



School District No.59 (Peace River)

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.59

11600 – 7TH Street, Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4R8

Open Session Minutes

DATE & TIME: March 16, 2022 – 1:00 PM

PLACE: School District Board Office, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Trustees:

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions: R6.2 2022-23 Capital Plan & Bylaw
R7.3 Bus Safety

Deletions:

(2022-03-005)
MOVED/SECONDED – Jones/Gulick
THAT, the regular meeting agenda be approved as amended.
CARRIED

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2022

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2022-03-006)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting February 16, 2022 approved as printed.

R1.2 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting – February 16, 2022

(2022-03-007)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting February 16, 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 in the district are completing their science fairs. Top students will be off to the regional competition.
- Mr. Shields' class at EFR participated in a project involving model classic cars. Students researched their car and created dioramas showing the history of the car.
- EFR Diversity Club celebrated International Women's Day with a school wide challenge in breaking bias.
- Little Prairie Elementary holds elective classes every Monday and Friday afternoon. The students can choose from a variety of elective classes that include, board games, coding, skating, swimming, beading, cooking, drama and theatre, and more. The Elementary basketball team was undefeated.
- TRSS ADST Grade 7/8 class created mazes and coded spheros to solve the maze.
- The Sr. Boys Basketball team from TRSS traveled to their zones competition in style! The team traveled to the competition in the Grande Prairie Storm bus which is sponsored by Conuma Coal.
- Tremblay celebrated World Down Syndrome Day by celebrating with wacky socks. It was a great experience for everyone involved.
- Students in a primary class at Canalta are learning about habitats, the students showcased their learning through posters, dioramas and a final presentation.
- Students at Canalta are working on PAWS (Positive, Accountable, Willing, Safe) initiative with setting SEL (Social, Emotional, Learning) goals.
- The district wide Elementary Basketball Tournament was a huge success! It was well organized and players had tons of fun.

- Pink Shirt Day was recognized across the District. This day is to lift each other up and stamp out bullying. The goal is to treat each other with kindness and respect.
- Schools also celebrated 100's day with all kinds of activities.
- Over 200 staff participated in the Truth and Reconciliation webinar presented by Kevin Lamoureux.

The Superintendent announced the appointment of Ashley Tower as the Principal of Windrem Elementary effective August 1, 2022.

R5.2 2022-23 School Calendar

The 2022-23 school calendar was presented. Minimal feedback was received during the consultation process. Two changes were made to the calendar which now includes an additional non-instructional day placed on May 1st which will focus on Indigenous Education professional development and September 30th, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is now included as an instructional day until further direction is received from the Ministry of Education. The final calendar was recommended to the board for adoption.

(2022-03-008)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Jones

THAT, the Board approve the 2022-23 School Calendar as presented.

CARRIED

R5.3 Indigenous Focused Graduation Requirement

On March 4, 2022, The Minister of Education in collaboration with the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) announced that as part of the Province's commitments to truth, reconciliation, and anti-racism, the Ministry of Education is implementing an Indigenous-focused graduation requirement for all students. Under the proposed model, students who are currently in Grade 10 would be the first group to complete this new requirement, starting in September 2023.

On March 7, the Ministry of Education will launch an online public engagement on the to gain feedback on the proposed approach to implementing the new graduation requirement. The ministry will also consult with Indigenous communities and K-12 partners throughout the spring.

R5.4 K-12 Provincial Communicable Disease Guidelines Update

New guidelines have been announced for both public and the education sector. The new K-12 guidelines will be effective the first day of spring break (which varies through school districts).

Summary of key updates effective the first day of spring break:

- Schools can return to classroom and learning environment configurations and activities that best meet learner needs and preferred educational approaches, although will still consider strategies to create space between people.
- School gatherings and events will have capacity limits of 50% until the provincial health order is lifted on April 7, 2022.
- Schools can return to routine sign in/sign out practices.
- The decision to wear a mask is a personal choice.
- Schools should make every effort to avoid field trips to venues/locations that place additional requirements that could prevent a student from participating.

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R6.1 Finance Reports

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the monthly finance reports as of February 28, 2022.

R6.2 2022-23 Capital Plan & Bylaw

The Secretary Treasurer announced Ministry approval of the following 2022-23 minor capital projects:

	Project:	Funding:
DCSS SP Campus	School Enhancement Program – HVAC Upgrades	\$550,000
DCSS SP Campus	School Enhancement Program – Roofing Upgrades	\$650,000
Tremblay	School Enhancement Program – Electrical Upgrades	\$100,000
TRE	Carbon Neutral Capital Program – HVAC Upgrades	\$50,000
Pouce Coupe	Carbon Neutral Capital Program – HVAC Upgrades	\$120,000
Bus Fleet	2 - C(70-75) with 0 Wheelchair Space 1 - C(64-69) with 0 Wheelchair Space	\$472,279
	Total:	\$1,942,279

Capital Bylaw No. 2022-23-CPSD59-01 was presented to the Board for approval.

(2022-03-009)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Borton

THAT, the Capital Project Bylaw No. 2022-23-CPSD59-01 of the Board approved by the Minister as outlined in the letter received from the Capital Management Branch dated March 15, 2022 be read a first time.

CARRIED

(2022-03-010)

MOVED/SECONDED – Jones/Ziemer

THAT, the Capital Project Bylaw No. 2022-23-CPSD59-01 of the Board approved by the Minister as outlined in the letter received from the Capital Management Branch dated March 15, 2022 be read a second time.

CARRIED

(2022-03-011)

MOVED/SECONDED – Ziemer/Gulick

THAT, the Board allows the third reading of Capital Project Bylaw No. 2022-23-CPSD59-01 to occur in this meeting.

CARRIED

(2023-03-012)

MOVED/SECONDED – Borton/Gulick

THAT, the Capital Project Bylaw No. 2022-23-CPSD59-01 of the Board approved by the Minister as outlined in the letter received from the Capital Management Branch dated March 15, 2022 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 BCSTA Update – T. Ziemer

Trustee Ziemer reported on the latest news and events of BCSTA. The BCSTA AGM will be held in person on April 21-24, 2022.

R7.2 Chetwynd School Crosswalks – C. Hillton

Trustee Hillton reported the District of Chetwynd is putting together a plan to paint Indigenous crosswalks to honour Truth and Reconciliation. School crosswalks have been identified for the project.

R7.3 Bus Safety – B. Borton

Trustee Borton is concerned with the allegations of motorists passing school buses in Chetwynd when their red lights are on.

Infractions aren't tracked by the district or Standard Bus unless a report is issued to the RCMP; however, these incidents should be reported to either Standard Bus or the district transportation department. Banners will be on a stationary school bus in both Dawson Creek and Chetwynd the second week of spring break to remind drivers to slow down.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

R8.1 Policy Committee

The Policy committee made the following recommendations:

(2022-03-013)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Lalonde

THAT, the Board circulate the following policies for feedback for a minimum of 45 days:

- Policy 4225 Volunteers in Schools
- Policy 5005 Financial Planning and Reporting
- Policy 5010 Accumulated Operating Surplus

CARRIED

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 – April 20, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

(2022-03-014)

MOVED – Hillton

THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (1:55 PM)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



(C. Anderson) Board Chair



(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer