



Public Board Meeting

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025
Time: 1:00 PM

Trustees	Nicole Buchanan, Chair Dianne Macaulay, Vice Chair – Not present Matt Gould, Trustee Bev Manning, Trustee Cathy Peacocke, Trustee Angela Sommers, Trustee Jim Watters, Trustee
Senior Administration	Chad Erickson, Superintendent of Schools Dan Lower, Deputy Superintendent Colin Cairney, Secretary Treasurer Erin Black, Communications Specialist

1. Call to Order

The public meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 10:31 a.m.

2. Notice of Recording

3. Motion to Meet in Private

Moved By: Jim Watters, Trustee

THAT the Board meet in private, the time being 10:31 a.m.

For: Chair Buchanan, Trustee Gould, Trustee Manning, Trustee Peacocke, Trustee Sommers, Trustee Watters

Carried

4. Revert to Public Meeting

The meeting reverted to a public meeting, the time being 1 p.m.

5. Land Acknowledgement

The land recognition statement recognizing Treaty 6 and Treaty 7 territory was read by a group of students from Central Middle School.

6. O Canada

O Canada was sung.

7. Approval of Minutes

Moved By: Jim Watters, Trustee

THAT the minutes for Board Meeting February 12, 2025 be approved as presented.

8. Approval of Agenda

Moved By: Bev Manning, Trustee

THAT the agenda for Board Meeting March 12, 2025 be approved as presented.

For: Chair Buchanan, Trustee Gould, Trustee Manning, Trustee Peacocke, Trustee Sommers, Trustee Watters

Carried

9. Recognition

9.1 Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School Improv Team

Two Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School Improv Teams took home medals at their prospective tournaments last month. The Nosebowl Team secured a silver medal at the Wildfire Festival, while the Canadian Improv Games Team earned a bronze medal, highlighting the dedication and creativity of these young performers.

10. Governance Agenda

10.1 Pines ASC Field Study Follow-Up

Students who participated in the Pines Alternative School field study to Los Angeles and Anaheim, California in January, shared their experiences with the Board.

10.2 Enrollment Summary Report

Superintendent Chad Erickson presented the February 28, 2025 enrollment summary, which totaled 11,532 students attending Red Deer Public Schools.

10.3 Second Quarter Financial Statements

Secretary Treasurer Colin Cairney presented the financial statement for the second quarter of the year ending February 28, 2025. The statement was reviewed and noted that revenues and expenditures are currently in line with budget projections from the spring 2024-2025 budget.

10.4 Three Year Capital Plan

The Division's Three Year Capital Plan for 2026-2028 must be submitted to Alberta Education by March 31, 2025, identifying the top priorities of the Board. Following review of existing facilities and demographic data, recommendations were shared with the Board of Trustees for review and approval.

Moved By: Bev Manning, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees identify their priorities for the 2026-2028 Three Year Capital Plan as follows:

- *The modernization of Oriole Park Elementary School (full mechanical and electrical, architectural, and functional)*
- *New Grade 6-8 school in North East Red Deer, 600 spaces*

- *The modernization of Gateway Christian School (architectural, mechanical, electrical, and functional)*
- *The modernization of Eastview Middle School (architectural, mechanical, electrical, and functional)*
- *The modernization of Glendale School (partial mechanical, electrical, and functional)*
- *New Grade 9-12 High School, North East Red Deer, 1000 spaces*

For: Chair Buchanan, Trustee Gould, Trustee Manning, Trustee Peacocke, Trustee Sommers, Trustee Watters

Carried

10.5 PSBAA Report

Trustee Gould provided a verbal report.

10.6 Creation of Board Evaluation Policy

Trustee Gould proposed the creation of a Board Evaluation Policy.

Moved By: Matt Gould, Trustee

The Red Deer Public Schools Board of Trustees develops a Board Evaluation Framework that outlines a process for regularly assessing the effectiveness of the board, including but not limited to:

1. *The frequency and method of evaluation;*
2. *The criteria and benchmarks for assessment;*
3. *The involvement of trustees, administration, and relevant stakeholders;*
3. *A process for reviewing and implementing recommendations arising from evaluations.*

For: Chair Buchanan, Trustee Gould, Trustee Manning, Trustee Peacocke, Trustee Sommers, Trustee Watters

Carried

10.7 Trustee Community Engagement Report

Board Chair Nicole Buchanan highlighted a number of activities Trustees were involved in during the month of January and the first part of February.

10.8 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Chad Erickson highlighted a number of activities he was involved in during the month of February and the first part of March.

10.9 Board Chair's Report

Chair Buchanan had nothing to report.

11. Celebrations

The Board of Trustees and Senior Administration shared celebrations of events and activities taking place in the Division over the last month.

12. Adjournment

Chair Buchanan declared the meeting adjournment at 2:40 p.m.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer