



# School District No.59 (Peace River South)

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.59

11600 – 7<sup>TH</sup> Street, Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4R8

### Open Session Minutes

DATE & TIME: December 15, 2021 – 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  
T. Jones  
B. Borton  
J. Lalonde

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

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

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions: R2.1 Northern Health Letter

Deletions:

(2021-12-004)  
MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Lalonde  
THAT, the regular meeting agenda be approved as amended.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

### R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2021

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2021-12-005)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting November 17, 2021 approved as printed.

### R1.2 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting – November 17, 2021

(2021-12-006)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting November 17, 2021 approved as presented.

## 2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

### 2.1 Northern Health Letter

Trustee Borton reported a response was received by Northern Health. Trustees still had a few outstanding questions; Northern Health did reply that they would be updating their website.

(2021-12-007)

MOVED/SECONDED – Borton/Hillton

THAT, the board reply to the recent NHA letter encouraging ongoing communication and collaboration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 3.0 ESSENTIAL ITEMS

## 4.0 PRESENTATIONS

## 5.0 REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

### R5.1 School/Student News

The Superintendent reported school/student news:

- The board visited EFR to view the new Mural on the outside entrance of the school.
- Windrem Elementary students are participating in a sight word blitz and the elementary volleyball team enjoyed their season.
- Grade 7 students at Little Prairie hosted a winter carnival for the whole school to participate in.
- The Pouce Coupe Elementary School expansion is complete. Students will be able to enjoy the new space in the New Year.
- DCSS South Peace Sr. Girls Volleyball team placed 4<sup>th</sup> at provincials. Ty O'Dwyer and Ridley Chisholm both brought home gold medals at provincials in swimming.
- Moberly Lake Elementary students learned about the success of the caribou program in Northeastern BC.

- Students at Chetwynd Secondary School are enjoying using the sewing machines that were received by donation. CSS has a great turnout for their basketball program, 25% of the student population are playing on basketball teams; The senior girls' team will host zones in February. CSS students also beaded poppies for Remembrance Day
- Joanne Malkinson, a teacher at Crescent Park Elementary School was awarded the Best Teacher Award in the Dawson Creek Mirror Community Awards; SD59 was voted as the best place to work.
- McLeod Elementary school is getting into the holiday spirit by having a door decorating contest for students and staff to participate in.
- Citizenship classes at DCSS Central Campus are spreading positive messages around the school.
- Catharine Leroux, District Numeracy Teacher, hosted a numeracy workshop and presented her binder of early numeracy interventions – basic skills and assessments to be used in K-3. In supporting the Enhancement Agreement, Indigenous Education Assistants will be targeting students in grades 1-3 in a pilot of this initiative.

#### R5.2 Mentorship Grant

The Assistant Superintendent reported the district has received \$10,500 in funding under Expect Respect and a Safe Education (ERASE), a provincial program aimed at improving the lives of young people, parents and educators. The district is partnering with Nawican Bergeron Youth and Cultural Centre for delivery of the *Walking the Path* and *Power to Her* programs to students in grades 8-12 at Dawson Creek Secondary School.

#### R5.3 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Next Steps

The Superintendent discussed the next steps in the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning process. The district has been selected to participate in the Cooperate structure. The sessions will include topics of:

- Equity;
- Data literacy;
- Strategic planning;
- Operational planning; and,
- Building on subject matter expertise and a culture of reflective practice.

### 6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

#### R6.1 SOFI Report

The Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) report was presented. This annual report is required by all public institutions. The report publishes the names and salaries of employees over \$75,000 (wages & benefits), vendors over \$25,000, and trustee income and expenses.

### 7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

#### R7.1 BCSTA Update – T. Jones

Trustee Jones reported on the latest news and events of BCSTA.

- BCSTA Provincial Council will be held on February 11-12, 2022.
- BCSTA AGM will be held on April 21-24, 2022.
- The BCSTA Northern Interior Branch (NIB) meeting is to be scheduled.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

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 – January 19, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

(2021-12-008)

MOVED – Jones

THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (1:45 PM)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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(C. Anderson) Board Chair

  
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(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer