



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, January 21, 2025 (9:30 AM)

1.0 Attendance

Present

- a) Chair
 - Laurie Huntley
- b) Vice Chair
 - Barry Kletke
- c) Trustees
 - Jim Northcott
 - Justin Bolin
 - Jen Mertz
 - Rob Pirie (via Zoom)
- 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 9:31 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#20250116.1001

MOVED by Trustee Northcott that the Board of Trustees go In Camera at 9:32 AM.

Carried

4.2 Out of In Camera

Recommendation: BD#20250116.1002

MOVED by Trustee Mertz that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera at 11:00 AM.

Carried

Recessed at 11:00 AM

Reconvened at 11:12 AM

5.0 Approval of Agenda

5.1 Approval of Agenda

Recommendation: BD#20250116.1003

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 December 10, 2024

Recommendation: BD#20250116.1004

MOVED by Trustee Mertz that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Minutes of December 10, 2024, as presented.

Carried

8.0 REPORTS

A) Chair's Report

Chair Huntley presented information on the following topics:

- All correspondence forwarded to Golden Hills Trustees
- Note: Discussed Rockyview School Division letter to the Minister of Education, Demetrios Nicolaidis regarding Charter School Process.
- December 20, 2024, Chair Huntley, Superintendent Grimsdale, the Chair and Senior Administration of Christ the Redeemer School Division, met together with MLA Chantelle De Jonge regarding charter application process.
- January 20 to May 2025, Provincial Satisfaction Survey.
- January 10, 2025, Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 5 meeting, Dr. Vivian Abboud discussed the sustainability of the ASBA organization, discussed services they provide and what can be streamlined. After the meeting, she also provided a slide deck on ASBA Sustainability Engagement for the Zone Reps.

- January 23, 2025, at 1:00PM, Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA) is hosting a seminar via Zoom called, "What Every School Board Should Know About Alberta's Gender Policy Legislation".
- January 30, 2025, noon to 1:30PM, ASBA Advocacy session on Provincial Priorities with guest speakers, Janet Brown, Principal and Janet Brown Opinion research and Colin Aitchison, Director, Western Canada, Enterprise Canada.
- January 31, 2025, 1:30 to 3:30 PM, ASBA Public Bargaining and Compensation Office (PBCO) will be hosting a session on Communication and Contingency Planning.
- The Board of Trustees extend their congratulations to Corinna Hampson on acquiring the position as Associate Superintendent of Schools beginning August 15, 2025.

B) Board Committees

No information to report on at this time.

C) Board Representatives to External Organizations

Chair Huntley presented information on the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 5 meeting held January 10, 2025, at Golden Hills School Division Office.

- Trustee Northcott wasn't able to attend the meeting due to a prior engagement.
- Discussion and presentation of reports were based around the following items:
 - PAT's and Diploma exam dates, Jordan's Principal, 4% membership fee increase, sustainability of ASBA services, Provincial Government Budget Survey, National Mental Health, Chartered Schools.
 - Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Vivian Abboud presented on ASBA Sustainability of services. Which are essential services that are important? Value of consultants, awards valuation, the Learning Centre and daily bulleting.

Trustee Kletke had no new information to present regarding the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA).

- Next Meeting: February 6-7, 2025

Trustee Northcott had no new information to present regarding the Edwin Parr Awards, they are in the process of setting up a meeting.

D) Administration Reports

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the following topics:

- Facilities Update:
 - Westmount Elementary Water Main Break - PowerPoint of pictures was reviewed and discussed with the Trustees. Maintenance, Gray's Limited and Dr Hydrovac worked on the water main break over night.
 - Trinity Christian Academy Parking Lot and Building Addition are complete.
 - Strathmore High School Modular - Development Permits have been approved, working with consultants on the drawings.
 - Utility Shut Offs - working with administrators to familiarize them with the locations of the main utility shut offs, maps of the main shut offs are included in the schools' safety binder.
- New Bills:

- Bill 33 - Protection of Privacy Act - this Act will introduce the "strongest protections in the country and the strictest penalties" and will establish rules for how public bodies can create and use personal information and data.
- Bill 34 - Access to Information Act - this Act aims to modernize FOIP's rules regarding access to information requests by recognizing electronic records.
- Transportation Update:
 - GHSD Transportation Motto - Driving Hope, Fueling Possibilities.
 - Two routes are being driven by a relief driver, three drivers passed their road tests in December and more drivers are currently training and will be tested in January and February.
 - Three new buses will be delivered end of January, the remaining buses will be delivered late March or early April.
 - New Technology System - Pilot Project, partnered with a company called Cal/Amp, they will provide new technology on our Three Hills and Carbon buses. The new system uses a barcode method and there will be an app for parents and students to use. All buses will start with the new system this spring.
 - Fuel Costs for 2024 are still coming in under budget at \$1.42.

Superintendent Grimsdale presented information on the following topics:

- Acme School Update - Presented videos of the Acme construction. Masonry, steel and plumbing are all in process.
- Working on a draft Strategic Artificial Intelligence (AI) Plan, updating and revising other administrative procedures (AP), and potentially developing a new AP and AI Responsible use document.
- Collaborating on projects with Doceo AI. Doceo AI is an advanced Technology Centre, they aim to make sense of data using Artificial Intelligence (AI). They use existing data, created and gathered in classrooms, schools, and districts, to predict challenges and successes and to suggest strategies and plans to support student learning.
- Process of submitting a proposal for Collegiate School Program for the 2025/2026 school year.
- Superintendent Grimsdale and Deputy Superintendent Miskiman are finalizing the Education Plan and Results review (AERR).
- Discussed The Education Amendment Act, 2024 (formerly known as Bill 27) - aims to support student success and well-being in Alberta Schools.
- Golden Hills is advertising for a Director of Learning and a Director of Human Resources for 2025-2026 school year.
- Human Resource Update:
 - Golden Hills is pleased to announce the appointment of Cori Hampson to the position of Associate Superintendent - Learning Services, effective August 15, 2025.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

A) Information Items

9.1 First Quarter Financial Report (Sept/Oct/Nov) (T. Sabir)

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented and reviewed the First Quarterly Financial Report for September 2024 to November 2024 to the Board of Trustees as information and for the record.

9.2 Monthly Enrolment Monitoring Report (December) (T. Sabir)

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the monthly Enrolment Monitoring Report for December 2024 to the Board of Trustees as information and for the record.

9.3 Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Mileage Rate Allowance 2025 (T. Sabir)

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the new 2025 Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) mileage rates to the Board of Trustees as information and for the record.

9.4 School Summaries Monitoring Report (T. Sabir)

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented the School Summaries Report 2023/2024 and Budget for 2024/2025 to the Board of Trustees. This report summarizes key information for each school which aids the Board of Trustees in decisions related to the annual budget and capital planning, it also presents key information for each school.

9.5 Inclusive Education Report (2023/24 and 2024/25 Plans) (J. Grimsdale)

Superintendent Grimsdale presented information on the Inclusive Education Report that provides support and services to ensure that our students with diverse learning needs receive a quality education thus ensuring them the opportunity to best achieve their potential.

10.0 Round Table Discussion

11.0 School Monitoring Report Visit

11.1 Strathmore High School (D. Raycroft, Principal and A. Barwacz-Riou (Vice Principal))

Superintendent Grimsdale welcomed Principal, D. Raycroft and Vice Principal, A. Barwacz-Riou to the Board of Trustees meeting to present their schools education plan involving dual credit courses, school involvement with the community and the introduction of new programs, such as incorporating a Flex Time slot into the day for students to collaborate amongst themselves or with teachers. Superintendent Grimsdale and Chair Huntley thanked them for their informative presentation.

11.2 Carseland School (L. Bartlett, Principal)

Superintendent Grimsdale welcomed Principal L. Bartlett to the Board of Trustees meeting, who presented her schools current education plan, how Powerful Learning is incorporated in the day to day lessons, the school's community connections/partnerships and new programs, such as, book study, Golf Program with Speargrass Golf Course, hosting community nights with local farmers. Superintendent Grimsdale and Chair Huntley thanked them for their informative presentation.

11.3 Westmount Elementary School (A. Pirie, Principal and A. Baxter, Vice Principal)

Superintendent Grimsdale welcomed Principal, A. Pirie and Vice Principal, A. Baxter to the Board of Trustees meeting to present their schools education plan and results, incorporating access to supports and services, expanding on programs such as their Strive Program for complex learners, incorporating Powerful Learning into daily use inside and outside of the classrooms and discussed their schools community involvement.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

12.1 Adjournment

Recommendation: BD#20250116.1005

Adjourned at 3:05 PM.

Carried

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

Chair Initials _____ Secretary Treasurer Initials _____