



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: January 23, 2020 – 1:00 PM

PLACE: School Board Office – Dawson Creek

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

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

Called to Order – 1:00 PM

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions: R6.6 CSS Renovation

Deletions:

(2020-01-007)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Hillton

THAT, the Regular Meeting agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 19, 2019

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2020-01-008)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting December 19, 2019 approved as presented.

R1.2 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting – December 19, 2019

(2020-01-009)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting December 19, 2019 approved as presented.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

3.0 ESSENTIAL ITEMS

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

R4.1 School Voice Presentation

Students from the Student Voice Student Group presented to the board on their goals for the 2019-20 school year. Students representatives are from grades 8 to 12 within the district.

The group is moving forward with the following action items:

- refine goals
- grow as a team
- determine solutions
- take action.

5.0 REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

R5.1 School/Student News

The Superintendent reported school/student news:

- DCSS-SP Campus is excited to announce they will be hosting the AAA senior girl's volleyball provincials in the fall of 2020.
- Devereaux students are enjoying outdoor activities: skating, snowshoeing, x-country skiing and they have a trip planned to ski at bear mountain.
- Crescent Park Elementary students and staff are engaged in a murder-mystery project.
- Grade 10 students at TRSS are working with representatives from Conuma Coal to learn about job related activities (resumes, cover letters, job search, interviews, protocol, etc.)
- DCSS-Central Campus kicked off their Hero's program.
- TRSS girl's curling team has qualified for Highschool Provincials.

R5.2 Student Discipline Report

The student discipline summary report for the month of December 2019 was presented. A total of 28 suspensions were reported. Following is a breakdown of the main offences:

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|------------------------|----|
| ○ Safety of Others | 13 |
| ○ Fighting | 4 |
| ○ Non-Compliance | 4 |
| ○ Controlled Substance | 4 |

R5.3 Mental Health Plan

On October 31, 2019, the district received a grant of \$30,500 to continue to support the development of mental health and well being in our schools and students. The aim of this grant is to support schools and districts in building safe, caring and inclusive learning environments through social emotional learning, trauma-informed practices and mental health literacy.

R5.4 SWOC Update

The Superintendent provided an update on the SWOC process. SWOC meetings have been scheduled with all schools and groups. The SWOC's are scheduled to be completed by March 10th, 2020, the Board will then review the data to assist in developing the strategic plan.

R5.5 Access to Courses

Conversations have been started to determine if students in Chetwynd and Tumbler Ridge are interested in accessing classes via online technology to courses being offered at DCSS-SP Campus in the second semester.

R5.6 Field Trip Request

A teacher from TRSS has submitted an international field trip request for students to travel to Germany, Italy, and Switzerland in March of 2021. The purpose of the trip is related to the Career Life Education, Social Studies and English curriculum.

(2020-01-010)

MOVED/SECONDED – Lalonde/Hillton

THAT, the Board give approval of intent for the TRSS group to proceed with planning an international field trip to Germany, Italy, and Switzerland in the spring of 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R6.1 Finance Reports

The monthly finance reports were reviewed.

R6.2 Additional Capital Expenditure

The Secretary Treasurer brought forward an addition to the capital budget. The capital expenditure is to purchase a server upgrade not to exceed \$20,000.

(2020-01-011)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Ziemer

THAT, the board approve the addition of the capital equipment purchase for server upgrades;

WHEREAS, the total capital expenditure is not to exceed \$20,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R6.3 Amended Operating Grant

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the amended operating grant funding. The funding announcement came in late December. The student base allocation increased by \$712,000, this is due to the additional 96 FTE enrolled in September as compared to the estimate made last year. Special Education funding increased by \$610,000 to support the additional 42

students claimed in Levels 1/2/3. Salary differential funding decreased by \$48,552, this was due to a decrease in the provincial average teachers' salary.

R6.4 Trustee Stipend

The Secretary Treasurer provided additional information on trustee stipends as requested at the previous board meeting.

R6.5 Revised 2020-21 Capital Plan

The Secretary Treasurer presented an amended capital plan for the 2020-21 school year. The capital plan submission that was approved in June 2019 included a roofing upgrade to DCSS-South Peace Campus. The project was estimated to cost \$230,000.

The Secretary Treasurer recommended to remove the roofing upgrade for DCSS and add Devereaux Elementary for a roofing upgrade instead. Given where the HVAC upgrades are at on DCSS, a roofing upgrade is not recommended at this time and the updated roofing summary report shows Devereaux is in greater need at this time.

(2020-01-012)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Jones

THAT, the Board approve the amendment to the 2020-21 Capital Plan to remove the DCSS roofing upgrade (\$230,000) and add Devereaux Elementary roofing upgrade (\$230,000).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R6.6 CSS Renovation

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the current status of the CSS renovation. Costs incurred to date are \$657,000 and current estimated costs to complete the plan total \$1.3 million. This is an increase from the original budget which was approved not to exceed \$1.75 million.

The Secretary Treasurer provided an alternate option which would upgrade the other two hallway corridors and the library entrance area and tiling the office to match the rest of the school. This plan includes the library entrance area but does not include moving/upgrading the school office or developing a new student lounge. This alternate plan is estimated to cost \$943,000.

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Lalonde

THAT, the Board approve the alternate CSS renovation plan as presented and the Director of Operations may move forward with the tender process;
WHEREAS, the Board will review the renovation plan if the tender submissions are beyond the expected budget.

POSTPONED

(2020-01-013)

MOVED/SECONDED - Jones/Borton

THAT, the Board postpone the motion to allow discussion and feedback from staff and students of CSS;

THAT, the Board approve the alternate CSS renovation plan as presented and the Director of Operations may move forward with the tender process;

WHEREAS, the Board will review the renovation plan if the tender submissions are beyond the expected budget.

CARRIED (3 Opposed - Lalonde, Ziemer, Gulick)

Trustee Lalonde left the meeting.

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 BCSTA Update – T. Ziemer

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

R7.2 Board Evaluation/Trustee Self-Assessment – J. Lalonde

Topic was deferred to the next meeting due to the absence of Trustee Lalonde.

R7.3 Vaping Regulation Feedback – C. Hillton

Trustee Hillton inquired if any trustees had any feedback on the proposed vaping regulations as presented by the Ministry of Health. The Ministry is accepting feedback in writing by January 24, 2020.

The Trustees supported the legislation.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

R8.1 Policy Committee

The policy committee met on January 8, 2020. The Policy Committee brought forward the following recommendations:

R8.1.1 Policies for Adoption

The Policy Committee presented two policies for adoption:

(2020-01-014)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Ziemer

THAT, the board adopt the following policies as presented:

- Policy 2150 Roles and Responsibilities of the Board
- Policy 4210 Outdoor Education

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R8.1.2 Policies for Circulation

The Policy Committee presented two policies for circulation.

(2020-01-015)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Jones

THAT, the board approve to circulate the following policies for feedback for a minimum period of 45 days:

- Policy 2205 Trustee Remuneration, Benefits and Recognition
- Policy 2260 Communication with the Public

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R8.1.3 Policies for Repeal

The Policy Committee recommended repealing Policy 2330 Communication with the Board as the information is not required in policy.

(2020-01-016)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Zierner

THAT, the board repeal Policy 2330 Communication with the Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R8.2 Professional Development Committee

The Professional Development Committee approved a professional development request from Trustee Zierner to attend a course offered by the Justice Institute of BC on Dealing With Anger.

9.0 DIARY

10.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

11.0 QUESTION PERIOD

12.0 FUTURE BUSINESS

R12.1 - Regular Board Meeting – February 20, 2020

ADJOURNMENT


(2020-01-017)

MOVED – Jones

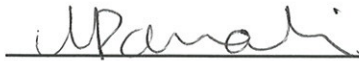
THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (3:10 PM)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



(C. Anderson) Board Chair



(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer