



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: January 18, 2023 – 1:00 PM

PLACE: School District Board Office, Dawson Creek, BC

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions:

Deletions:

(2023-01-005)

MOVED/SECONDED – Wards/Hillton

THAT, the regular meeting agenda be approved as printed.

CARRIED

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2022

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2023-01-006)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting December 14, 2022 approved as printed.

R1.2 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting – December 14, 2022

(2023-01-007)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting December 14, 2022 approved as printed.

R1.3 Excerpts of Special Closed Board Meeting – December 16, 2022

(2023-01-008)

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

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

3.0 ESSENTIAL ITEMS

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Dawson Creek and Area Child Care Action Plan – P. Chisholm, Director of Instruction
The Ministry of Education now has the responsibility of overseeing child care in the province of BC. The district worked in partnership with the Building Learning Together Society, to develop a child care action plan to assess child care needs and infrastructure in the area. Mr. Chisholm presented an overview of the action plan which will assist the district in prioritizing child care needs in the district, identify key partnerships, and provide information to help in developing programs to assist families in their child care needs.

5.0 REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

R5.1 School/Student News

The Superintendent reported school/student news:

- Devereaux elementary students collective items for the food bank and are enjoying winter activities such as sledding, skating rink, snowshoeing and skiing. Students are also imaginatively creating a snow town.
- Canalta Elementary is excited to move the classroom that has been housed in the gym since the beginning of the year into the new portable. Students and teachers are happy to have their gym space back. Kindergarten students created their own fireworks through art, and Mrs. Hiebert's class has been exploring unique ways to make hot chocolate. Ms. Lockhart's grade 6-7 class is working with core competencies – moving towards growth.
- Two photography students from DCSS south Peace are taking pictures across the district to use with various promotional tools for the district. Some of the pictures will be used on the new recruitment and hiring website.

- Chetwynd Secondary students are going to Powder King, the girls' basketball team is currently ranked first in their zone. CSS has been focusing on building pride and school culture.
- Windrem Elementary School hosted a welcome back lunch and served soup and bannock to students and families; the event was well attended.
- Four students from Tumbler Ridge Secondary School attended the 94th Youth Parliament in Victoria over the winter break. The aim of the Youth Parliament is promotion of youth service in communities.
- DCSS Central Campus is having a school wide skate on January 26th, with a hockey game to follow. The basketball teams are on the court and enjoying success early in the season.
- At Tremblay Elementary, Mr. Bricker's class inflated cow lungs in their exploration of body systems.

R5.2 2023-24 School Calendar - DRAFT

The proposed 2023-24 school calendar was presented. The draft calendar reflects the current collective agreement language around start, end and break times with special provision for the two-week spring break. The draft calendar also has September 30 designated day for observance as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation; October 2nd has been marked at a federal statutory day in the draft calendar but may change if further guidance is provided by the province.

The calendar will be circulated until March 3, 2023 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 before March 31st.

R5.3 Middle Years Development Instrument

The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a voluntary online questionnaire developed by UBC that is targeted for students in grades 4 to 8 that asks about their experiences in school, in the home, and in the community. The MDI uses a strengths-based approach to assess five dimensions of child development (social and emotional well being, health, academic achievement, and overall success through school and life). The district has access to the results which is useful to the district in developing programs, prioritizing initiatives and allocating resources.

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R6.1 Finance Reports

The finance reports as of December 31, 2022 were reported. The reports were based on initial budget amounts and did not include the new funding for the collective agreements. The reports will be adjusted after the amended budget is balanced.

R6.2 2022-23 Amended Operating Grant

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the amended operating grant funding which was announced in December. The Amended Operating Grant increased by \$60,626 (0.1%).

R6.3 New Spaces Grant

The district is submitting an application for the ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund to support child care services within the district. The application is for infrastructure to support twelve Under 36 Months spaces and twenty five 30 Months to School Age spaces.

As part of the application, the board must commit to covering any ineligible project costs. The secretary treasurer reviewed the list of ineligible costs as outlined in the funding guidelines.

(2023-01-009)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Wards

THAT the board approve to cover any ineligible project costs related to the ChildCareBC New Spaces project if the application is successful.

CARRIED

R6.4 Portable Update

An occupancy permit has been issued for the refurbished portable placed at Canalta Elementary School. The school classroom that was housed in the gym since the beginning of the year moved into the “like new” portable at the beginning of January. The second refurbished portable was placed at Crescent Park Elementary; work continues on this portable to have it ready for a classroom within the next few weeks.

The Secretary-Treasurer updated the board on the project costs to purchase, transport, and set up the two refurbished portables. The original project was estimated to be \$400,000; however, with the delays and additional architect fees, the new estimated project cost is \$500,000 which is still within the original board approved total cost allowance (\$600,000).

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 BCSTA Update – R. Gulick

The Board Chair provided an update on the latest news and events from BCSTA. The Northern Interior Branch meeting will be held in Prince George on January 20 & 21, 2023. BCSTA Provincial Council will be held in Vancouver in February. Boards are required to have any proposed motions submitted by January 25, 2023.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

R8.1 Indigenous Councils

The Indigenous Councils (Chetwynd and Dawson Creek) had a presentation on Sense of Belonging in Schools. Both councils reflected on the Enhancement Agreement goals and reviewed the graduation data that was recently released for 2022 grad year. Councils were also asked for input on the Indigenous focused non-instructional day scheduled on May 1st, 2023.

R8.2 Policy Committee

The Policy Committee presented two policies for circulation. Policy 4115 is for review and Policy 3110 is being recommended for repeal.

(2023-01-010)

MOVED/SECONDED – Schurmann/Jones

THAT, the Board circulate the following policies for review for a minimum of period of 45 days;

- Policy 4115 Function of School Libraries (policy was previously known as Policy 4115 School Library Programs) – For Review
- Policy 3110 Responsibilities of School Personnel – For Repeal

CARRIED

9.0 DIARY

10.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

11.0 QUESTION PERIOD

A question and answer period was provided.

12.0 FUTURE BUSINESS

R12.2 – Regular Board Meeting – February 15, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

(2023-01-011)

MOVED – Hillton

THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (2:50 PM)

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



(C. Anderson) Board Chair



(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer