



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 28, 2023 – 1:00 PM

PLACE: School District Board Office, Dawson Creek, BC

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

C. Fennell, Superintendent
M. Readman, Assistant Superintendent - absent
M. Panoulis, Secretary-Treasurer - via zoom
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:

(2023-06-005)
MOVED/SECONDED – Mounsey/Hillton
THAT, the regular meeting agenda be approved as printed.
CARRIED

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – May 31, 2023

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2023-06-006)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting May 31, 2023 approved as printed.

R1.2 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting – May 31, 2023

(2023-06-007)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting May 31, 2023 approved as printed.

R1.3 Public 2023-24 Budget Consultation Meeting – June 13, 2023

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2023-06-008)

The Chair declared the minutes of the public consultation meeting June 13, 2023 approved as printed.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

3.0 ESSENTIAL ITEMS

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

R4.1 Student Voice – District Student Group

Students from the Student Voice group presented to the board about their Student Voice Environmental Scan they conducted at schools throughout the district. The scan included reviewing the school website and a site visit to gain valuable information about first impressions, utilities and spaces, and social connection which included talking to staff and students of the school. The main focus of the scan was to generate collaborative discussion to improve schools from the ground level.

5.0 REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

R5.1 School/Student News

The Superintendent reported school/student news:

- Little Prairie Elementary students are having fun on year end field trips; a highlight trip was the visit to Saulteau First Nations for National Indigenous Peoples Day. The school held primary and intermediate sports days.
- The Skills Exploration class at Tumbler Ridge Secondary School will be raffling off their barn and castle themed playhouses built by the students.
- Dawson Creek Secondary and Chetwynd Secondary high schools held their graduation celebrations – Tumbler Ridge Secondary School graduation was rescheduled due to the wild fire evacuation.
- Crescent Park Elementary students had fun creating a wall mural with Wayne Lariviere.

- Ecole Frank Ross continues to plant marigolds to honour the survivors and missing children of Residential Schools. The intermediate classes created some amazing bulletin boards that celebrated Indigenous people. On National Indigenous Peoples Day, the school set up a large tipi and students took part in many Indigenous cultural activities which included tipi talk, bannock, and rock painting.
- The South Peace Campus woodshop made a detailed map of Canada.
- Don Titus Montessori students are enjoying many year end field trips. The students had fun feeding baby goats and the grade 7's enjoyed their trip to Grande Prairie.
- Canalta Elementary created a wall mural with Wayne Lariviere and the students enjoyed their Metis cultural dancing with Bev Lambert.
- McLeod Elementary School hosted Aboriginal Family Services on National Indigenous Peoples Day and the students had fun participating in many Indigenous culture activities throughout the day.
- The District celebrated National Indigenous Peoples Day with a Zoom Around the District that had over 1200 people on zoom; the district also hosted a public BBQ in the evening with over 500 people in attendance.
- Parkland Elementary School held an Agriculture Safety Day. Local farmers spent the day with the students to teach them equipment and farm safety.
- Devereaux Elementary held a talent show which showcased scooter riders, music talent, and even horse performances which included a synchro team! Devereaux held a grade 7 graduation and tea.

R5.2 Tumbler Ridge Evacuation & School Closures

The Superintendent reviewed the steps the district took to evacuate the schools in Tumbler Ridge when the Evacuation Order was issued on June 8, 2023; including the evacuation of a school field trip that was booked to stay overnight at Gwillim Lake. The evacuation order was lifted on June 15, 2023 and residents could return to the community; Tumbler Ridge Elementary and Tumbler Ridge Secondary schools remained closed until June 19, 2023 to allow time for staff and families to return to the community, as well as, allowing time for the custodial staff to clean the school for re-opening.

R5.3 – K-12 Student Reporting Update

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has released additional K-12 Student Reporting Policy implementation support materials. Resources are available for educators as well as parents and caregivers. The resources provide important information about the upcoming shifts to the K-12 Student Reporting Policy that take effect July 1, 2023.

R5.4 BC Demographic Survey

The Province of BC is encouraging everyone in BC to take the BC Demographic Survey to help address systemic racism and improve public services. The survey is open until September 29, 2023.

R5.5 BC Learning Pathways

BC Learning Pathways is a series of resources that support teachers in developing student literacy and numeracy skills. Educators are encouraged to use the resources and provide feedback during the Field Review consultation period.

R5.6 – Updated Career Guides

The Ministry of Education and Child Care have updated the Work Experience and Youth Work in Trades career guides. The guides have been updated to reflect policy changes related to work experience programming.

R5.7 – Principal Retreat

The District and Principal and Vice-Principal association will be hosting an administration retreat at Gwillim Lake Educational site on August 27-28, 2023. 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.

(2023-06-009)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Jones

THAT, the Board approve for alcohol to be served at the principal retreat at the Gwillim Lake Educational Site on August 27, 2023.

CARRIED

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R6.1 Finance Reports

The finance reports as of May 30, 2023 were presented.

R6.2 2024-25 Major Capital Plan Submission

The Secretary Treasurer presented the 2024-25 Major Capital Plan that will be submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The major capital plan includes expansion requests for Crescent Park Elementary and a gym for Moberly Lake Elementary. The school replacement program includes future replacement of Chetwynd Senior Secondary/Windrem Elementary and Canalta Elementary schools. The district will receive confirmation in Spring 2024 if any projects are chosen by the Ministry of Education and Child Care to proceed and receive funding.

(2023-06-010)

MOVED/SECONDED – Wards/Jones

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 Five-Year Capital Plan (Major Capital Programs) for 2024/25 as provided on the Five-Year Capital Plan Summary for 2024/25 submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

CARRIED

R6.3 School Food Infrastructure Program

The Secretary Treasurer presented the 2023-24 minor capital submission specific to the School Food Infrastructure Program. The funds will be used toward purchasing capital items such as, fridges, freezers, stoves and shelving to support food programs in schools.

(2023-06-011)

MOVED/SECONDED – Jones/Gulick

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 Five-Year Capital Plan (School Food Infrastructure Program) for 2023/24, as provided on the Five-Year Capital Plan Summary for 2023/24 submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

CARRIED

R6.4 2023-24 Annual Budget & Bylaw (3rd Reading)

The Secretary Treasurer presented the annual budget for the 2023-24 school year in the May board meeting. The budget presentation meeting was held on June 13, 2023 via zoom. The district received 40 responses from the budget survey. The Secretary Treasurer reported the majority of the survey responses aligned with the funding allocations in the budget and therefore, no major changes were made. The feedback will be considered as well when planning for the amended budget.

The Board read the first two readings of the annual budget bylaw in the May board meeting and proceeded with the 3rd and final reading of the bylaw.

The preliminary budget is balanced for the 2023-24 school year with a total budget of \$66,515,787.

(2023-06-012)

MOVED/SECONDED – Wards/Mounsey

THAT, the Annual Budget Bylaw 2023/2024 showing estimated expenditures for 2023/2024 fiscal year in the total amount of \$66,515,787 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED

R6.5 2023-24 Board Meeting Dates

The board meeting dates for 2023-24 school year were presented. The board meeting dates will be posted on the school district website.

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 BCSTA Update

Trustee Gulick reported on the latest news and events from BCSTA.

R7.2 Professional Development Report

Trustee Schurmann provided an overview of the Productive Workplace Interactions webinar she attended that was presented from BCPSEA. The webinar was focused on how to identify and reflect on the attitudes and behaviours that lead to positive outcomes in conflict situations.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

R8.1 Indigenous Councils

The councils received an overview of activities that have been happening at the schools that promote a sense of belonging for Indigenous students. The students have really enjoyed the

various cultural activities with Bev Lambert, Wayne Lariviere, Kym Gouchie and Stan Fraser. Both councils held a BBQ for their last meeting of the school year to thank everyone for their time and commitment over the year. A highlight of June was the Zoom Around the District and the National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations.

R8.2 Policy Committee

The Policy committee recommended repeal of Policy 3230 Fire Fighting Duties.

(2023-06-013)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Hillton

THAT, the Board repeal Policy 3230 Fire Fighting Duties, effective immediately.

CARRIED

9.0 DIARY

10.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

11.0 QUESTION PERIOD

A question and answer period was provided.

12.0 FUTURE BUSINESS

R12.1 – Regular Board Meeting – September 20, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

(2023-06-014)

MOVED – Hillton

THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (3:51 PM)

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



(C. Anderson) Board Chair



(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer