



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.59

11600 – 7TH Street, Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4R8

Open Session Minutes

DATE & TIME: April 20, 2022 – 1:00 PM

PLACE: School District Board Office, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Trustees:
C. Anderson (Chair)
C. Hillton (Vice-Chair)
T. Ziemer via zoom
R. Gulick via zoom
T. Jones via zoom
B. Borton
J. Lalonde - absent

C. Fennell, Superintendent
M. Readman, Assistant Superintendent
M. Panoulis, Secretary-Treasurer
R. Schwartz, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm.

“We acknowledge that we share this territory with the people of Treaty 8.”

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions:

Deletions:

(2022-04-009)
MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Borton
THAT, the regular meeting agenda be approved as printed.
CARRIED

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 16, 2022

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2022-04-010)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting March 16, 2022 approved as printed.

R1.2 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting – March 16, 2022

(2022-04-011)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting March 16, 2022 approved as printed.

R1.3 Excerpts of Special Closed Board Meeting – April 12, 2022

(2022-04-012)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting April 12, 2022 approved as printed.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

3.0 ESSENTIAL ITEMS

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

R4.1 Moberly Lake Elementary

Students from Moberly Lake Elementary and Chetwynd Secondary School participated in a climate action program (IChap) in partnership with Saulteau Lands Office. Presentations on climate action helped the students to gain an understanding of the Moberly Lake watershed, challenges to maintaining a clean water source and the impact of climate change. The students learned how climate change can impact food and the need to put in strategies to protect water sources. The first meeting was at Moberly Lake Elementary school with the grade four to seven class. The second meeting took place at CSS with seventeen youth from the Moberly Lake area. The students were so inspired by the program, they will be presenting their climate action strategies to council.

5.0 REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

R5.1 School/Student News

The Superintendent reported school/student news:

- Don Titus Elementary celebrated St. Patrick's Day with Lucky Charms math games. The Chetwynd Art Council recently led grade 6-7 students through an art colour workshop. The new Don Titus breakfast program is well attended, and with the arrival of spring, baby chicks have hatched
- McLeod Elementary held their own Winter Olympics. They also celebrated Easter with Easter themed chalk art.

- Windrem Elementary staff celebrated at a recent staff meeting looking at student success in SEL (Social, Emotional, Learning) and what it has meant to them and the impact it has had at the school.
- CSS celebrated Pi day on March 14th. Students also participated a Shamrock Showdown, second annual rock/paper/scissors competition, Easter egg hunt and staff led games day.
- DCSS-SP Engineering students were busy building gondolas. The project-based learning project included designing and building gondolas including the tram system. The project included measuring speed, acceleration and deceleration of the cable cars.
- TRSS celebrated inclusion, diversity, and pride by decorating bulletin boards throughout the school.
- The grade 6/7 class at Canalta Elementary are busy building models to explain the breakdown of atoms, protons, and neutrons. At the spring break assembly there was a presentation of erupting elephant toothpaste which compared the eruption to social and emotional eruptions.
- Little Prairie Elementary students helped build stand up desks for outdoor classroom.
- The Gwillim Lake Adventure Race will be held this year on May 27th & 28th at the Pat O'Reilly Outdoor Education Site. Students in grades 6-12 can sign up for the event.
- SD59 is excited to have an Artist in Residence for the remainder of the school year. Wayne Lariviere will be available to schools for sessions focusing on theatre arts/drama and mural painting.
- Universal Designs for Learning Professional Development with Jennifer Katz is ongoing. There are 24 staff being trained as trainers which will allow the district to support this initiative in schools across the district.

R5.2 2022-23 Revised School Calendar

The 2022-23 school calendar was previously adopted in the March board meeting; however, since then, the provincial government has announced the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30th) will be recognized as a provincial statutory holiday. With this announcement, a revision to the 2022-2023 calendar was made. This change impacts daily the number of instructional days and the number of instructional minutes per day. Additionally, in the previously adopted calendar, the November Non-Instructional Day (NID) was identified on two different dates. This calendar confirms that this NID will take place on Friday, November 25.

The revised calendar will be circulated until May 9th for public feedback and presented in the May 18th board meeting for adoption.

R5.3 International Field Trip

Chetwynd Secondary School submitted a request for approval to begin the formal planning process for a student trip to Costa Rica in the spring of 2023. The trip is for students of the Chetwynd Secondary girls' basketball team.

(2022-04-013)

MOVED/SECONDED –Hillton/Borton

THAT, the Board give approval to proceed with planning the international field trip to Costa Rica in the spring of 2023.

CARRIED

R5.4 Indigenous Education Updates

The Superintendent reported on new updates from the Ministry of Education regarding Indigenous Education:

- September 30th will be a provincial statutory holiday to recognize the day for Truth and Reconciliation.
- Action plan to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- Implementation of new graduation requirements focus on Indigenous Education as part of the province's commitment to truth, reconciliation, and anti-racism. The district has a head start on this as most of the high schools already offer courses in this area.
- National Indigenous Day will be celebrated on June 21st.

R5.5 Windrem Elementary Mural Request

Windrem Elementary submitted a mural request to replace the old murals that have been removed from the school. The new murals will represent the school community and surrounding area and will focus on inclusion and Indigenous culture.

(2022-04-014)

MOVED/SECONDED –Gulick/Borton

THAT, the Board approve to allow Windrem Elementary to proceed with planning for the wall murals as presented;

WHEREAS, the planning must follow the process as established in Policy 6060 and have approval of the school administration, PAC, and district facilities department;

CARRIED

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R6.1 Finance Reports

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the monthly finance reports as of March 31, 2022.

R6.2 2022-23 Preliminary Operating Grant

The Preliminary Base Operating Grant Funding for the 2022-23 school year was announced on March 18, 2022. The District is projecting a preliminary enrolment count of 3655 FTE with total funding of \$46,050,799

R6.3 2022-23 Budget Recommendations

The Secretary Treasurer presented the budget recommendations for the 2022-23 Annual Budget. The district will be implementing a new process for budget consultation. The 2022-23 Annual Budget will be presented to the board at the May 18th public board meeting. A public consultation meeting will be scheduled for individuals and stakeholders to provide feedback before a final budget is adopted at the June 22nd public board meeting.

R6.4 Appointment of Election Officials

The General School Trustee Election will be held in the fall. The board appointed the chief and deputy election officials.

(2022-04-015)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Gulick

THAT, the Board appoint Melissa Panoulis as Chief Election Officer and Richell Schwartz as Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2022 General School Trustee Election.

CARRIED

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 BCSTA Update – T. Ziemer

Trustee Ziemer reported on the latest news and events of BCSTA. Four trustees will be attending the BCSTA AGM from April 21-24, 2022.

R7.2 Public Board Meetings – C. Anderson

Based on a previous motion (April 23, 2020) to offer public board meetings in an online format to allow public access to the meetings while the gallery was closed due the COVID-19 pandemic, the board considered continuing with the option of offering the public attendance of the meetings via zoom. With some PHO restrictions being lifted the gallery is open and public members may attend meetings in person once again.

(2022-04-016)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Jones

THAT, the board allow attendance to the public board meetings to continue via zoom.

CARRIED

It is understood that technology restraints or issues may arise and may be limited in venue's outside of the School District Board Office; therefore, attendance via zoom may not be available in those circumstances.

R7.3 Conclusion of Vaccination Procedure & Rapid Testing Program – C. Anderson

The Board Chair announced that the board held a special meeting on April 12, 2022 to review the Proof of Vaccination Regarding COVID-19 Operations Procedure. At that meeting the board passed a motion to cease the Proof of Vaccination Regarding COVID-19 Operations Procedure, effective April 13, 2022 at 12:00 pm ending the requirement for employees and independent contractors to disclose their vaccination status. This decision also ends the requirement to participate in the Rapid Testing Program for any employees or independent contractors that are not fully vaccinated or chose not to disclose their vaccination status.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

R8.1 Policy Committee

The Policy committee made the following recommendations:

(2022-04-017)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Borton

THAT, the Board adopt the following policies as presented:

- Policy 2240 Board Review of Regulations
- Policy 2250 Policy Development

CARRIED

Regulation 6000: Health and Safety was presented to the board for information.

9.0 DIARY

10.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

11.0 QUESTION PERIOD

A question and answer period was provided.

12.0 FUTURE BUSINESS

R12.1 - Regular Board Meeting – May 18, 2022 (Tumbler Ridge)

ADJOURNMENT

(2022-04-018)

MOVED – Gulick

THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (1:55 PM)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



(C. Anderson) Board Chair



(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer