

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF PRAIRIE LAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION
Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at Hanna

Each student will be provided personalized education through innovative practices while celebrating diversity and developing strong relationships that ensure student achievement and foster the growth of well-adjusted citizens.

Present:

Shandele Battle, Scott MacPherson, Holli Smith, Marsha Tkach, Sharon Walker, Danielle Kurek, Cam McKeage – Superintendent, Katherine Mann – Deputy Superintendent, Syed Raza – Associate Superintendent, and Jennifer Cooper – Administrative Assistant

Absent with Regrets: Gemma Norburn, Chris Warwick and Mark Nikota – Secretary-Treasurer

1. Call To Order

Board Chairperson, H. Smith, called the January 27, 2026, Regular Board Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The Board of Trustees of Prairie Land School Division approved the January 27, 2026, Regular Board Meeting agenda, as amended (item 9B ASBA Zone 5).

3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

- A. Moved by M. Tkach that the minutes of the December 16, 2025 Board meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried (2025-2026-33)

5. Reports of Officers

- A. Administration

C. McKeage, Superintendent, presented the administration report.

Administration will send the engineering reports for the Consort Shop and Youngstown Gym to trustees.

6. Reports of Committees

- A.

7. Standing Order of Business

- A. Board Advocacy and Action Meeting

The next Board Advocacy meeting will be held on February 10, 2026. Agenda items will be Board Policies 5 & 6, School AERR Presentations, Board Policy 1 and Strategic Plan.

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B. Draft 2026-2027 Prairie Land Division Calendar

The draft 2026-2027 calendar was reviewed and will be sent out to staff and parents for feedback. Additional PD days have been added to the calendar. There will not be early Tuesdays for the 2026-2027 school year. The calendar will be discussed at the February 24, 2026 Board meeting.

C. Board & School Council Meeting

The Board & School Council meeting was held on January 22, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. by Google Meet. Agenda items were Board Policy 4 – Role of the Board, a summary of key Administrative Procedures and the AERR.

Recess held at 11:03 a.m.

Board Chair, H. Smith, called the Board Meeting to order at 11:12 a.m.

Andrea Olsen, Project REACH Project Manager entered the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

4. Presentations

A. REACH

A. Olsen presented on what Project Reach is and the programs they run for the schools in Prairie Land.

S. Raza left the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

A. Olsen left the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

7. Standing Order of Business Continued

D. Election Campaign Disclosure Statements

Trustees signed the financial disclosure statements.

E. Recording of Board Meetings

Discussion was held on recording of Board meetings. The Board meeting recording will remain on the website until the Board meeting minutes have been approved.

F. Committee of the Whole Meetings

Discussion was held on if the committee of the whole meetings (Advocacy and Action meetings) should be open to the public. For now the Advocacy and Action meetings will remain open to the public.

G. Alberta Rural Education Symposium (ARES)

The Alberta Rural Education Symposium will be held on March 1-3, 2026 at the River Cree Resort and Casino. The Rural Caucus meeting will be held on Sunday, March 1, 2026. Trustees attending ARES are S. MacPherson, M.

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Tkach, S. Battle, S. Walker and D. Kurek. C. Warwick and G. Norburn will be emailed about the conference.

Recess held at 12:27 p.m.

Board Chair, H. Smith, called the Board Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

- H. Board Policies 3 & 4
Board Policies 3 & 4 were reviewed.

Moved by S. MacPherson that *Board Policy 3 – Role of the Board*, be approved as amended.

Carried (2025-2026-34)

Moved by S. MacPherson that *Board Policy 4 – Role of the Trustee*, be approved as amended.

Carried (2025-2026-35)

- I. Indigenous Committee & Health & Wellness Committee
The Board Chair asked that the trustees on the Indigenous and Health & Wellness committees be invited to the meetings and groups. She requested that the representative and alternate be added to the groups and the Board Chair be added in case the representative and alternate are unable to attend.
- J. PSBC Presentation
The Board Chair and Superintendent are presenting at the Public School Board's Council on February 5, 2026 on Bright Futures in Public Education: Prairie Land's Journey with Alternative Programs.
- K. ASBA Strategic Plan
After the Board meeting today, trustees will review the ASBA Strategic Plan and submit the survey.
- L. Board Chairs & Superintendents Meeting
M. Tkach has registered for the Board Chair & Superintendent meeting to be held on February 9, 2026 in Calgary. M. Tkach and C. McKeage will attend on behalf of Prairie Land. H. Smith will attend on behalf of ASBA.

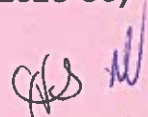
8. Announcements

Trustees reported school reports.

9. Closed Session

Moved by D. Kurek that the Board move into closed session at 1:38 p.m..

Carried (2025-2026-36)



Moved by S. MacPherson that the Board move out of the closed session at 1:54 p.m..
Carried (2025-2026-37)

10. Adjournment

The January 27, 2026 Regular Board meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.



Holli Smith
Board Chair



Mark Nikota
Secretary-Treasurer