

SCHOOL DISTRICT 59 (PEACE RIVER SOUTH)
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY-TREASURER

11600 – 7th STREET
DAWSON CREEK, B.C.

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.59**

DATE & TIME: May 19, 2010 - 1:00 PM

PLACE: District Council Chambers – Tumbler Ridge

PRESENT: Trustees:
S. Berringer
S. Kampen
J. Clavier
W. Ezeard
M. Fofonoff - absent
T. Ziemer
R. Powell

G. Slykhuis, Secretary-Treasurer
K. Sawchuk, Superintendent -absent
R. Dennis, Assistant Superintendent
R. Schwartz, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Judy Richardson, PRSTA (entered the meeting at 1:35 pm)
Barb Bryce, Tate Creek PAC

Media:

Called to order – 1:00 pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions: R4.10 - School Survey
R4.11 - School Name

R6.1.1 – Communication to Schools Policy

Deletions:

(5084)
MOVED/SECONDED – Ezeard/Kampen
THAT, the Regular Meeting agenda be approved as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OPENING PRAYER

The Secretary-Treasurer led an opening prayer.

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2010

(5085)

MOVED/SECONDED – Berringer/Ziemer

THAT, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 21, 2010 be adopted as printed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R1.2 Excerpts from Special Closed Meeting – April 21, 2010

(5086)

MOVED/SECONDED – Clavier/Ezeard

THAT, the Excerpts from the April 21, 2010 Closed Meeting be adopted as printed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

R2.1 Physical Punishment of Children & Youth

The postponed motion requesting support for the joint statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth was brought forward.

(5087)

MOVED/SECONDED – Fofonoff/Ziemer

THAT, the Board endorse the Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth.

DEFEATED

A letter will be sent to Honourable Jay Hill - MP, indicating the reasons for not supporting the recommendation.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

R3.1 Tate Creek PAC –

Ms. Barb Bryce representing the Tate Creek Parent Advisory Council presented the concerns they have with the boundary changes along Arndt and Simmons Road.

Request to have a motion to move the boundary change back to original bus routes or to allow a choice of Pouce Coupe or Tate Creek schools.

R3.2 PRSTA Budget Input – J. Richardson

No Report.

4.0 REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

4.1 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report for April 2010 was presented and reviewed.

There were 26 suspensions reported in April. The main suspensions were categorized as:

- 9 for fighting
- 3 for interfering with safety of others
- 3 for non-compliance
- 3 for consumption of controlled substance
- 3 for directing profanity at a teacher

Mr. Maxwell travelled with students participating in the Skills Canada Provincials competition held in Abbotsford, BC.

Conoco Phillips has donated trees and assistance to help build an outside classroom at Tremblay Elementary School. The classroom will be used for outdoor instruction, restorative circles, and community enjoyment.

SD59 in partnership with Northern Lights College and Northern Opportunities held an appreciation night for businesses and agencies supporting our students. Spectra Energy recognized many dual credit students providing \$7,800 in bursaries.

A total of 291 children are participating in the StrongStart programs in the district.

Beginning in September 2010, anyone using school district technology will be required to sign an internet use agreement. The agreement will describe the actual and ethical limits that must be adhered to while using school district technology.

Trustee Ezeard recommended writing a letter with concern that the legislation on video surveillance was legislated without board approval which would normally occur.

R4.2 Admin Announcements

The following administration appointments have been ratified effective August 1, 2010:

- Jennifer Sutherland – Principal of Pouce Coupe Elementary School
- Amanda Roberts – Vice-Principal of Crescent Park Elementary School

R4.3 LEA Update

The Superintendent reviewed the draft Local Education Agreement that the Bands (Moberly Lake First Nations & Saulneau First Nations) have submitted.

A meeting was held on May 18th, 2010 to review the LEA drafts. The work is just beginning and discussions will continue to develop the agreements for approval by March 2011.

R4.4 School Community Connections Grant

Gloria Cleve, Early Learning Projects Manager, submitted a request to the Board to support a grant application for funds to be used to purchase and install an outdoor playground for children aged 18 months to 5 years old to be located at Tremblay Elementary School.

(5088)

MOVED/SECONDED – Clavier/Zierner

THAT, the Board supports the application submitted by Gloria Cleve to the School Community Connections program for the purpose of purchasing and installing an early learning playground at Tremblay Elementary School.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R4.5 McLeod Elementary School

The Board will be conducting a school review of McLeod Elementary School. A community meeting will be held on June 10th, 2010.

R4.6 Policy Procedure Review

The Board discussed the process to distribute school district policy and regulation under review to ensure it is being communicated to stakeholders. A recommendation was made to ensure school newsletters and the school district website has designated sections for policy and regulation notices.

R4.7 Don Titus French Immersion

The Board reviewed the enrolment and class size configurations at Don Titus Elementary School. The two education tracks are creating class size and configuration challenges resulting in an \$85,000 shortfall to the upcoming school year.

There is also concern there is currently no French immersion education at the secondary level.

Trustee Clavier suggested the board review the French Immersion program to look at the budget shortfall and future consideration of the French immersion track.

R4.8 Student Recognition

The Superintendent recognized the students involved in the Skills Canada Competition.

The Board recommended sending a thank-you to Mr. Maxwell for supporting the students and Skills Canada Competition.

An electronic thanks was given to the Civics 11 program for all the special events they organize. A thank-you will be sent to Mr. Moeller and his class.

R4.9 Proposed Calendar Update

The Superintendent reviewed the feedback received on the proposed calendar options. The following themes were presented:

- Attach NID to long weekends
- Shift spring break to week later to end the term before the break
- Dec 27 & 28 designated as Christmas Stat Days for Facility staff
- Professional Conversation Days created mixed feelings from parents and staff

(5089)

MOVED/SECONDED – Berringer/Kampen

THAT, the Board approve the calendar with the suggested recommendations excluding the Professional Conversation Days.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R4.10 Student Survey

The board has approved allowing students in Grade 6 and higher in three schools to participate in a smoking and drug use survey. The results of the survey will be available to the district and recommendations will be proposed.

R4.11 School Name

Dawson Creek Secondary School and Dawson Creek High School are both being used as the amalgamated name of the three schools. The Board discussed the name 'Dawson Creek Secondary School' is the most appropriate.

(5090)

MOVED/SECONDED – Ziemer/Kampen

THAT, the Superintendent reports on Monthly Report, Admin Announcements, LEA Update, McLeod Elementary School, Policy Procedure Review, Don Titus French Immersion, Student Recognition, Student Survey, and School Name are received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

R5.1 5 Year Capital Plan

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the five year capital plan. This now also includes HVAC systems upgrades.

(5091)

MOVED/SECONDED – Clavier/Berringer

THAT, the Board approves the five year capital plan as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R5.2 Budget Process

Mr. Slykhuis reviewed the budget process to date. The school budget review has been completed; the Secretary-Treasurer is now working on the district budget. The budget will be presented for approval at the June meeting.

Trustee Clavier addressed a few questions on the submitted presentation notes from agenda item R3.2 (not presented at this meeting). The Secretary-Treasurer clarified a few points:

- The Kindergarten Funding is additional funding not included in the overall funding
- The BCSTA has been an active voice on behalf of school districts to voice concerns and issues to the Provincial Government
- A needs analysis is not a useful tool to determine budgets

R5.3 Financial Reports

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the financial reports for April.

R5.4 KPAC Report

The Kiwanis Performing Arts Centre report was reviewed.

R5.5 Lease Bylaw

A bylaw was presented to lease the property adjacent to the Silversands Cafe in the Pine Pass.

(5092)

MOVED/SECONDED – Kampen/Berringer

THAT, the Lease Bylaw No. 1-2010 of the Board be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(5093)

MOVED/SECONDED – Ziemer/Kampen

THAT, the Lease Bylaw No. 1-2010 of the Board be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(5094)

MOVED/SECONDED – Ezeard/Berringer

THAT, the Board move into the committee of the whole.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(5095)
MOVED/SECONDED – Clavier/Ziemer
THAT, the Board move out of the committee of the whole.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(5096)
MOVED/SECONDED – Berringer/Kampen
THAT, the Board allows the third reading the Lease Bylaw No. 1-2010 to occur in this meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(5097)
MOVED/SECONDED – Ezeard/Clavier
THAT, the Lease Bylaw No. 1-2010 of the Board be read a third time, passed and adopted.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(5098)
MOVED/SECONDED – Ezeard/Kampen
THAT, the Secretary-Treasurer reports on Budget Process, Financial Reports, and KPAC Report are received for information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

R6.1 POLICY COMMITTEE

R6.1.1 – Communication from Outside of Schools

(5099)
MOVED/SECONDED – Ziemer/Berringer
THAT, the Board approve to circulate the draft policy #4588 Communication from Outside of Schools for a period of 45 day period.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.0 DIARY

8.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

9.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

9.1 BCSTA Update – S. Berringer
No Report.

9.2 Amalgamation Update – R.Powell
Trustee Powell presented the information received at the amalgamation PAC meeting.

9.3 CAPSLE Conference – R. Powell

The CAPSLE Conference was attended by Trustee Powell, Trustee Ezeard, and Assistant Superintendent Rob Dennis. The conference had many sessions on a variety of issues districts are facing in regard to staff behaviour, video surveillance, worksafe responsibilities, noon hour supervision, etc.

10.0 QUESTION PERIOD

NIL

11.0 FUTURE BUSINESS

11.1 – Regular Board Meeting – June 16, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

(5100)

MOVED/SECONDED – Ezeard/Clavier

THAT, the Regular Meeting be adjourned. (4:42 PM)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

(Richard Powell) Chair

(G. Slykhuis) Secretary-Treasurer