



# 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: February 15, 2023 – 1:00 PM

PLACE: School District Board Office, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Trustees:  
C. Anderson (Chair)  
C. Hillton (Vice-Chair)  
R. Gulick  
S. Mounsey  
A. Schurmann  
C. Wards  
T. Jones via zoom

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm.

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

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions:

Deletions:

(2023-02-006)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Wards

THAT, the regular meeting agenda be approved as printed.

CARRIED

### 1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2023

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2023-02-007)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting January 18, 2023 approved as printed.

#### R1.2 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting – January 18, 2023

(2023-01-008)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting January 18, 2023 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:

- The Little Prairie Library is thriving, and students are learning about CORE Competencies with STEM activities. The Grade 7 students hosted a carnival night as a fundraiser for their year-end field trip. Over 200 people throughout the evening enjoyed the carnival and the group raised \$2000 for their trip.
- Tremblay Elementary students are having fun with a book tasting event. The students are enjoying the book café where they get to sample the books and then choose one to read. The school library held a lego challenge, where students had to design and build specific objects individually or in pairs.
- At Windrem Elementary, the grade 3/4/5 class has been running gym stations for the K1/2 class – this is a great initiative to build leadership skills and connections within school and community.
- DCSS-Central Campus started their new semester with a bus evacuation drill. Students have also participated in ski trips to bear mountain. The grade 9 students are starting their course selection process to make the transition to the South Peace Campus. The basketball teams are going to Vanderhoof and Prince George to play in their final tournaments.
- Crescent Park Elementary has created a new bulletin board with welcome messages in Michif and Dane-zaa. The Grade 2 class is learning about persuasive writing. The students wrote letters to the school principal to try to get a hot chocolate concession, nap time and a climbing wall.
- The K/1 class at Parkland Elementary has been working on story workshops. The class has built a wall of prompts for stories. They created verbal and visual story prompts first which then lead to a story wall. The wall has inspired other classes to come in and use the prompt wall.
- Students at Ecole Frank Ross have been participating in many activities around the book Spirit Bear and Children make History by Cindy Blackstock, including reading and

discussing the book, making Spirit Bears, creating Spirit Bear bulletin boards, writing letters to the Prime Minister and a whole school assembly to watch Murray Sinclair and the Spirit Bear video. In addition, Mme. Gowda's class has connected with the Nawican Friendship Centre and is taking snack food donations for Have a Heart Day

- Don Titus Elementary students had fun on their “no electronics day”. The students enjoyed many activities that did not include technology.
- Eleven students from Dawson Creek Secondary – South Peace Campus are enrolled in the Trades Sampler program at Northern Lights College this semester. The students will have the opportunity to receive hands on learning in various trades programs including carpentry, electrical and plumbing.
- Pouce Coupe Elementary has been sharing their learning from teachers to students. The teachers learned about coding using Ozobots in a professional development workshop and then taught their students coding. The grade 6/7 class is learning valuable leadership skills by helping the grade 2/3 class with skating and the grade 3/4 class created an “Array City” as a final project for their multiplication unit. It was also apparent that students like to go to school at Pouce Coupe Elementary with 80 students being recognized as having greater than 90% attendance in January.
- Moberly Lake Elementary has been busy celebrating the Chinese New Year, learning Cree language through a bingo game, hosting a Bring A Valentine for Lunch event, and inviting Chetwynd Secondary School students out to go ice-fishing.
- CSS has been busy with many sporting activities; the basketball teams are busy travelling to tournaments, the students had a fun a hockey game with the local RCMP, and the school hosted a volleyball clinic with Saulteau First Nations and West Moberly First Nations.

#### R5.2 Field Trips

Chetwynd Secondary School submitted a request for final approval for the field trip application to Costa Rica from March 17 to 26, 2023.

(2023-02-009)

MOVED/SECONDED – Schurmann/Jones

THAT, the board give final approval for the international field trip to Costa Rica from March 17 to 26, 2023 to proceed as planned.

CARRIED

The Superintendent informed the board that approval in principle was given to Dawson Creek Secondary School – Central Campus for their initial application for a field trip request to Quebec in May/June of 2023.

#### R5.3 TRAX Update

The Ministry of Education and Child Care is phasing out the student reporting software known as TRAX (Transcripts and Examination), the system is primarily used to manage student graduation records and supporting achievement data for grades 10 to 12. It will be replaced in phases with a new system called Graduation Records and Achievement Data (GRAD).

#### R5.4 K-12 Anti-racism Action Plan

The Ministry of Education and Child Care recognizes that it is important to recognize and address racism and discrimination both in communities and schools. Recently, changes were made to the K-12 provincial curriculum to support Indigenous languages, cultural learning opportunities, and increased courses in social justice. The K-12 Anti-racism Action Plan is a

key initiative to address racism and discrimination by providing training and resources to help students and educators understand what it means to be anti-racist. Empowering students and educators with the knowledge and tools to respond to discrimination is a powerful resource to lead change and create communities where everyone is celebrated and respected.

R5.5 erase Student and Family Resources

**erase** is an online site through the Ministry of Education and Child Care that has resources geared towards building safe and caring school communities. This includes empowering students, parents, educators and the community partners who support them to get help with challenges, report concerns to schools, and learn about complex issues facing students.

The Superintendent showed how to access the online resources through the Ministry website.

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R6.1 Finance Reports

The finance reports as of January 31, 2023 were presented. The reports were based on initial budget amounts and did not include the new funding for the collective agreements.

R6.2 2022-23 Amended Operating Budget/Bylaw

The 2022-23 Amended Operating Budget and Bylaw was presented.

(2023-02-010)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Wards

THAT, the School District No. 59 (Peace River South) Amended Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2022-23 showing the estimated revenues and expenditures for the 2022-23 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$61,197,641 or the 2022-23 fiscal year be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2023-02-011)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Mounsey

THAT, the School District No. 59 (Peace River South) Amended Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2022-23 showing the estimated revenues and expenditures for the 2022-23 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$61,197,641 for the 2022-23 fiscal year be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2023-02-012)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Jones

THAT, the Board allow the third reading of 2022-23 Amended Budget Bylaw to occur in this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2023-02-013)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Wards

THAT, the School District No. 59 (Peace River South) Amended Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2022-23 showing the estimated revenues and expenditures for the 2022-23

fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$61,197,641 for the 2022-23 fiscal year be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### R6.3 2023-24 Enrollment Projections

The Secretary Treasurer presented the 2023-24 projected enrollment numbers. The District is estimating a slight decrease in enrollment for the 2023-24 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 – R. Gulick

Trustee Gulick reported on the latest BCSTA news and events. Trustees attended the BCSTA Northern Interior Branch meeting held in Prince George from January 20-21, 2023. Trustee Gulick was re-appointed as a member of the Professional Learning Committee. The BCSTA Provincial Council meeting will be held in Vancouver on February 24-26, 2023.

Trustee Anderson attended a Partner Liaison Meeting in Vancouver. The event included a board chairs meeting and a combined meeting with Secretary-Treasurers and Superintendents.

## 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 – March 15, 2023

## ADJOURNMENT

(2023-02-014)

MOVED – Hillton

THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (3:08 PM)

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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(C. Anderson) Board Chair

  
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(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer