



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: October 19, 2022 – 1:00 PM

PLACE: Little Prairie Elementary School, Chetwynd, 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 - absent
M. Panoulis, Secretary-Treasurer
R. Schwartz, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions:

Deletions:

(2022-10-004)

MOVED/SECONDED – Borton/Hillton

THAT, the regular meeting agenda be approved as printed.

CARRIED

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2022

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2022-10-005)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting September 21, 2022 approved as printed.

R1.2 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting – September 21, 2022

(2022-10-006)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting September 21, 2022 approved as printed.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

3.0 ESSENTIAL ITEMS

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

R4.1 CSS Student Presentation – Truth & Reconciliation Assembly

Students from the English First Peoples class at Chetwynd Secondary School shared what they learned from the process of putting together the Truth and Reconciliation assembly for the school. The students talked about their role in the assembly and how they were inspired by listening, learning, honouring and valuing Indigenous First Peoples. The students and the audience were impacted by the assembly and everyone involved took pride in the celebration.

5.0 REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

R5.1 School/Student News

The Superintendent reported school/student news:

- Schools held events to recognize September 30th as a National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. The events included showcasing Indigenous literature, assemblies, dancing, culture activities, honouring orange shirt day, murals, bulletin boards, etc.
- Thanksgiving was celebrated across the district. Central Campus celebrated by serving over 350 bowls of turkey soup and Canalta Elementary students created a Thankful Tree; the students wrote on the leaves what they were thankful for.
- Red Merrick plants potatoes in his fields and allows schools to harvest the potatoes as school fundraisers. This year over 3000 lbs of potatoes were harvested. A huge thank-you to Red Merrick as this has been happening for 30 years!
- Cross country running events are happening at most schools.
- The Kindergarten class at Canalta Elementary are learning how to program blue bots to identify letters of the alphabet.
- Fire safety week activities are being held at all schools. Many elementary schools have the fire department in to teach the students about fire safety.
- Crescent Park Elementary students are participating in weekly walking field trips to spend time in nature and practice Social Emotional Learning strategies such as spending time in quiet spots.
- Students in grades 4-6 at Devereaux Elementary are learning the Wonder of Science, which includes learning about ecosystems and biomes.

- TRSS grade 9 Foods class learned how to filet a salmon through traditional Indigenous culture.
- Classes are taking advantage of the great fall weather and still enjoying field trips to the Pat O'Reilly Education Centre at Gwillim Lake.

Trustee Jones left the meeting at 2:14 pm.

R5.2 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report

The Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) report was presented to the Board. This is a formal document that is used to set, create and maintain a strategic plan, annually report on student outcomes and put systems in place with a focus on enhancing student learning and success. It combines accountability with evidence-informed decision making and system-wide continuous improvement to support equity of outcomes for all students in the provincial K-12 public system, including Indigenous students, children and youth in care, and students with disabilities or diverse abilities.

R5.3 2022-23 School Calendar Amendment

The 2022-23 School Calendar was amended to accommodate the closure of schools on September 19, 2022 for the National Day of Mourning to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. The amendment to the calendar is to reflect the addition of the school closure day and the reduction of the minimum hours of instruction by five hours. The Ministry of Education and Child Care has waived the consultation requirements for the amendment.

(2022-10-007)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Borton

THAT the 2022-23 School Calendar be adopted as amended to include September 19, 2022 as a National Day of Mourning;

Whereas, the minimum hours of instruction for the 2022-23 school year is reduced by 5 hours.

CARRIED

R5.4 Early Learning Update

The Superintendent announced that the district has partnered with YMCA to open an additional before and after school care program at Pouce Coupe Elementary School. The program is scheduled to open November 1st, 2022.

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R6.1 2022-23 Final Enrollment

The Secretary-Treasurer presented final enrollment data for the 2022-23 school year. The district is reporting a total of 3655 FTE that was submitted to the Ministry. There was an overall increase of 24.7 FTE from 2021-22 school year, and 41.8 FTE increase as reported in the preliminary budget.

R6.2 Executive Compensation Disclosure

The 2021-22 Executive Compensation Disclosure report was presented. The report is an annual reporting requirement which includes the compensation philosophy of the district, including labour market comparators, cash and non-cash compensation, compensation administration and accountability. The disclosure includes the top five executive level decision

makers with compensation over \$125,000. The report is reviewed by both BCPSEA and PSEC. This report is posted on the district website.

(2022-10-008)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Borton

THAT, the Board receive the 2021-22 Executive Compensation Disclosure report as presented.

CARRIED

R6.3 Portable Update

The Secretary Treasurer reported that there has been a delay in delivery of the portables. Finishing touches are being completed on the portables while the district is preparing the sites for arrival.

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 BCSTA Update – T. Ziemer

Trustee Ziemer was absent from the meeting to provide a report.

The BCSTA Academy and New Trustee Orientation Conference will be held in Vancouver on December 1-3, 2022.

R7.2 Regulation 2205 - Trustee Benefits – R. Gulick

Trustee Gulick brought forward a motion to amend Regulation 2205 to remove the option for trustees to purchase their computer/iPad at the end of their term.

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/

THAT, the trustee benefit to purchase a computer/iPad upon leaving office of trustee be removed from Regulation 2205 Trustee Remuneration, Benefits, and Recognition (paragraph 3.1.4), effective immediately.

MOTION FAILED

Trustee Gulick put a second motion on the floor to amend Regulation 2205 to restore the old language and allow trustees to purchase their computer/iPad at the end of each term.

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/

THAT, That the language is restored in Regulation 2205 to allow trustees to purchase their computer/iPad at the end of each term, effective immediately.

MOTION FAILED

Trustee Gulick inquired if there is an option for trustees to use their own technology and receive a reimbursement.

The Secretary Treasurer provided information from the technology department regarding using a personal device versus a district issued device.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

R8.1 Recruitment & Retention Committee

Trustee Borton provided an update to the board from the first committee meeting. The committee reviewed the recruitment and retention strategies of the district and discussed how to use the voice of the northern school districts through the BCSTA Northern Interior Branch to advocate for recruitment and retention.

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 – Inaugural Board Meeting – November 9, 2022

R12.2 - Regular Board Meeting – November 16, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

(2022-10-009)

MOVED – Lalonde

THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (3:18 PM)

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



(C. Anderson) Board Chair



(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer