



# 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: January 19, 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 1:00 pm.

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

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions:

Deletions:

(2022-01-006)  
MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Hillton  
THAT, the regular meeting agenda be approved as printed.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

### R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 15, 2021

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2022-01-007)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting December 15, 2021 approved as printed.

### R1.2 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting – December 15, 2021

(2022-01-008)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting December 15, 2021 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:

- DCSS-SP Campus Art students created moccasins with the guidance from a local Elder.
- Devereaux Elementary students are enjoying getting outside to snowshoe and ski.
- Windrem Elementary continues to focus on primary literacy blitzes.
- Moberly Lake Elementary students had a chance to try ice fishing and learn about the spawning habits of Ling Cod.
- Pouce Coupe Elementary expansion is complete. Students and staff are enjoying the new space.
- Ecole Frank Ross students have created a Social Justice Club. The members model the Bulldog traits of being calm, kind, courageous and determined. They are learning about social issues and educational activism; they are talking about issues and problem solving.
- SNAP is the Student Numeracy Assessment and Practice which has been used in elementary schools. It is now expanding to the middle years through the collaboration of a working group focusing on grades 8-9. The group is working on number sense and modeling the process after the current elementary version.
- The district has recently partnered with the UBC Career Field Experience Program. The program is for students who have completed their educational program who then come to the district for 4 – 6 weeks to gain experience in local classrooms.
- A new dual credit program will allow high school students to gain ECE certification. Twelve students have been accepted into the first course starting this spring.

- Tremblay Elementary Library is the hub of the school where students participate in a variety of fun activities.

#### R5.2 Return to School Plan & Updated Protocols

The Superintendent reported the district's return to school plan that was implemented after the Winter Break. The plan included a delay in the return of school for students to allow staff to collaborate and revisit health and safety protocols.

Schools also developed contingency plans for potential staff shortages and the possibility of functional school closures. Administration will monitor staff absences and implement a functional school closure if deemed necessary.

#### R5.3 2022-23 School Calendar-DRAFT

The 2022-23 proposed calendar was presented. The draft calendar currently reflects the September 30 designated day for observance as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The calendar will be circulated until March 4, 2022 to allow for public feedback. The consultation period allows for public feedback before the calendar is adopted by the board and submitted to the Ministry.

#### R5.4 Field Trip Update

The Assistant Superintendent has given approval in principle to allow the student trip to Quebec in the spring of 2022 to proceed with planning for the trip. The Assistant Superintendent will be communicating closely with the trip planners assessing the risk for travel associated with COVID-19 pandemic and will be reassessing the status of the trip again prior to spring break.

#### R5.5 Unrestricted Operating Surplus Initiatives

The Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer allocated dollar values to the Unrestricted Operating Surplus Initiatives. The Superintendent asked the board to support the initiatives with allocating Unrestricted Operating Reserves to Internally Restricted Operating Reserves.

(2022-01-009)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Ziemer

THAT, the board approve to allocate \$1,762,500 from Unrestricted Operating Reserves to Internally Restricted Operating Reserves to support the initiatives as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

### R6.1 Finance Reports

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the monthly finance reports as of December 31, 2021.

### R6.2 2021-22 Amended Operating Grant

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the amended operating grant funding which was announced on December 17, 2021. The Amended Operating Grant increased by \$999,730 (2.2%). The student base allocation increased \$672,244 (2.4%) due to the increase in enrolment of 93.4 FTE as compared to the preliminary budget.

## 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 virtually on February 12, 2022.
- BCSTA AGM will be held on April 21-24, 2022.
- The BCSTA Northern Interior Branch (NIB) meeting will be held virtually on February 5, 2022.

### R7.2 South Peace Health Services Collaborative – B. Borton

Trustee Borton received an invitation from the mayor of Chetwynd to attend the Chetwynd Round Table - South Peace Health Services Collaborative meeting. The committee's purpose is to discuss primary health care needs and challenges in the South Peace region.

### R7.3 Recording of Board Meetings – C. Anderson

In September 2021 the board passed a motion to record board meetings to allow for public viewing. The two-month trial period is completed, and the board reassessed the process.

(2022-01-010)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Ziemer

THAT, the public board meetings continue to be recorded and posted on the district website.

CARRIED (Opposed: Jones)

## 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 – February 16, 2022

## ADJOURNMENT

(2022-01-011)

MOVED – Borton

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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(C. Anderson) Board Chair

  
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(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer