



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: May 31, 2023 – 1:00 PM

PLACE: Northern Lights College -Tumbler Ridge, 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 - absent
M. Readman, Assistant Superintendent - absent
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:

(2023-05-004)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Schurmann

THAT, the regular meeting agenda be approved as printed.

CARRIED

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2023

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2023-05-005)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting April 19, 2023 approved as printed.

R1.2 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting – April 19, 2023

(2023-05-006)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting April 19, 2023 approved as printed.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

3.0 ESSENTIAL ITEMS

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

R4.1 Caring Community Club – TRE

Students from Tumbler Ridge Elementary School presented to the board about their Caring Community Club. The club focuses on having students involved in community activities which makes connections to Social Emotion Learning.

R4.2 Gwillim Lake Adventure Race – TRSS

Two teams of racers from the Gwillim Lake Adventure Race were on hand to talk about the race. The Adventure Race involves students competing in groups of three to complete 20 kilometres of trekking, biking and paddling. The students talked about why they chose to participate in the race and what they believed they learned about themselves and the skills they needed to engage in the race.

5.0 REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

R5.1 School/Student News

In the absence of the Superintendent, the Secretary Treasurer reported the school/student news:

- Crescent Park Elementary classes teamed up with Ovintiv to clean both sides of the highway. The students enjoyed a trip to the swimming pool to cool down after the clean-up. Students also got to sing O' Canada for the opening of the North Central Local Government General Meeting and Convention that was held in Dawson Creek.
- Kym Gouchie has been visiting many schools in the district teaching students about drumming.
- Wayne Lariviere is a local artist that has been sharing his love for cultural art with students.
- Chetwynd Secondary grade 9 students from the careers class organized Moose Hide Campaign awareness activities for the entire school. The activities included an assembly, reflection, and a walk as a commitment to honour, respect, and protect the women and children in your life and speak out against gender-based and domestic violence.

- Pouce Coupe Elementary students made signs and had a march around the school to honour the Moose Hide Campaign. Each student made a pledge to help end violence and wrote (or drew) it on a paper square to represent moose hide, as well as wore moose hide pins. Teachers also used lessons from the Moose Hide Campaign site to talk about “good medicine”. Teachers at Pouce Coupe Elementary are focusing on numeracy literacy by connecting math with art. Mrs. Kennelly’s K/1 students made shape animals. Ms. Hommy’s 3/4 students explored fractions by making fraction sundaes.
- Don Titus hosted a STEAM fair where students go to choose between a number of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, or Math activities. They spent a whole day in a multi-age group completing their activity. There was an egg drop, gardening, cooking, cardboard creations, building a marble maze, painting and more. Parents were invited to a showcase and watched to see whose egg survived.
- At Tremblay Elementary, Mrs. Barker’s grade 1/2 class has been taking part in yoga in the month of May. They have been working on breathing, calming, and different poses. Mr. Silva’s grade 6/7 class have been learning about the 1943 explosion in Dawson Creek. They did a presentation of learning on this topic to Mrs. McIntyre’s grade 6/7 class where they shared a power-point presentation.
- DCSS-South Peace Campus has a new student council. The students are eagerly planning for next year events already!
- At Canalta Elementary, Mrs. McKeen’s kindergarten class has been learning about different careers. They learned about local grains and made pancakes made from locally grown grain that was made into pancake mix.
- Welcome to Kindergarten events were held at elementary schools across the district. The students participate in many activities that help prepare them for success when they arrive in Kindergarten.
- Devereaux Elementary students have been participating in many activities in honour of Pride and Indigenous History month.
- Dawson Creek Secondary School – Central Campus has been very busy. PE students have been practicing archery, the French Immersion class is immersed in French culture and is enjoying their field trip to Quebec, other students have been fundraising for an international field trip to take place in the spring of 2024 to Vimy Ridge (Europe). Central Campus is excited to host all grade 7 students from the elementary schools for a school tour and help them with their transition to grade 8.

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R6.1 Finance Reports

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

R6.2 Interim Audit Report

The auditors recently completed the interim audit. The Secretary Treasurer shared the interim audit letter and planning report from Sander Rose Bone Grindle. The auditors will complete the annual audit in July.

R6.3 Capital Addition

The Secretary Treasurer requested approval for a capital addition to the 2022-23 budget. The additional funds will be used toward purchasing an all terrain vehicle to be used at the districts’ outdoor education centre and a new photocopier for the District Resource Centre.

(2023-05-007)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Wards

THAT, the board approve an addition to the 2022/23 capital budget of \$35,000.

CARRIED

R6.4 2023 AFG Plan

The 2023-24 Annual Facilities Grant Plan was presented. The proposed plan includes various projects the facilities department has scheduled in the 2023-24 fiscal year. The plan may be adjusted if priorities change throughout the year.

R6.5 2023-24 Annual Budget & Bylaw

The Secretary Treasurer presented the annual budget for the 2023-24 school year. The preliminary budget is balanced for the 2023-24 school year with a total budget of \$66,515,787. Budget risks and assumptions were also identified.

The Board read the first two readings of the annual budget bylaw:

(2023-05-008)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Gulick

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 first time.

CARRIED

(2023-05-009)

MOVED/SECONDED – Schurmann/Wards

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 second time.

CARRIED

The board will proceed with the public consultation phase for the 2023-24 budget. A public budget presentation meeting date will be announced and posted on the website.

Public feedback is important during the public consultation phase. Feedback will be accepted until the June board meeting where the final reading of the annual budget will be presented.

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 BCSTA Update

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

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. A highlight for both councils was having Chetwynd Secondary students present on the Moose Hide Campaign and the activities they were organizing for their school. The Indigenous focused professional development day for all district staff was a huge success with everyone coming together to learn about setting a path and making a personal commitment towards reconciliation. Preparations continue for the

annual Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration which will be held on June 21, 2023, the councils reviewed school proposals outlining their plan to honour the day. Coach mentors are working with students to support them on their graduation track.

R8.2 Recruitment/Retention Committee

The Recruitment and Retention Committee met on May 18, 2023. Paul Chisholm reported on the district's recruitment and retention efforts to date for the 2022/23 school year.

R8.3 Policy Committee

The Policy committee brought forward revised Policy 5140 for circulation.

(2023-05-010)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Schurmann

THAT, the Board circulate Policy 5140 Moving Assistance for feedback for a minimum of period of 45 days.

CARRIED

9.0 DIARY

10.0 QUESTION PERIOD

A question and answer period was provided.

11.0 FUTURE BUSINESS

R11.1 – Regular Board Meeting – June 28, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

(2023-05-011)

MOVED – Gulick

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

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



(C. Anderson) Board Chair



(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer