



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: June 22, 2022 – 1:00 PM

PLACE: School Board Office, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Trustees:
C. Anderson (Chair)
C. Hillton (Vice-Chair)
T. Ziemer - absent
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: R6.6 Capital Addition

Deletions:

(2022-06-007)
MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Lalonde
THAT, the regular meeting agenda be approved as amended.
CARRIED

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2022

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2022-05-008)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting May 18, 2022 approved as printed.

R1.2 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting – May 18, 2022

(2022-05-009)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting May 18, 2022 approved as printed.

R1.3 Public Consultation Meeting – June 2, 2022

(2022-06-010)

The Chair declared the minutes of the Public Consultation Meeting on June 2, 2022 approved as printed.

R1.4 Excerpts of Special Closed Board Meeting – June 7, 2022

(2022-06-011)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the special closed board meeting June 7, 2022 approved as printed.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

3.0 ESSENTIAL ITEMS

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

R4.1 Parkland Elementary

Students from Parkland Elementary presented A moose on the loose limerick. The students also sang a few songs for the trustees and spread some bee-utiful cheer.

5.0 REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

R5.1 School/Student News

The Superintendent reported school/student news:

- National Indigenous Peoples Day was celebrated on June 21st. The district celebrated with a Zoom Around the District which showcased Indigenous events and activities happening across the district. Approximately 2800 people were viewing the online event. Many schools celebrated National Indigenous Peoples Day by participating in games and activities focused on Indigenous culture, including activities that promoted being stewards of the land.
- Schools are celebrating student achievements by hosting year end award ceremonies.

- Tremblay Elementary held their annual Kite Day. The students build their own kites from a kit and then they spend the afternoon flying them.
- Don Titus students hiked to the top of Mount Baldy. Students also create stained art petals that were then made into flowers and put up on their fence. Ms. Newman's class used their desks to build forts, and they also had some year-end fun days with crazy sock day and crazy hat day.
- Windrem Elementary students built treasure boxes from kits that were painted in Indigenous designs. The school also showcased the new Indigenous mural which has been put up on the outside of the school.
- The DCSS Indigenous mural representing the Bird, Beast and Burden has been mounted. Mr. Wolf has been teaching other students archery skills.
- Central Campus has an online newsletter which includes student work.
- Pouce Coupe Elementary School painted legacy rocks with Artist in Residence, Wayne Lariviere.
- TRSS hosted a Women X Non-binary in Industry event showcasing a panel of guests that work in trades.
- Canalta Elementary students participated in gymnastics and a Poetry Café. The grade 6/7 class learned how to play The Lion Sleeps Tonight with percussion instruments.
- A mural on the side of the Indigenous Education Centre is now complete. The mural represents the Indigenous culture of the Peace area.
- Thank-you to the Dawson Creek Ukulele club that played at the district's retirement & long service dinner event.
- DCSS was excited to hold their graduation event at the Ovintiv Centre again. Over 1800 guests were in attendance. CSS and TRSS will be having their graduation events on June 17th & 18th.
- Gwillim Lake Educational site has been used almost every day since opening in May. The Gwillim Lake Adventure Race was held on Saturday, May 28th. Thirteen teams competed in the outdoor event that included 24 kilometers of trekking, biking, and canoeing. Congratulations to all the participants that endured the very cold and wet day.
- TRSS showcased their annual town planning projects.

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

- Sue Wakeham – Principal at Devereaux Elementary

R5.2 Principal Retreat

The District and Principal and Vice-Principal association will be hosting an administration retreat at Gwillim Lake Educational site on August 28-29, 2022. The retreat is a great way to build connections and relationships among all the principals and district staff.

As per policy 5190, the use of alcohol at school district facilities is only permitted by board approval. The Superintendent requested the board to approve serving alcohol with dinner on August 28, 2022.

(2022-06-012)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Lalonde

THAT, the Board approve for alcohol to be served at the principal retreat at the Gwillim Lake Educational Site on August 28, 2022.

CARRIED

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R6.1 Finance Reports

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

R6.2 2021-22 Interim Audit Letter & Planning Report

The Secretary Treasurer shared the interim audit letter and planning report from Sander Rose Bone Grindle.

R6.3 2023-24 Major Capital Plan Submission

The Secretary Treasurer presented the 2023-24 major capital plan. The summary and details of the crescent park expansion request will be submitted to the Ministry for consideration.

(2022-06-013)

MOVED/SECONDED – Jones/Lalonde

In accordance with provisions under section 142 (4) of the School Act, the Board of Education of School District No.59 (Peace River South) hereby approves the proposed Major Capital submission of the Five-Year Capital Plan for 2023/24 as provided on the Five-Year Capital Plan Summary for 2023/24 submitted to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

R6.4 2022-23 Annual Budget & Bylaw

Since the last board meeting, the 2022-23 annual budget was posted for feedback. A public consultation meeting was held on June 2nd which had no public attendance, nor has the Secretary Treasurer received any written feedback. Therefore, no changes were made, and the 2022-23 annual budget was presented for the final reading.

(2022-06-014)

MOVED/SECONDED – Jones/Gulick

THAT, the Annual Budget Bylaw 2022/2023 showing estimated expenditures for 2022/2023 fiscal year in the total amount of \$58,719,912 be read a third time, passed, and adopted.

CARRIED

R6.5 2022-23 Board Meeting Dates

The board meeting dates for 2022-23 school year were presented. The board meeting dates will be posted on the school district website.

R6.6 Capital Addition

Both Canalta and Crescent Park elementary schools are functioning beyond capacity with projected enrollment continuing to increase for the 2022-23 school year. The preliminary enrollment at Canalta Elementary has increased by 35 students since the projection in May and Crescent Park is also reporting an increase of 22 students from their projection. In discussion with school principals and senior administration, allocating portables at both locations would increase flexibility to manage space constraints for classrooms and other student support areas.

(2022-06-015)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Lalonde

THAT, the board approve an addition to the capital budget to purchase two portables for the district at a total cost of \$600,000;

WHEREAS, the funds will be allocated from unrestricted operating reserves.

CARRIED

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 BCSTA Update – T. Ziemer

Trustee Ziemer was not present at the meeting to provide a report.

R7.2 Trustee Stipend – C. Anderson

A motion was put forward by Trustee Anderson to cancel the CPI increase that would take effect July 1, 2022. Mr. Anderson feels that cancelling the rate increase for the second year in a row will continue to align the stipend rate for the trustees of the board in comparison with districts of similar size.

(2022-06-016)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Hillton

THAT, the annual CPI increase to trustee remuneration required by Policy 2205, section 1.1 of the regulation, that would take effect in July 2022, be cancelled for this year to align SD59 trustee remuneration closer to that of similarly sized districts.

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 – TBD

ADJOURNMENT

(2022-06-017)

MOVED – Gulick

THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (2:45 PM)

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



(C. Anderson) Board Chair



(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer