



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, February 28, 2023 (9:30 AM)

1.0 Attendance

Present:

a) Chair

- Laurie Huntley

c) Trustees

- Barry Kletke
- Rob Pirie
- Jen Mertz
- Justin Bolin

d) Superintendent

- Bevan Daverne

f) Associate Superintendent

- Jeff Grimsdale - excused himself at 1:30 p.m.

g) Secretary Treasurer

- Tahra Sabir

h) Recoding Secretary

- Kristy Polet

Absent:

c) Vice Chair

- Jim Northcott

e) Deputy Superintendent

- Wes Miskiman

2.0 Call to Order

Chair Huntley called the meeting to order at 9:26 a.m.

Chair Initials _____ Secretary Treasurer Initials _____

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#20230228.1001

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees go In Camera at 9:27 a.m.

4.2 Out of In Camera

Recommendation: BD#20230228.1002

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera at 11:08 a.m.

Recessed at 11:08 a.m. Reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

5.0 Approval of Agenda

5.1 Approval of Agenda

Recommendation: BD#20230228.1003

MOVED by Trustee Bolin 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 January 24, 2023

Recommendation: BD#20230228.1004

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Minutes of January 24, 2023 as presented.

8.0 REPORTS

A) Chair's Report

Chair Huntley presented information on the following topics:

- Discussed the following letters:
 - Elk Island Public School Division:
 - to the Minister regarding School Nutrition Program.
 - to Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) regarding Board Chair Meetings.
 - to the Minister regarding Curriculum feedback.
 - Calgary Board of Education to the Minister regarding Driver shortages.
 - Rocky View School Division to the Minister regarding ASBA emergent positions.
 - Northern Lights School Division to the Minister regarding funding for Divisions 1 and 2 students.
 - Wolf Creek School Division to Sarah Hoffman, NDP Education Critic, regarding teacher workload and curriculum
 - Parkland School Division Chair, Lorraine Stewart, to ASBA, regarding Governance.
 - St. Paul Education Division to the Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan (ASEBP) regarding rate increase.
 - Golden Hills School Division to the Minister regarding reserve cap.
- Discussed summary that came from the ASBA Board Chairs meeting that was held January 30, 2023.

- Discussed the ASBA Election Toolkit and Advocacy handout.

B) Board Committees

Trustee Pirie presented information on the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 5 meeting that was held February 3, 2023.

- Edwin Parr celebration will be held May 18, 2023.
- ASBA Zone 5 is starting a book club, the first book will be "Caring is Everything" by David Irvine.
- Support to review ASBA position statements.
- Friends of Education is open for nominations.
- Letter that was sent by Rocky View School Division regarding "emergent positions", looking to see if other boards are in support.
- Presentation by Provincial ASBA concerning proposed changes to ASBA Bylaws. This will be reviewed by Chairs on June 4 and will be voted on by boards at the ASBA SGM held June 5-6, 2023.

Trustee Kletke and Chair Huntley presented information on the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) meeting that was held on February 9-10, 2023.

- Reviewed key messaging leading up to the May 2023 Elections:
 - Cross Ministry Solutions and Collaboration (Primary Message):
 - Student success increases within an educative environment supported by collaborative cross ministry networks.
 - Funding (Primary Message):
 - Alberta's Public School education system is recognized around the world for excellent outcomes and requires appropriate funding for infrastructure, staffing, supports, transportation, and programming to maintain that standing.
 - Mental Health (Primary Message):
 - Public Schools are collaborative partners in identifying, supporting, and seeking solutions for students experiencing mental health issues.
 - Public Education is best for Alberta Communities (Charter/Private) schools (Primary Message):
 - Public Schools offer a foundation for exceptional learning, providing access to all.
 - Transportation (Primary Message):
 - Transportation is an essential element for student success, with the safe arrival and daily attendance of students correlating directly to outcomes.

Recessed at 12:06 p.m.

Reconvened at 12:33 p.m.

C) Board Representatives to External Organizations

Nothing to report on currently.

D) Administration Reports

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the following topics:

- Transportation:
 - Driver shortage, continuously training and recruiting bus drivers.

- Discussed driver testing wait times that other divisions have been experiencing. Fortunately, Golden Hills Drivers have not encountered any delays in scheduling test dates.
- The Transportation Monitoring Report has been moved to March 28, 2023 board meeting.
- Facilities:
 - Westmount School - needs a new blower motor for the Roof Top Unit, supplier indicates replacement parts are backlogged a year.
 - Westmount and Trinity Christian Academy waiting on approval for parking lot.
- Finance:
 - Government Reporting Entity (GRE) financial forms are being completed; this coincides with the government of Alberta's year end.
 - Finance team is reviewing internal procedures and adjusting as needed.
 - The 10th Annual Secretaries In-Service will be held Thursday, March 9, 2023 at Division Office.
- ARMIC:
 - ARMIC held their yearly Subscribers meeting on February 24, 2023.
 - Government of Alberta is supplying the \$10m backstop for ARMIC group insurance.
 - Three Boards gave notice to no longer be part of the ARMIC insurance group.
 - ARMIC is working with brokers to bring costs down and highlight the benefits of ARMIC.
- Budget:
 - Budget 2023 will be announced February 28, 2023.

Associate Superintendent Grimsdale discussed the following topics:

- Discussed new Curriculum Support PD Days, division office has held eight so far, by the end of the year there will have been 14 Curriculum PD days for Teachers and one for Administrators, receiving good feedback.
- Discussed Mental and Wellness Grant, provides support for families in schools.
- Integrated School Support Program (ISSP) - Golden Hills will be moving forward with this pilot program in the Wheatland Elementary School.
- Early Literacy and Numeracy Intervention Grants have been applied for.

Superintendent Daverne discussed the following topics:

- 2023 Edwin Parr Award nominee is Brooklyn Gipman from Drumheller Valley Secondary School, Runner Up Nominees are Lauren Wills from Trinity Christian Academy and Tatiana Vacey from Crowther Memorial Jr High.
- Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) Bargaining will have the first meeting on March 2, 2023.
- ATA Retirement Workshops will be held virtually, the first one will be March 4, 2023.
- Long Service Awards (LSA) will be held on May 25, 2023 at the Travelodge in Strathmore, AB.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

A) Action Items

9.1 Budget Development Process (T. Sabir)

Recommendation: **BD#20230228.1005**

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees adopt the Budgeting Principles and the timeline for the 2023-2024 fiscal year subject to a potential review following a provincial budget announcement.

9.2 Trinity Christian Academy - Ministerial Approval Request (T. Sabir)

Recommendation: BD#20230228.1006

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees direct Administration to request Ministerial Approval for the Trinity Christian Academy addition.

9.3 Advocacy Planning (B. Daverne)

Recommendation: BD#

Superintendent Daverne and the Board of Trustees have tabled Advocacy Planning until further notice.

B) Information Items

9.4 Monthly Enrolment Monitoring Report (January) (T. Sabir)

Recommendation:

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

9.5 Joint Use and Planning Agreements between Golden Hills and Municipalities (B. Daverne)

Recommendation:

Superintendent Daverne presented material around the Joint Use and Planning Agreements to the Board of Trustees for the record and information.

10.0 School Monitoring Reports

10.1 Crowther Memorial Jr. High and Ecole Brentwood School

Recommendation:

The Board of Trustees and Superintendent Daverne toured Crowther Memorial Jr High and Ecole Brentwood School.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Adjournment

Recommendation: BD#20230228.1007

The Board of Trustees adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer