



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: February 16, 2022 – 1:00 PM

PLACE: School District Board Office, Dawson Creek, BC via zoom

PRESENT: Trustees:
C. Anderson (Chair)
C. Hillton (Vice-Chair)
T. Ziemer
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 1:01 pm.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions:

Deletions: R4.1 Don Titus Elementary

(2022-02-006)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Borton

THAT, the regular meeting agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2022

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2022-02-007)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting January 19, 2022 approved as printed.

R1.2 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting – January 19, 2022

(2022-02-008)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting January 19, 2022 approved as printed.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

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:

- Tumbler Ridge Elementary School is celebrating the Olympics and had held their own Olympic competitions along with an opening ceremony and the torch relay. Classes are also tagged to a country and are keeping track of their medal count.
- Little Prairie Elementary students have been learning about the Indigenous Medicine Wheel. Students are also participating in a Kindness Bingo.
- The Pouce Coupe Elementary Diversity Club has developed affirmation posters for students to take an affirmation when they need one.
- Moberly Lake Elementary students participated in a project that allowed for student input into the Moberly Lake watershed area. Intermediate students are also learning about Ancient Egypt.
- Parkland Elementary primary students had the opportunity learn how to write Haiku poems inspired by the moose that took up residence on their playground. The students created Haiku poems titled, "There's a Moose on the Loose".
- Don Titus Montessori School has seen great success in their fluency practice. On average, students reading levels have gone up 8 categories. Don Titus students also held a Global Day of Play and had unstructured play for one afternoon.
- Tremblay Elementary Kindergarten students enjoyed their finger-painting activity.
- Chetwynd Secondary students in the BC Frist Peoples class designed and built fish traps. The Leadership class has been hosting various events for students. The senior girls basketball team is hosting zone competitions.
- TRSS Skills Exploration class received hands on learning in carpentry, electrical, and plumbing when they built a display showcasing a toilet.

- Tremblay Elementary students in Mr. Bricker's class learned how to bead using pony beads, yarn and looms. Beading is an important tradition in the Metis culture.
- The portable from Pouce Coupe Elementary has been moved and is now set up at Crescent Park Elementary. Students are enjoying the new space.

The Superintendent announced the following principal appointments effective August 1, 2022:

- Judy Eagles (DCSS Principal)
- Sean Cowie (DCSS Vice-Principal-South Peace Campus)
- Jeff Corcoran (DCSS Vice-Principal-South Peace Campus)
- Dianne Bassendowski (District Principal)

R5.2 Field Trip Update

The Assistant Superintendent informed the board that the French Immersion trip to Quebec scheduled for the spring has been cancelled. The uncertainty around travel restrictions and potential of students and chaperones becoming sick while on the trip was too much uncertainty and an unacceptable level of risk.

R5.3 IEP Pilot Project

The District has been participating in a pilot project on the Inclusive and Competency Based Individual Education Plan (ICBIEP). Jan Proulx, Director of Instruction, presented information on the project. The process supports the work the district has implemented on inclusion and builds on the student's strengths to support their learning. Collaboration from family and the student is a foundational part of the program. Three elementary schools in the district are involved in the pilot project, and feedback from this year will be used to guide the district in implementing the program in other schools.

R5.4 Child Care Survey Results

The District conducted a Child Care Action Plan Data Collection Survey in December 2021. Paul Chisholm, Director of Instruction, presented the results of the survey to the board. The District received feedback from 314 families. The results of the survey are intended to inform SD59 and its partners within the Building Learning Together Society about the potential child care needs for families within our communities. The transition of the responsibility of childcare from the Ministry of Children Family Development to the Ministry of Education will be effective in April 2022. The survey allowed the district to really understand family needs in the communities around childcare. One of the largest barriers identified by families is the cost of child care.

R5.5 Indigenous Education Report & Completion Rates

The Indigenous Education Report, "How Are We Doing?", is now available on the Ministry website. The report monitors performance of Indigenous students in the BC public school system. The report includes demographic and assessment outcomes, including student completions rates. The District uses this data to determine areas of success and identify where there is a gap in achievement and equity.

The full report is available at: <https://studentsuccess.gov.bc.ca/school-district/059>.

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R6.1 Finance Reports

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

R6.2 2021-22 Amended Operating Budget & Bylaw

The 2020-21 Amended Operating Budget and Bylaw was presented.

(2022-02-009)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Gulick

THAT, the School District No. 59 (Peace River South) Amended Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2021-22 showing the estimated revenues and expenditures for the 2021-22 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$59,704,825 for the 2021-22 fiscal year be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2022-02-010)

MOVED/SECONDED – Jones/Lalonde

THAT, the School District No. 59 (Peace River South) Amended Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2021-22 showing the estimated revenues and expenditures for the 2021-22 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$59,704,825 for the 2021-22 fiscal year be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2022-02-011)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Lalonde

THAT, the Board allows the third reading of Amended 2021-22 Budget Bylaw to occur in this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2022-02-012)

MOVED/SECONDED – Borton/Jones

THAT, the School District No. 59 (Peace River South) Amended Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2021-22 showing the estimated revenues and expenditures for the 2021-22 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$59,704,825 for the 2021-22 fiscal year be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R6.3 Enrollment Projections

The Secretary Treasurer presented the 2022-23 projected enrollment numbers. The District is estimating a slight decrease in enrollment for the 2022-23 school year. The preliminary budget is developed based on the projected enrollment FTE submitted to the Ministry.

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 BCSTA Update – T. Jones

Trustee Jones reported on the latest news and events of BCSTA. Trustees attended the BCSTA Northern Interior Branch meeting held on February 5, 2022. Trustee Anderson was elected as president and Trustee Gulick was re-appointed as a member of the Professional Learning Committee.

Trustee Ziemer attended the virtual BCSTA Provincial Council meeting on February 12, 2022.

The BCSTA AGM will be held on April 21-24, 2022.

R7.2 Committee Reps – T. Jones

Trustee Jones resigned from his role as the BCSTA representative. The Board appointed Trustee Ziemer as the new BCSTA representative and Roxanne Gulick as the alternate.

R7.3 Proof of Vaccination Procedure Media Release – C. Anderson

On January 19, 2022, the Board approved a motion to implement a proof of vaccination procedure specific to COVID-19 for staff and individual contractors. A media release was issued announcing the decision. The Board has directed the Superintendent to develop a procedure which will be implemented as soon as possible.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

R8.1 Policy Committee

The Policy committee made the following recommendations:

(2022-02-013)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Borton

THAT, the Board circulate the following policies for feedback for a minimum of 45 days:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board received the following revised regulations for information:

- Regulation 3190: Violence in the Workplace-Employees
- Regulation 2240: Board Review of Regulations
- Regulation 2250: Policy Development

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 – March 16, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

(2022-02-014)

MOVED – Jones

THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (2:25 PM)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



(C. Anderson) Board Chair



(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer