of Trustees go In Camera at 9:30 AM.

Carried

4.2 Out of In Camera

Recommendation: BD#20240423.1002

MOVED by Trustee Mertz that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera at 10:14 AM.

Carried

Recessed at 10:14 AM

Reconvened at 10:31 AM

5.0 Approval of Agenda

5.1 Approval of Agenda

Recommendation: BD#20240423.1003

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

Carried

6.0 Welcome Public, Vision and Mission Statements

7.0 Presentation of Minutes

7.1 Regular Minutes of March 26, 2024

Recommendation: BD#20240423.1004

MOVED by Trustee Mertz that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Minutes of March 26, 2024, as presented.

Carried

8.0 REPORTS

A) Chair's Report

Chair Huntley presented information on the following topics:

- Reviewed letter to Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA).
- Discussed Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) media summary - April 12, 2024.
- May 13, 2024, (11:30-1:00PM) ASBA virtual Professional Development opportunity - Focus on levels of government, distribution of powers, and responsibilities.
- Discussed the Rural Caucus monthly update.
- April 11-12, 2024, PSBC Meeting and PD summary.
- Discussed the April 18, 2024, ASBA Media summary.
- Discussed letters from Education Minister, Demetrios Nicolaidis, regarding Carbon Tax Remission Request and Engagement on Cell Phone Use in Schools survey.
- Alberta Teaching Commission Information Update Annual Report (Superintendent).
- Field Services Assurance Framework Completion letter (Superintendent).

- Reviewed ASBA Summary regarding Minister of Advanced Education, Rajan Sawhney.
- ASBA Advocacy Tracker update.
- Discussed Education Minister, Demetrios Nicolaidis, Bill 18 - Provincial Priorities Act.
- ASBA SGM Bulletin - Policy Position: School Trustee elections should remain free from a political party system and Advocacy Update.
- Funding Manual 2024-2025.

Meetings, Events and Calls:

- Met with the Mayor of Strathmore, Pat Fule.
- Trustees Justin Bolin and Jim Northcott attended the 2024 National School Board Association (nsba) Conference - The Conference for Public Education Leaders held April 6-8, 2024, in New Orleans. Rocky View School Division were guest presenters.
- April 15, 2024, Speakers Corner: Career education with CAREERS, Chair Huntley attended.
- May 24, 2024, Edwin Parr Awards take place at the Track Golf Course in Langdon, AB.
- April 15, 2024, Honoring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award, attended by Trustee Mertz. This award recognizes First Nations, Metis and Inuit students who model strength and commitment in the pursuit of their personal education path and embrace their own gifts, strengths and potential while celebrating the ways of their people.

B) Board Committees

No information at this time.

C) Board Representatives to External Organizations

Trustee Northcott and Pirie presented the following information on the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 5 meeting that was held Friday, April 12, 2024.

- Discussed The Honoring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award that is taking place April 15, 2024.
- Discussed Edwin Parr Awards Banquet being held May 24, 2024, in Langdon, AB.
- June 10, 2024 – ASBA Zone 5 will be showing the Documentary "Backpack Full of Cash" at the Cochrane Movie Theatre in Cochrane, AB.
- Discussed the Election Act regarding Board of Trustees.
- Discussed ASBA Budget review and Zoom costs for hybrid meetings. This will be covered at the upcoming ASBA SGM June 2-4, 2024.

Trustee Kletke present the following information on the Public School Boards of Alberta (PSBAA) meeting that took place April 11-12, 2024.

- Membership fees will increase 5%
- PSBAA Spring General Assembly will take place May 30 to June 1, 2024, in Calgary at the Westin Calgary Downtown.

D) Administration Reports

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the following topics:

Facilities Report:

- Trinity Christian Academy parking lot expansion, majority of landscaping has been completed.
- Trinity Christian Academy Administration area - once electrical inspections pass, the interior drywall will start to be installed.
- Strathmore Dorm roof tender is closed, received 4 bids, work should be completed by end of August 2024.

- Strathmore High School Bathroom renovations has been awarded to Russpet Construction.
- Strathmore High School new theatre seating has been approved and in production for summer replacement, along with new flooring.
- Custodian Services RFP - closes April 30, work to begin by July 1, 2024.
- Drumheller Valley Secondary School Air Cooling tower upgrade RFP closed, received two mechanical contractor bids.
- Greentree School BMS Upgrade will begin in early May.
- Wheatland Elementary School barrier free operator for the washroom has been installed in the accessible washroom.

Transportation:

- New bus purchase - 10 new buses have been purchased from Western Canada Bus, first three buses are being delivered to Trochu Bus shop, the remaining seven will be delivered to Strathmore.
- Driver Training - one driver from Three Hills, two drivers from Strathmore, one driver from Wheatland Crossing, we have five road exams scheduled for May 30, 2024.
- Diesel prices have been increasing, currently at \$1.47/litre, has gone up to \$1.52/litre.

Superintendent Grimsdale presented information on the following topics:

- Khloe Watson, grade 11 student of Golden Hills was awarded the Honoring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award on April 15, 2024, Trustee Mertz was in attendance.
- April 9, 2024, Administrators meeting was held at Division Office, very successful.
- Administrative Procedures meeting will be held on April 11, 2024.
- New curriculum Professional Days will be held April 16 (science Gr. 4), 17(Science Gr. 5) & 23 (Science Gr. 6).
- Superintendent Grimsdale met with the Field Services Consultant to discuss non primary funding.
- Leadership Learning Series took place March 27, 2024, in Calgary, AB, exploring options to work with Dr. Tranter for next year.
- New draft Curriculum for Social Studies was released, piloting opportunities for k-6 next year.
- College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS) Indigenous Gather will take place April 24th and 25th. Darrell Breaker, Shirley Spotted Eagle, Jeff Grimsdale, Christina Hoover and Claire Wade from Golden Hills will be presenting - Bridging Cultures, Building Futures: The Golden Hills School Division Journey.
- May 2, 2024 - New Admin Orientation will be held at Division Office.
- Discussed Dual Credit E-Sports.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

A) Information Items

9.1 Monthly Enrolment Monitoring Report (March) (T. Sabir)

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

Recessed at 12:29 PM

Reconvened at 12:56PM

9.2 Budget Reporting (T. Sabir)

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented updated information on Budget 2024-2025. The finalized Budget will be presented at the May 28, 2024, Board Meeting.

9.3 Second Quarter Financial Report - Dec/Jan/Feb (T. Sabir)

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented the Second Quarterly Financial Report for the months of September 2023 to February 2024.

9.4 Draft Education Plan and Budget (J. Grimsdale)

Superintendent Grimsdale reviewed the DRAFT Education Plan 2024-2027 and annual budget 2024-2025 for submission to Alberta Education on May 31, 2024.

9.5 Bill 13 - Real Property Governance Act (T. Sabir)

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on Bill 13, that if passed, it will ensure that public property sales across government are handled consistently.

9.6 Bill 18 - Provincial Priorities Act (T. Sabir)

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on Bill 18, that if passed, it will require provincial entities to obtain prior approval from Alberta's Government before entering into, amending, extending, or renewing an agreement with the federal government.

10.0 In Camera

10.1 In Camera

Recommendation: BD#20240423.1005

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees go In Camera at 1:10 PM.

Carried

10.2 Out of In Camera

Recommendation: BD#20240423.1006

MOVED by Trustee Mertz that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera at 4:15 PM.

Carried

BD# 20240423.1007

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees approve the Superintendent's Evaluation Report as developed in the evaluation of April 23, 2024, as an accurate accounting of the Superintendent's performance for the period September 1, 2023, to April 23, 2024; and further, the Board authorizes the Chair to make any required technical edits and to sign the report on the Boards' behalf.

Carried

BD#20240423.1008

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees approve the Board self-evaluation report as developed at the facilitated workshop of April 23, 2024, and that the Board Chair be authorized to make technical edits, to monitor the priorities and suggestions agreed to and bring items forward for Board consideration as deemed appropriate.

Carried

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Adjournment

Recommendation: BD#20240423.1009

The Board of Trustees adjourned at 4:20PM.

Carried

Chair

Secretary Treasurer