



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: November 16, 2022 – 1:00 PM

PLACE: School District Board Office, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Trustees:
C. Anderson (Chair)
C. Hillton (Vice-Chair)
R. Gulick
S. Mounsey
A. Schurmann
C. Wards

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

Trustee Hillton assumed role of Board Chair to moderate the meeting, as Trustee Anderson was in attendance via zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm.

“We acknowledge that we share this territory with the people of Treaty 8 and recognized November 16th as Louis Riel Day.”

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions:

Deletions:

(2022-11-009)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Wards

THAT, the regular meeting agenda be approved as printed.

CARRIED

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2022

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2022-11-010)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting October 19, 2022 approved as printed.

R1.2 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting – October 19, 2022

(2022-11-011)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting October 19, 2022 approved as printed.

R1.3 Inaugural Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2022

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2022-11-012)

The Chair declared the minutes of the special open meeting November 9, 2022 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:

- Schools recognized November 16th as Louis Riel Day, acknowledging his impact in history in advocating for Metis rights.
- DCSS South Peace Campus held a Youth Mental Health Summit – students attended sessions offered by clinicians, counselors and keynote speakers designed to increase their knowledge and understanding of mental health; CSS will be holding a summit in the new year.
- DCSS-South Peace Campus students in Mr. Eagles' Robotics class are learning to build and code VEX robots. Robotics are part of the Skills Canada Competition.
- Secondary PE teachers all received training through ACT (Advanced Coronary Treatment) Foundation. This one-day training provides instructor level training to teachers to update their knowledge and teach the Heartsaver level A with opioid emergency response to their students.
- Schools held in person Remembrance Day ceremonies which allowed parents and members of the community to attend as well to honour those that gave their lives to serve our country and sacrificed for our freedom. National Indigenous Veterans Day

was also recognized on November 8th to honour Indigenous Canadians that serve in the military

- Halloween activities were held at all schools.
- Grade 2/3 students at Little Prairie Elementary had fun doing pumpkin math activities.
- Students at Canalta Elementary have been learning about the brain and geometric art.
- Grade 3-4 students at Crescent Park had fun creating dream catchers with Mr. Kaschula, a student teacher from Simon Fraser University's Pre-service Professional Studies Program.
- Ms. Hollen's grade 6-7 class at Crescent Park have been learning about the global water crisis. The students created presentations in an effort to help spread awareness. Students have also taken the initiative to fundraise and donate to *Change for Children* in order to help end the water crisis.
- Devereaux Elementary had a costume parade for Halloween and are excited to have a volleyball team.
- Students at Ecole Frank Ross have been participating in a month of wheelchair basketball through a partnership with Northern Adaptive Sports. Along with students participating, the school hosted an evening event for families.
- At TRSS, the Applied Design Skills and Technology class is building birdhouses.

R5.2 Strategic & Operational Plan Update

The board is in year three of the four year strategic plan. The Superintendent reviewed the main priorities of the Strategic Plan and linked the action items in the Operation Plan specific to year 3 back to the main priorities.

R5.3 K-12 Student Reporting

The Ministry of Education and Child Care is changing the way teachers and schools communicate student learning. The new K-12 Student Reporting Policy Framework aligns with the redesigned curriculum and will use the Provincial Proficiency Scale (Emerging, Developing, Proficient, Extending) for grades K-9. This reporting structure allows for descriptive feedback which provides students with information about where they are at in their learning and strategies how they can move forward. This approach views learning as ongoing, rather than completed. Letter grades and percentages will still currently be used for grades 10-12 to transition students to post-secondary; however, it is indicated that the Ministry will work with post-secondary institutions in the coming years to explore the use of the Provincial Proficiency Scale in the higher grades as well.

R5.4 Before and After School Care Program at Pouce Coupe

In October, it was announced that the YMCA would be opening a before and after school care program at Pouce Coupe Elementary starting at the beginning of November. The opening of the program has been delayed due to lack of registrations. The YMCA is still committed to opening the program and are accepting registrations.

R5.5 Indigenous Education Councils Update

The Superintendent provided an update on the activities of both Indigenous Councils (Chetwynd and Dawson Creek). Feedback was received from the Ministry regarding the district's Equity Action Plan that was submitted at the end of last school year. The Ministry is mindful of the challenges the district is facing due to recruitment and retention and the absenteeism of staff and students during the pandemic and commends the district on the accomplishments of striving for equity and actions being implemented to address the gap in

equity due to the challenges of the recent years. The Ministry also was supportive that the district has a dedicated professional development day with an Indigenous Education focus.

R5.6 Field Trip Request

Dawson Creek Secondary School – Central Campus submitted a request for approval to begin the planning process for a student trip to Quebec in May/June of 2023. The trip is for grade 8 and 9 French immersion students.

(2022-11-013)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Schurmann

THAT, the Board give approval of intent to proceed with planning the grade 8 and 9 French Immersion field trip to Quebec in May/June 2023.

CARRIED

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R6.1 Donation by Canadian Natural Resources

The Secretary-Treasurer announced the district has received a donation of \$10,000 from Canadian Natural to be used towards school meal programs. Presentation of the cheque was held at Ecole Frank Ross with board members, staff and students in attendance. The board thanked Canadian Natural Resources for the donation.

R6.2 Multi-year Financial Planning Update

The Secretary Treasurer updated the board on the multi-year financial planning requirements as directed by the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The board has met the policy requirement for financial planning by developing two new policies (Policy 5005 Financial Planning and Reporting and Policy 5010 Accumulated Operating Surplus). In 2023-24, boards are recommended to complete a Multi-year Financial Planning Report that will accompany the preliminary budget. There is an expectation that this requirement will be phased in over the next few years.

R6.3 Portable Update

The two portables have arrived and were placed on pilings; however, any further set up work has been halted until a building permit is obtained from the City of Dawson Creek. There is a delay in obtaining the permit as architectural drawings are required. The drawings were not obtained earlier in the process as this requirement wasn't in place for the previous portables the district set up. The district is working quickly to resolve the issue and have the portables ready for students.

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 committee Reps/School Liaisons

The new board appointed committee representatives and school liaisons for the 2022-23 school year.

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

R12.2 – Regular Board Meeting – December 14, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

(2022-11-014)

MOVED – Gulick

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

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



(C. Anderson) Board Chair



(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer