



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: May 19, 2021 – 1:00 PM via Zoom

PLACE: School District Board Office – Dawson Creek, BC

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

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

Called to Order – 1:03 PM

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions:

Deletions:

(2021-05-006)

MOVED/SECONDED – Jones/Gulick

THAT, the Regular Meeting agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2021

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2021-05-007)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting April 21, 2021 approved as presented.

R1.3 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting – April 21, 2021

(2021-05-008)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting April 21, 2021 approved as presented.

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:

- Tremblay Elementary grade 3-4 students enjoyed learning about solar energy by making smores in pizza ovens.
- Windrem Elementary held a talent show and the students participated in planting flowers.
- Don Titus Elementary is hoping the majority of their students will get to participate in field trips to the Pat O'Reilly Outdoor Education Site this spring. Many classes have already visited the site and the students have been enjoying rock climbing, canoeing/kayaking and hiking.
- Ecole Frank Ross students have been learning about the Seven Grandfather Teachings, Red River carts, and how to weave Metis sashes.
- SOGI school leads invited all schools and staff to participate in a Bee Yourself Challenge – celebrating diversity and inclusion.
- McLeod Elementary students had fun in their interpretive forest and created clay self-portraits on trees.
- Many schools acknowledged the day of awareness of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) by participating in local community events. Grade 6/7 students at Windrem Elementary took part in the community event at Spirit Park and DCSS South Peace Secondary students participated in a community walk and created masks with red handprints to symbolize the event. Tumbler Ridge Secondary School also recognized the day by hanging a red dress which symbolizes MMIWG.
- A public presentation was hosted by the district focusing on Mental Health Literacy.

R5.2 Student Discipline Report

The student discipline summary report for the month of April 2021 was presented. A total of 45 suspensions were reported. Following is a breakdown of the main offences:

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| ○ Safety of Others | 11 |
| ○ Smoking | 8 |
| ○ Fighting | 7 |

R5.3 High School Graduation Ceremonies

The three high schools in the district are once again adapting their graduation ceremonies to follow the health and safety protocols and gathering size limits put in place by the Province of BC.

Tumbler Ridge and Chetwynd high schools have similar plans. Because of their smaller student population, their entire graduation class is one cohort and allowed to be together as a group.

Dawson Creek Secondary School is also organizing graduates by cohorts but because of their student population size, they will have four ceremonies. Each ceremony would have between 40-60 graduates.

All schools are arranging for photography and the ceremonies will be streamed out family and friends.

R5.4 Pat O'Reilly Outdoor Education Site

Mr. Readman reported on the use of the outdoor education site at Gwillim Lake. The education site has seen limited use due to the COVID restrictions. The health and safety protocols only allow for day use only at the site. Despite the pandemic, the district is on track to have over 500 students visit the site this school year.

R5.5 Distributed Learning Program 2021+

Changes are coming to the provincial distributed learning model and are expected to be ready by the 2022-23 school year. The 2021-22 school year will be a transition year to assist school districts in preparing for the new model. The biggest changes will be for school districts selected to be a Provincial Service Provider (PSP). Six PSP's will be selected by the Ministry and those providers will have the ability to offer their program to students outside of their district. School District No.59 is not seeking Provincial Service Provider status and will only be offering a program to students within the district.

A provincial resource network and Learning Management System (LMS) is also being established which may be useful for the district to utilize.

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R6.1 Finance Reports

The Secretary Treasurer presented Finance Reports as of April 30, 2021.

R6.2 Distributed Learning Enrollment Update

The Distributed Learning Enrollment update was presented. Current enrollment total is 156.

R6.3 BCSTA Trustee Compensation Survey Results

The Secretary-Treasurer reported on the district comparison to the 2021 annual survey results for trustee stipend, per diem and mileage rates published from BCSTA.

R6.4 Pouce Coupe School Capital Project Plans

The draft capital project plans for the Pouce Coupe School expansion were presented. The plans include space for two classrooms, all gender washroom and learning assistance office space.

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 BCSTA Update – T. Jones

Trustee Jones presented the latest news and events from the BCSTA.

R7.2 Retirement/Long Service Recognition – C. Hillton

Trustee Hillton presented a motion to allow for an alternate recognition event for retirement and long service recipients as the board is unable to host the annual dinner event due to provincial restrictions.

(2021-05-009)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Jones

That the Board approve an exception to Policy 3090 (Long Service/Retirement Recognition) to allow an alternate recognition event in lieu of holding a dinner to honour the retiree and long service award recipients.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R7.3 Trustee Remuneration – C. Anderson

A motion was put forward by Trustee Anderson to cancel the CPI increase that would take effect July 1, 2021. Mr. Anderson feels that cancelling the rate increase for the 2021 year would begin to bring the stipend rate for the trustees of the board in line with districts of similar size.

(2021-05-010)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Ziemer

THAT, the annual CPI increase to trustee remuneration required by Policy 2205, section 1.1 of the regulation, that would take effect in July 2021, be cancelled for this year to begin to bring SD59 trustee remuneration closer to that of similarly sized districts.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

R12.1 - Regular Board Meeting – June 23, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

(2021-05-011)

MOVED – Hilton

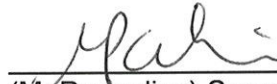
THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (2:18 PM)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



(C. Anderson) Board Chair



(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer