



MINUTES

Golden Hills School Division

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Location: Golden Hills School Division

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 (9:30 AM)

1.0 Attendance

Present:

- a) Chair
 - Laurie Huntley
- b) Vice Chair
 - Barry Kletke
- c) Trustees
 - Jim Northcott
 - Justin Bolin (via Zoom, excused himself at 10:52 am due to prior commitment)
 - Jen Mertz
 - Rob Pirie
- d) Superintendent
 - Jeff Grimsdale
- e) Secretary Treasurer
 - Tahra Sabir
- f) Recording Secretary
 - Kristy Polet

Absent:

- e) Deputy Superintendent
 - Wes Miskiman

2.0 Call to Order

Chair Huntley called the meeting to order at 9:34 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#20250325.1001

MOVED by Trustee Pirie that the Board of Trustees go In Camera at 9:36 AM.

Carried

4.2 Out of In Camera

Recommendation: BD#20250325.1002

MOVED by Trustee Northcott that the Board of Trustees rise from In Camera at 10:52 AM.

Carried

5.0 Approval of Agenda

5.1 Approval of Agenda

Recommendation: BD#20250325.1003

MOVED by Trustee Pirie 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 February 25, 2025

Recommendation: BD#20250325.1004

MOVED by Trustee Mertz that the Board of Trustees approve the Regular Minutes of February 25, 2025, as presented.

Carried

8.0 REPORTS

A) Chair's Report

Chair Huntley presented information on the following topics:

Events:

- March 7, 2025, Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 5 meeting, held at Golden Hills School Division Office.
- March 10, 2025, ASBA Professional Development session on Municipal Election Planning.
- March 15, 2025, attended International Women's Day Celebration with MLA Chantelle de Jonge.
- March 24, 2025, ASBA Professional Development session on Collective Bargaining.
- March 27, 2025, attending ASBA Chair's meeting with Alberta Education Ministry Representatives, including Minister of Education, Demetrios Nicolaides to discuss educational priority items.
- Discussion on Power School Cyber Security letter.
- Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) Special Recognition deadline is March 31, 2025.
- April 7, 2025, ASBA Speakers Corner - more information to follow.

Correspondence:

- April 23, 2025, PSBAA meeting with Superintendents regarding Jordan's Principle.
- April 9-11, 2025, Public School Board Council (PSBC) Meeting and Professional Development being hosted
- April 14, 2025, Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award
- April 4, ASBA Zone 5 meeting will be held at Golden Hills School Division Office.

B) Board Committees

No information to report on at this time.

C) Board Representatives to External Organizations

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

- Next meeting: April 9-11, 2025

Trustee Northcott presented information on the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 5 meeting held March 7, 2025, at the Golden Hills Division Office.

- Discussion and presentation of reports were as follows:
 - Tariffs (implications), PowerSchool breach, Budget, Government website, Chartered Schools, Bill 13 (Real Property Governance Act) and Bill 18 (Provincial Priorities Act), Jordan's Principal, Rural School Board Caucus (RSBC) presentation at the Alberta Rural Education Symposium (ARES), Edwin Parr Awards Evening and the 11 new schools that Alberta Government is funding.
 - ASBA Election Tool kit - Guide for School Board Trustees.

D) Administration Reports

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the following topics:

- Carbon Tax - revised the 2025/2026 natural gas budget pending the removal of the carbon tax for April 1, 2025.

Finance Update:

- Submitted the Government Reporting Entity (GRE) March 15, 2025.
- March 6, 2025 - Secretaries Inservice went well.
- Finance Coordinator has been visiting schools to support the Secretaries with utilizing KEV to the fullest potential.
- T4A's have been submitted.
- Internal audits continue to streamline.

Transportation Update:

- As of March 24, 2025, all routes being covered by relief drivers are now being covered by the new drivers.
- Fuel price decreases due to Carbon Tax changes and direct purchase from United Farmers of Alberta (UFA).

Facilities Update:

- Westmount Elementary Water Main Break - Golden Hills will be replacing the sewer and waterlines this summer.
- Trinity Christian Academy Flooring has been replaced.
- Dr. Elliott and Carbon Schools Partial Roof Replacement is out for Tender.
- Strathmore Maintenance Shop needs some repairs.
- Strathmore High School Modular addition will be installed this summer.

Superintendent Grimsdale presented information on the following topics:

- Acme School Update - Presented videos of the Acme construction, approximately 40 workers on site, construction is progressing rapidly with extensive steel framework underway, drywall installation expanding and electricians laying conduit while plumbers install underground piping. The mechanical floor has been poured, and the gymnasium's truss system is being erected. Lear indicates that everything is on schedule.
- Working on updating and revising some Administrative Procedures, as well as developing a new AP on Artificial Intelligence and Responsible Use. These will be brought to the next Board meeting.
- March 11, 2025 - Administrators Meeting held at Golden Hills Division Office.
- March 12, 2025 - GHSD hosted an ESL/ELL Professional Development for school lead teachers.
- March 13, 2025 - met with the Strathmore Staff Sergeant, Mark Wielgosz and his leadership team.
- March 14, 2025 - College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS) was hosted by Golden Hills.
- March 19-21, 2025 – Attended CASS Annual Learning Conference.
- March 21, 2025 - Shared Alberta Health Services (AHS) Measles information with parents and guardians.

Upcoming:

- April 30-May 2, 2025 - CASS Indigenous Education Gathering.
- May 1, 2025 - Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) - New Teacher Inductions.
- Canadian Association of School Administrators (CASA) Mental Health Classroom potential placement will be at Ecole Brentwood School.

Human Resources Update:

- Administrative appointments are as follows:
 - Principal of Wheatland Crossing - Ryan Hunter
 - Vice Principal of Trochu - Nicole Kubinec
 - Vice Principal of Strathmore High School - Michael Bradford
 - Vice Principal of Strathmore Storefront - Alicia Nameth
 - Vice Principal of Crowther Memorial Junior High School - James Atkinson
 - Acting Vice Principal of Drumheller Valley Secondary School - Jeff Messom
 - Acting Vice Principal of George Freeman School - Matt Laslo
- Two rounds of teaching positions were posted and filled; third round will be posted on March 26, 2025.
- Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week was March 10-15, 2025.

Recessed at 12:17 PM

Reconvened at 1:01 PM

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

A) Action Items

9.1 Capital Planning (T. Sabir)

Recommendation: BD#20250325.1005

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees approves the request replacement schools for the following:

1. Greentree School - Replacement
2. Dr. Elliott School - Replacement
3. Strathmore High School - Modernization and Addition

Carried

9.2 Field Trip Studies/Student Excursion - Indianapolis, Indiana - Three Hills School (J. Grimsdale)

Recommendation: BD# 20250325.1006

MOVED by Trustee Kletke that the Board of Trustees approves the proposed high school field studies/excursion for Three Hills School to Indianapolis, Indiana from July 13 - 18, 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

B) Information Items

9.3 Monthly Enrolment Monitoring Report - February 2025 (T. Sabir)

Secretary Treasurer Sabir presented information on the Monthly Enrolment Monitoring Report for February 2025 to the Board of Trustees as information and for the record.

9.4 Budget Announcement Reporting (T. Sabir)

Secretary Treasurer Sabir reviewed the 2025/2026 Provincial Education Budget highlights that was announced February 28, 2025. More information will be provided at the April 29, 2025, board meeting.

9.5 Advocacy Planning (J. Grimsdale)

Superintendent Grimsdale reviewed the current Advocacy Plan with the Board of Trustees.

10.0 Round Table Discussion

11.0 School Monitoring Report Visit

11.1 Wheatland Elementary

Wheatland Elementary was not able to present due to unforeseen circumstances, they will be rescheduled for a later date.

11.2 Trinity Christian Academy

Superintendent Grimsdale welcomed Principal, M. Walsh and Vice Principal, S. Krulicki to the Board of Trustees meeting to present their schools Education Plan that has seen academic success which goes hand in hand with Powerful Learning, Goals and Strategies. Trinity Christian Academy has embraced the community by connecting with the local Church's, hosting parent prayer, Tea Times, Student and Volunteer Appreciation Events. Superintendent Grimsdale and Chair Huntley thanked them for their informative presentation.

11.3 Wheatland Crossing School

Superintendent Grimsdale welcomed Principal, M. Hilton and Vice Principal, T. Desmet to the Board of Trustees meeting to present their schools current Education Plan, Goals and Strategies that they incorporate in their school's day to day lessons, working with Dr.

Trantor. The introduction of a Fine Arts and 3D Program that was created by forming a partnership with SAIT. Wheatland Crossing has embraced a strong Community Culture by collaborating with the local farmers. The school also hosts a Student Conference Day that brings in keynote speakers, hosts different academic sessions and encourages getting to know each other. Superintendent Grimsdale and Chair Huntley thanked them for their informative presentation.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

12.1 Adjournment

Recommendation: BD#20250325.1007

The Board of Trustees adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Carried

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

Chair Initials _____ Secretary Treasurer Initials _____