

WILD ROSE SCHOOL DIVISION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021

To improve the life chances of ALL students

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Wild Rose School Division was held in Rocky Mountain House on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, commencing at 9:30 am.

Present:
Chair, Russ Hickman
Trustees, Julie Andrew, Mae Tryon, Heidi Hetherington,
Gary Thompson, Daryl Scott
Superintendent, Brad Volkman
Deputy Superintendent, Greg Wedman joined the meeting at 10:12 am
Secretary-Treasurer, Ama Urbinsky
Recording Secretary, Dawn Beeman

ATA representative Mike Wheeler joined the meeting at 9:30 am.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- 58/21 Moved by Julie Andrew:
“that the August 24, 2021 Regular Board Meeting agenda be adopted as amended:
- 7(d) Public School Board Association of Alberta
 - Delegates - 10:00 - Dr. Chris Kendall
 - 8.4 ASBA
 - 6.3 (f) Division Office operating hours”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 59/21 Moved by Mae Tryon:
“that the following minutes be adopted as presented;
- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 15, 2021.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Superintendent’s Report: Pandemic Learning Loss Funding, New Schools Construction Update, Summer School 2021, WRSD Summer Institute for Staff, Summer 2020 Maintenance Projects, Family Wellness Assistants, Minister’s Youth Council, Ministers Teacher and Parent Advisory Council
- 2021 Health Guidelines for Schools
 - The board reviewed the 2021-2022 Health Guidelines for Schools. These documents have been provided by Alberta Education to school boards in the last two weeks. The provided summary included the evidence used to support the government’s decisions for the discontinued mandatory health measures and the recommended best practices. The results from the survey sent to our school communities, was 78% in favour of adding no additional restrictions.
 - Several community members joined the meeting showing interest in this possible decision both in person and electronically. Delegates provided further insight into the advantages and disadvantages of implementing stricter Covid-19 protocols.
 - Roxanne Franczak provided a parental perspective from RMH, DV, Caroline and Corridor Schools. It was clear that the majority of parents do not wish to impose stricter covid protocols on their children. The well being of our children, including mental health is this group's first concern.
 - Dr. Chris Kendall is a family physician from Rocky Mountain House, with children attending WRSD. He spoke to the

- local status of Covid-19, including vaccination rates.
- Trustees shared their perspectives and had a discussion regarding the advantages and disadvantages of imposing stronger restrictions.
- **Learning Services 2020-2021 Accountability Report**
 - The Learning Services Coordinator presented the Accountability Report and shared the highlights from last year, which included our At-Home Learning program.
 - The board discussed that the requests for online learning may be higher than we anticipated, and what we can do to meet those needs. We will track the interest and see what the demands are.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:16 pm
Meeting reconvened at 1:03 pm

INFORMATION ITEMS - CONTINUED

- **Secretary Treasurer's Report: Trustee Remuneration Report, Monthly Fiscal Report, David Thompson High School Building / Land, HW Pickup School / Drayton Valley Replacement School, CBO Insurance, Division Office Operating Hours**
 - Division Office will be changing their hours; closed to the public at 4:00 and closed from 12:00 - 1:00 daily. Division Office staff will still be available during the regular working hours, but not to the public. As well, the office will be closed to the public during spring break.
- **Pioneer Middle School Speech Competition**
 - This was an outstanding event that was hosted by one of our dedicated teachers last year, and it was recognized how much value this brought to students and the school community.
- **ASBA 2021 FGM**
- **ASBA Fall Awards**
 - The board suggested nominating our At Home Learning program for the Innovation and Excellence Award. Eligible trustees will be nominated for their long service awards.
- **Prospective Trustee Information Session**
 - The board discussed the agenda for this meeting and we will ask prospective trustees to pre-register. This meeting will be held in person.
- **September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

BOARD ITEMS

Committee Reports

- **Zone 4 ASBA Report** - Trustee Tryon shared the highlights from the last meeting.
- **PSBAA** - The last meeting was held in person, where they toured a school in South Edmonton.

Correspondence

- The board reviewed the correspondence received.

CLOSED SESSION

60/21

Moved by Gary Thompson:
"that the Board of Trustees now (2:36 pm) meet in closed session to deal with the following items:

- **HR Update**
- **Division Office Staff Work from Home procedures**
- **Eldorado & HW Pickup land**
- **ASBA**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

61/21 Moved by Daryl Scott:
“that the Board of Trustees now (3:34 pm) meet in open session.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

62/21 Moved by Gary Thompson:
“that the Regular Board Meeting of August 24, 2021, be adjourned at (3:34 pm)”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Russ Hickman
Chair

Ama Urbinsky
Secretary Treasurer