



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: November 21, 2018 - 1:05 PM

PLACE: School Board Office – Dawson Creek

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

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

Guests: E. Fitzpatrick, PRSTA

Media: A. Cozicar, Dawson Creek Mirror

Called to Order – 1:05 PM

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions:

Deletions:

(2018-11-009)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Jones

THAT, the Regular Meeting agenda be approved as printed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2018

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2018-11-010)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting October 24, 2018 approved as distributed.

R1.2 Excerpts Closed Board Meeting – October 24, 2018

(2018-11-011)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed meeting on October 24, 2018 approved as distributed.

R1.3 Special Open Board Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2018

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

Trustee Lalonde clarified her conflict of interest should be recorded as Vice-Chair of South Peace Arts Society.

(2018-11-012)

The Chair declared the minutes of the special open meeting November 7, 2018 approved as amended.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

The Superintendent updated the board regarding the recycling topic brought forward at the previous board meeting. Environmental stewardship is encouraged throughout the district through the Energy Management and Sustainability policy, however, what it looks like in schools may be different from school to school. The previous board brought forward a concern specifically regarding the lack of recycling in the facilities department. The Superintendent reported the department provides recycling for cardboard, metal, etc. and recycling receptacles are available in the staff room for everyday recycling items. The individual departments in facilities did not have separate recycling containers, however, paper recycling bins have since been added to all areas.

3.0 ESSENTIAL ITEMS

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

5.0 REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

R5.1 School/Student News

The Superintendent reported the following school news:

- Central Campus – Grade 9 Girls Volleyball Team placed 5th at a provincial tournament
- Little Prairie Elementary hosted an exhibition of learning to share their “Warrior” projects
- Windrem Elementary received a grant to offer after school programs specific to sport and art themes
- South Peace Campus:
 - Sr. Boys Volleyball Team received the sportsmanship award at zone playoffs
 - South Peace Campus Sr. Girls Volleyball team placed 2nd at zones and will attend provincials in Powell River
 - Cross Country Sr. Boys Team won zones
 - Aquatic Boys Relay Team won the B final at provincials
 - 450 students completed core competency survey - the school is compiling the data
- Louis Riel day was celebrated last week by many schools
- Early dismissal days are November 21 & 22, students will be dismissed 1 hour earlier.

- DCSS PAC was awarded a \$250,000 grant through Community Gaming Grants to upgrade the seating and accessibility for Unchagah Hall. The district is fulfilling the requirement to match any funds received and is contributing an additional \$250,000.

R5.2 Student Discipline Report

The student discipline report for the month of October was reviewed. A total of 39 suspensions were reported. Following is a breakdown of the main offences:

- Safety of Others: 20
- Controlled Substance 7
- Profanity 4

R5.3 Ratio Report

The Superintendent reviewed the ratio analysis report. The district is able to combine the positions for a district ratio total. As of October, the report shows the district is short 3.0 positions for the FTE count of 3574.25. The ratio will continue to grow as the positions continue to be unfilled.

R5.4 – Teacher/LOP Support

With the shortage of teachers, the district is seeing a higher number of new teachers and individuals teaching on a Letter of Permission (LOP) in the classrooms. An individual that is not a certified teacher is approved by the teacher regulation branch to teach in a classroom on a Letter of Permission with parameters based on the qualifications they submitted.

The district has implemented a mentorship program which is a joint effort with PRSTA to provide support to newly certified teachers and individuals teaching on LOP's. These individuals also receive support from school administrators, other teachers, and district staff. LOP teachers receive additional professional development training to help them in the following areas: how to set up a classroom, routines, transitions, building relationships, lesson planning, assessment and reporting, classroom management, unit planning and social/emotional learning.

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R6.1 1530 Report

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the 1530 report with the Board which describes the number of employees across the district in specific categories of Instruction, District Administration, Operations and Maintenance and Transportation.

R6.2 Trustee Remuneration

Income tax laws will be changing January 1, 2019 and all employee income will be taxable. This change will affect trustee stipends, as currently 1/3 of the trustee stipend is exempt. The Board discussed the option to continue with the current salary of \$15,309 and be charged income tax on the full amount or increase the salary to maintain the current net pay.

(2018-11-013)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Gulick

THAT, the board approve to increase the base trustee stipend to \$16,179, effective January 1, 2019.

CARRIED- (Against - Jones)

R6.3 Bus Safety

Jeff Lekstrom, SD59 Transportation Manager joined the meeting

Student safety has been an issue this fall with motor vehicles passing school buses when their lights are flashing. The bus driver's first priority is student safety. If the student has to cross the road, the bus

driver will indicate when it is safe for the student to do so. The Transportation Manager, Jeff Lekstrom, reported all SD59 buses in the district have recently been equipped with cameras and GPS systems. If a vehicle does pass a bus while the red lights are flashing, the bus driver will call the transportation department to report the infraction and give a description of the vehicle. The transportation department will then contact the RCMP. Most infractions occur on the main highways when there is a double passing lane.

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 Letter from Chetwynd PAC's – C. Hillton

Trustee Ziemer acknowledged the board has received a group letter from the PAC groups in Chetwynd regarding the issue of student safety at the crosswalk on highway 97, as well as, the issue of the bus and parent parking at Windrem and Chetwynd Secondary schools.

The Secretary Treasurer reported the district has already started discussions on the crosswalk topic as it was brought up last month by Trustee Smith. The transportation department is working with the Ministry of Highways to request the installation of signage to notify drivers they are approaching a crosswalk, as well as, as installing a speed recording sign to help make drivers aware of their speed. The RCMP have been asked to increase their presence at the crosswalk during peak student use times, and the schools have been directed to ask their RCMP liaison for educational sessions on crosswalk safety.

A meeting is planned in December with stakeholders to discuss options regarding the bus transfer station in front of Windrem Elementary and Chetwynd Secondary School.

R7.2 Committee & Program Liaisons

The new board appointed committee representatives and program liaisons for the 2018-19 school year. Trustees were also assigned schools.

The Board referred the section on 'Board Representatives for Negotiating Purposes' to the round table for further discussion.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.0 DIARY

10.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

11.0 QUESTION PERIOD

A question and answer period was held.

12.0 FUTURE BUSINESS

R12.1 - Regular Board Meeting – December 19, 2018 – Dawson Creek

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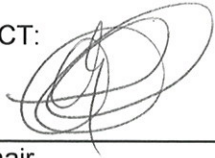
(2018-11-014)

MOVED – Lalonde

THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (2:50 PM)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



(T. Ziemer) Board Chair



(M. Panoulas) Secretary Treasurer