



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, September 26, 2023 (9:30 AM)

1.0 Attendance

Present:

a) Chair

- Laurie Huntley

b) Vice Chair

- Jen Mertz

c) Trustees

- Barry Kletke (excused himself at 1:36 PM)
- Jim Northcott (arrived at 11:19 AM)
- 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

Guest:

- Bevan Daverne, Daverne Consulting Inc (9:30 - 10:30 AM)

2.0 Call to Order

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

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#20230926.1001

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

4.2 Out of In Camera

Recommendation: BD#20230926.1002

MOVED by Trustee Mertz that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera at 10:55 AM

Recessed at 10:55 AM

Reconvened at 11:07 AM

5.0 Approval of Agenda

5.1 Approval of Agenda

Recommendation: BD#20230926.1003

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as amended with the following additional action items.

- 9.2 Acme Alumni Association Response
- 9.3 Bus Driver Schedule D

6.0 Welcome Public, Vision and Mission Statements

7.0 Presentation of Minutes

7.1 Organizational Minutes of August 23, 2023

Recommendation: BD#20230926.1004

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees approve the Organizational Minutes of August 23, 2023, as presented.

7.2 Regular Minutes of August 23, 2023

Recommendation: BD#20230926.1005

MOVED by Trustee Mertz that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Minutes of August 23, 2023, as presented.

7.3 Special Minutes of August 25, 2023

Recommendation: BD#20230926.1006

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees approve the Special Minutes of August 25, 2023, as presented.

7.4 Special Minutes of September 13, 2023

Recommendation: BD#20230926.1007

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees approve the Special Minutes of September 11, 2023.

8.0 REPORTS

A) Chair's Report

Chair Huntley presented information on the following topics:

- Email Communications:
 - Endorsement letter from Parkland School Division
 - September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
 - AB Ed Curriculum approved resources.
 - AB Ed Survey regarding Social Studies
 - Phase One: Preliminary Engagement
 - Phase Two: Targeted Engagement
 - Phase Three: Public Engagement
 - Phase Four: Classroom Piloting Alberta.ca - Substitute Teacher Issue
 - October 12, 2023 - Chairs meeting with the Ministry, Superintendent Grimsdale and Chair Huntley will be attending via Zoom.
 - Topics that will be discussed:
 - Career Ed, Capital Planning, Mental Health, Complex Needs, PUF, Curriculum.

BD#20230926.1008

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees go In Camera at 11:36 AM

BD#20230926.1009

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera at 11:52 AM

B) Board Committees

No information to be presented at this time.

C) Board Representatives to External Organizations

Trustee Northcott presented information on ASBA Zone 5 Professional Development that was held Friday, September 8, 2023, at Golden Hills School Division.

- The Professional Development was chaired by Trustee Melyssa Bowen of Rocky view School Division.
- October 6, 2023, Zone 5 meeting will be held at the Prairie Land School Division Office in Hanna, AB.

Trustee Kletke presented information from Public School Board Association of Alberta (PSBAA).

- September 29, 2023 - PSBAA Webinar - Leadership Through Whirlwind and Uncertainties.
- October 18-20, 2023 - PSBAA Fall Conference and FGM will take place at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Edmonton.

D) Administration Reports

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the following topics:

- Facilities Update:
 - Learning Academy - construction is complete, furniture has been installed.
 - Trinity Christian Academy parking lot is complete, and the office addition construction will continue weather pending.
 - Prairie Christian Academy parking lot is almost complete, working on the landscaping now.
 - Strathmore Maintenance Shop roof top units have been delayed.
- Transportation Update:
 - Ongoing driver training.
 - Fuel prices have risen \$0.31 since June 2023.
 - Student Bus passes have all been distributed.
 - Seven (7) new buses have been purchased.
 - The Pick Up route distances have been changed by Alberta Education:
 - 1 km for grades K-6
 - 2 km for grades 7-12
 - School Boards have one year to transition.

Superintendent Grimsdale presented information on the following topics:

- All schools, teachers and staff had a great start to their year.
- Desiree Schmidt from Trochu Valley School has been selected to join the 2023/2024 Minster's Youth Council.
- Grants:
 - Golden Hills will be applying for the Dual Credit Grant in the amount of \$77K, Drumheller Valley Secondary School and Storefront working along side with SAIT in the Culinary Arts program. The dual credit programs allow high school students to graduate with their diploma and a post-secondary credential or course credits.
 - Applying for the Low Incident Grant for the visually impaired and complex needs students as well.
- Collaborative Day was held August 31, 2023, and was another successful day.
- New Teacher Orientation was held September 21, 2023, approximately 30 new teachers attended.
- September 22, 2023, was the Leading and Learning Day.
- September 29, 2023 - Truth and Reconciliation Day, resources were provided to teachers with the help of Elder Clarence Wolfleg.
- Administrators Meeting was held on October 3, 2023, at Division Office.

- Career Practitioner, Kurt Ratzlaff will work closely with Division Office and will connect with the principals.
- Teacher Recruitment:
 - Deputy Superintendent Miskiman has attended two career fairs, Simon Fraser University and University of Regina.
- Golden Hills will be hosting two First Aid Training sessions on September 26 and October 13, 2023.
- Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) will be hosting Retirement Workshops in November 2023, February and March 2024.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

A) Action Items

9.1 Field Trip Studies/Student Excursion - Acme School (J. Grimsdale)

Recommendation: BD#20230926.1010

MOVED by Trustee Northcott that the Board of Trustees approves the proposed high school field studies/excursion for Acme School to Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic from March 27, 2024 to April 5, 2024 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.

9.2 Acme Alumni Association Response

Recommendation: BD#20230926.1011

MOVED by Trustee Northcott that the Board of Trustees accept the formal proposal from the Acme Alumni Association to increase the size of the gym by 325m² at a cost of \$4,500 per square metre for a total investment of \$1,462,500 upon project completion.

9.3 Bus Drivers Schedule D

Recommendation: BD#20230926.1012

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees approve Schedule D for Bus Drivers effective September 1, 2023.

B) Information Items

9.4 Preliminary Enrolment Monitoring Report (T. Sabir)

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

9.5 System Enhancement (J. Grimsdale)

Superintendent Grimsdale presented information to the Board of Trustees on how we are committed to constant improvement, ongoing professional learning opportunities both within and external to our division.

9.6 Family School Community Resource Program Report (J. Grimsdale)

Superintendent Grimsdale presented information on the Family School Community Resource Program and how it continues to partner with other agencies to support and provide services to ensure optimal functioning of children and their families in the social-emotional/behavioral domain.

9.7 Advocacy Planning (J. Grimsdale)

Superintendent Grimsdale and the Board of Trustees will discuss Advocacy Planning at a later date.

10.0 School Monitoring Reports

10.1 Carseland School - Tour

Superintendent Grimsdale and the Board of Trustees visited the Carseland school and looked at the different initiatives and goals. They observed the greenhouse and the Nature Connections area and visited some classrooms. Following the tour, we went to Wyndham Park where they explored the QR codes that were developed by the students of the Ik Ku Nutsi program and visited the student's "Learning Log".

Principal LaToya Bartlett discussed the program and the success they have seen and the goals they will build on moving forward.

11.0 Guest

11.1 Bevan Daverne, Daverne Consulting Inc.

Bevan Daverne of Daverne Consulting Inc. presented information on the progress of the Acme Project.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

12.1 Adjournment

Recommendation: BD#20230926.1013

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

Chair

Secretary Treasurer