



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 17, 2021 – 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
T. Jones - absent
B. Borton – via zoom
J. Lalonde

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions: R7.3 Northern Health Letter
R7.4 Conflict of Interest

Deletions:

(2021-11-010)
MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Lalonde
THAT, the regular meeting agenda be approved as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2021

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2021-11-011)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting October 20, 2021 approved as printed.

R1.2 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting – October 20, 2021

(2021-11-012)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting October 20, 2021 approved as presented.

R1.3 Excerpts of Special Closed Board Meeting – November 3, 2021

(2021-11-013)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the special closed board meeting November 3, 2021 approved as presented.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

The Secretary Treasurer reported the 2020-21 compensation Disclosure Report has been updated to include Candace Clouthier as she was the Superintendent for one month of the reporting period.

The updated report will be posted to the district website once the final submission is approved.

3.0 ESSENTIAL ITEMS

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

R4.1 – Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark – C. Helm/M. Maggs

Dr. Helm and Ms. Maggs presented information to the board on a new initiative, Health in Geoparks. The program focuses on four themes: Move Well, Connect Well, Eat Well and Live Well and includes a teacher resource guide. The team is looking to apply the program locally with the intention to export the template to other geoparks and then worldwide. The resource guide is available at <https://tumbleridgegeopark.ca/Health/>.

5.0 REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

R5.1 School/Student News

The Superintendent reported school/student news:

- Devereaux Elementary students designed their own Every Child Matters orange shirts.

- The participants of the Leadership Academy and senior administration participated in The Change Game workshop. The game focuses on systemic change using realistic scenarios.
- Parkland Elementary school has been focusing on the Social Emotional Learning goal of the strategic plan. The school has used the Caring School Community kits.
- Schools celebrated National Indigenous Veterans Day and Remembrance Day.
- Schools recognized Louis Riel Day on November 16th to celebrate Metis culture.
- Ecole Frank Ross celebrated their 60th school anniversary. They re-enacted the ribbon cutting ceremony from 60 years ago.
- The district is continuing to offer staff wellness sessions.

R5.2 Strategic Plan Review

The Superintendent reviewed the year one goals of the strategic plan specific to the accomplishments from the 2020-21 year. The first year of the plan was challenged with the pandemic which has impacted student attendance and ultimately student learning.

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R6.1 Pouce Coupe School Expansion Update

The Secretary-Treasurer reported on the latest developments of the Pouce Coupe School expansion. The project is expected to be completed over the Christmas break.

R6.2 Financial Planning and Reporting Policy and Surplus Policy

On May 28, 2021, the Ministry of Education adopted two new financial policies which directs school boards on financial responsibilities in financial planning and reporting and accumulated operating surplus funds to ensure boards maintain consistency, transparency and accountability for the use and reporting of funding that is not used in the year in which it was provided. The Secretary-Treasurer will be working with the policy committee to update the current district financial policies to ensure they are compliant with the new Ministry of Education policies.

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 BCSTA Update – T. Jones

Trustees will attend The BCSTA Academy December 2-4, 2021.

R7.2 Staff Vaccination Policy – C. Anderson

The Board Chair reported the board is reviewing the K-12 Sector Guidelines for Vaccination Policies and had directed staff to gather data to inform the decision.

7.3 Northern Health Letter - C. Hillton

Trustee Hillton brought forward a motion to write a letter to Northern Health expressing clarification on COVID reporting and the timing of notifications.

(2021-11-014)

MOVED/SECONDED - Hillton/Lalonde

THAT, the board approve to write a letter to Northern Health in regard to COVID exposure reporting and the timeline of notifications.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Conflict of Interest – B. Borton

Trustee Borton declared a conflict of interest in matters specific to vaccination mandate.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

R8.1 Policy Committee

The Policy Committee brought forward the following recommendations:

R8.1.1 Policies for Adoption

The Policy Committee presented the following regulation for adoption:

(2021-11-015)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Lalonde

THAT, the Board adopt Policy 3165 Public Interest Disclosure 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 – December 15, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

(2021-11-016)

MOVED – Hillton

THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (2:38 PM)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



(C. Anderson) Board Chair



(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer