



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: March 12, 2020 – 1:00 PM

PLACE: School Board Office – Dawson Creek

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

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

Called to Order – 1:00 PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions: R7.3 Superintendent Announcement

Deletions:

(2020-03-007)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Jones

THAT, the Regular Meeting agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2020

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2020-02-008)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting February 20, 2020 approved as presented.

R1.2 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting – February 20, 2020

(2020-02-009)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting February 20, 2020 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:

- Elementary Basketball tournament was held on March 7, 2020 – 9 teams participated, MCS won the event.
- Parkland students have been learning American Sign Language this term and are able to sign O' Canada and We are the Champions.
- Crescent Park classes and the Leadership class from Central Campus have partnered up and are exchanging letters – they will also be getting together in person this week. The intermediate classes have been skiing.
- Central Campus students are raising awareness surrounding the Moose Hide Campaign (A grassroots movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous men and boys that are standing up against violence towards women and children).
- Central Campus Leadership class is also raising awareness about bullying and supporting Pink T-Shirt Day – the entire school had a symbolic joining together against bullying and students were given pink bandanas.
- French Immersion students at Ecole Frank Ross participated in the Encore public speaking contest.
- Ecole Frank Ross has 24 students that qualified to go to the regional science fair competition being held in FSJ.
- DCSS-SP Campus held a career fair on March 12, 2020.
- DCSS-SP Campus is also holding a Mental Health Summit and are excited to have Jordin Tootoo, an ex NHL player, as the keynote speaker.

R5.2 Student Discipline Report

The student discipline summary report for the month of February 2020 was presented. A total of 37 suspensions were reported. Following is a breakdown of the main offences:

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|------------------------|----|
| ○ Safety of Others | 12 |
| ○ Controlled Substance | 9 |
| ○ Fighting | 7 |

R5.3 Proposed 2020-21 School Calendar

The Assistant Superintendent presented the proposed 2020-21 school calendar. The proposed calendar was developed in accordance within the requirements of the School Act and consultation with PRSTA.

In total, seven people provided feedback. Six of those requested moving spring break further in March to combine with Easter. Due to our collective agreement with the PRSTA – Peace River South Teacher's Association, it states that spring break must begin on the third Monday in March, thus spring break cannot be moved. The calendar was presented for adoption.

(2020-03-010)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Lalonde

THAT, the Board approve the 2020-21 School Calendar as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R5.4 Before and After School Care Legislation

The Ministry of Education has tabled legislation which would provide the opportunity for school districts to offer before and after school care. Currently, districts must offer care through a separate licensed provider.

School District No. 59 (PRS) has worked with daycare providers in the past and currently has a new partnership with YMCA to provide after school care and care on non-instructional days in Chetwynd.

R5.6 Coronavirus Update

The district has been in communication with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, and the local health authority. The Superintendent reported the district has a pandemic plan in place in the event of an outbreak.

A letter will be going out to all parents regarding family travel over spring break. The district is recommending self-isolation if any student or staff travels to a country that has a level 3 travel advisory.

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R6.1 Finance Reports

The monthly finance reports were reviewed.

R6.2 2019-20 Capital Budget & Bylaw

The Secretary Treasurer announced Ministry approval of the following 2020-21 capital projects:

	Project:	Funding:
DCSS	School Enhancement Program – Mechanical Upgrades HVAC	\$850,000
Devereaux Elementary	School Enhancement Program – Building Enclosure Upgrades Roof Replacement	\$230,000

Ecole Frank Ross	School Enhancement Program – Flooring Upgrades	\$110,000
Bus Fleet	3 - C(70-75) with 0 Wheelchair Space	\$421,632

The Ministry also provided preliminary approval for two major capital projects which includes an addition to Pouce Coupe Elementary School and the demolition of Rolla Elementary School. The next step for those projects is to develop concept plans to submit to the Ministry which provides more details for the Ministry to review before final approval is considered.

Capital Bylaw No. 2020-21-CPSD59-01 was presented to the Board for approval.

(2020-03-011)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Ziemer

THAT, the Capital Project Bylaw No. 2020-21-CPSD59-01 of the Board approved by the Minister as outlined in the letter received from the Capital Management Branch dated March 5, 2020 be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2020-03-012)

MOVED/SECONDED – Lalonde/Borton

THAT, the Capital Project Bylaw No. 2020-21-CPSD59-01 of the Board approved by the Minister as outlined in the letter received from the Capital Management Branch dated March 5, 2020 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2020-03-013)

MOVED/SECONDED – Jones/Gulick

THAT, the Board allows the third reading of Capital Project Bylaw No. 2020-21-CPSD59-01 to occur in this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2020-03-014)

MOVED/SECONDED – Ziemer/Jones

THAT, the Capital Project Bylaw No. 2020-21-CPSD59-01 of the Board approved by the Minister as outlined in the letter received from the Capital Management Branch dated March 5, 2020 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R6.3 Funding Model Update

The Secretary Treasurer provided a funding model update. The Ministry will be implementing 22 recommendations in a two-phase plan, beginning with 12 of the 22 recommendations.

A new supplement was also announced that will support BC's children and youth in care. This change will also expand funding to more children with mental-health challenges and those living in low-income families.

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 BCSTA Update – T. Ziemer

Trustee Ziemer presented the latest news and events from the BCSTA. Trustee Ziemer requested feedback to the draft BCSTA budget.

Three trustees will be attending the AGM in April 2020.

R7.2 SWOC – C. Anderson

The Board Chair provided an update on the SWOC process. The next steps will be to meet as a board and review the SWOC information. The board will review the themes that come from the data and will establish goals which will be used to develop a new strategic plan.

R7.3 Superintendent Announcement – C. Anderson

The Board Chair announced the appointment of Ms. Christy Fennell to the position of Superintendent, effective August 1, 2020. The Board is excited to work with Ms. Fennell in this new role.

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 two policies for adoption.

(2020-03-015)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Lalonde

THAT, the board adopt Policy 2205 Trustee Remuneration, Benefits, and Recognition as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Policy Committee reviewed Policy 2260 and recommended to remove section 2 in the regulation as it is covered in Policy 2150.

(2020-03-016)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Lalonde

THAT, the board adopt Policy 2260 Communication with the Public as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R8.1.2 Policies for Circulation

The Policy Committee presented two policies for circulation.

(2020-03-017)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Ziemer

THAT, the board circulate the following policies for feedback:

- Policy 4200 Career Development Education
- Policy 4580 Electronic/Social Media Communication and Information Access

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Student Appeal Bylaw 3-08 has been amended and the first two reading were read.

(2020-03-018)

MOVED/SECONDED – Lalonde/Gulick

THAT, amended Bylaw 3-08 Student Appeal Procedure be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2020-03-019)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Ziemer

THAT, amended Bylaw 3-08 Student Appeal Procedure be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The third reading and final approval is to occur at the Regular Meeting of the board in April 2020.

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 23, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

(2020-03-020)

MOVED – Hillton

THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (2:33 PM)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



(C. Anderson) Board Chair



(M. Panoulas) Secretary Treasurer