



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: December 16, 2020 – 1:00 PM

PLACE: School District Board Office – Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Trustees:
C. Anderson (Chair)
C. Hillton (Vice-Chair) via zoom
T. Ziemer - absent
R. Gulick
T. Jones
B. Borton via zoom
J. Lalonde via zoom

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

Called to Order – 1:04 PM

The Board Chair acknowledged that we share this territory with the people of Treaty 8.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions: move R7.2 to Essential Items R3.1

Deletions:

(2020-12-005)
MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Jones
THAT, the Regular Meeting agenda be approved as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – November 25, 2020

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2020-12-006)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting November 25, 2020 approved as presented.

R1.3 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting – November 25, 2020

(2020-12-007)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting November 25, 2020 approved as presented.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

3.0 ESSENTIAL ITEMS

R7.2 Recognition/Condolence – T. Jones

Trustee Jones would like the board to consider initiating a more formal process to recognize individuals with letters of appreciation, condolence or recognition.

(2020-12-008)

MOVED/SECONDED – Jones/Gulick

THAT, the policy committee explore options for recognition, appreciation and condolence practices and present options to the board for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

5.0 REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

R5.1 School/Student News

The Superintendent reported school/student news:

- Tremblay Elementary enjoyed a turkey dinner.
- Media Arts class at DCSS has created COVID posters.
- Don Titus StrongStart has an Elf On The Shelf, all the kids look forward to seeing his new stunts each day.
- Joyful Literacy activities continue at Don Titus Elementary.
- Tremblay music students have been practicing playing Christmas carols with bells.
- Canalta Elementary students participated in many holiday activities including creating a holiday photo booth and streaming their Christmas Concert.
- McLeod Elementary has been busy with Maker Space activities.
- DCSS has held a door decorating challenge – every class was given the same box of supplies to create decorations.
- Tremblay, Canalta and Little Prairie streamed out Christmas concerts.
- Indigenous Education Advisory Meetings were held. All schools have created goals for Indigenous Education.

R5.2 COVID-19 Update

The district has now implemented active daily health checks. Public Health continues to reinforce that school protocols are working and minimizing risk. Updated protocols are to be released in January by the Ministry of Education.

R5.3 Student Discipline Report

The student discipline summary report for the month of November 2020 was presented. A total of 52 suspensions were reported for November. Following is a breakdown of the main offences:

- o Safety of Others 23
- o Non-Compliance 6
- o Theft 5

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R6.1 Finance Reports

Revenue and School finance reports were reviewed. Expense reports will not be available until January 2021.

(Trustee Jones left the meeting.)

The district is expected to receive the Amended Annual Operating Grant information from the Ministry of Education by December 18th, 2020. Budgets will be amended based on the amended funding grant.

With the recent provincial election, the Provincial Government has announced new cabinet ministers; Jennifer Whiteside has been appointed as the new Minister of Education.

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 BCSTA Update – T. Jones

In absence of Trustee Jones, the Board Chair reported the latest news and events from the BCSTA. The trustees and senior admin staff attended the annual BCSTA Academy at the end of November via zoom.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

R8.1 Policy Committee

Regulation for Adoption:

Regulation 4150 was revised to bring it into line with the updated guidebook.

(2020-12-009)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Hillton

THAT the board approve Regulation 4150: Board Authority Authorized Courses as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 – January 20, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

(2020-12-010)

MOVED – Gulick

THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (1:58 PM)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



(C. Anderson) Board Chair



(M. Paroulis) Secretary Treasurer