



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: December 19, 2018 - 1:05 PM

PLACE: School Board Office – Dawson Creek

PRESENT: Trustees:
T. Ziemer –Chair
C. Hillton (Vice-Chair)
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: R7.4 Pro-D Committee
R7.5 Chetwynd Public Library Letter

Deletions:

(2018-12-004)
MOVED/SECONDED – Anderson/Lalonde
THAT, the Regular Meeting agenda be approved as printed.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – November 21, 2018

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2018-12-005)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting November 21, 2018 approved as distributed.

R1.2 Excerpts Closed Board Meeting – November 21, 2018

(2018-12-006)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed meeting on November 21, 2018 approved as distributed.

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 the following school news:

- Elementary School teachers have been developing report cards
- Schools have been hosting concerts and various celebrations before the Winter Break
- DCSS-SP Campus is hosting a teacher-student hockey game to be held at the Memorial Arena on Thursday, December 20, 2018

R5.2 Student Discipline Report

The student discipline report for the month of November was reviewed. A total of 43 suspensions were reported. Following is a breakdown of the main offences:

- Safety of Others: 17
- Controlled Substance 11
- Fighting 6
- Non-Compliance 6

R5.3 Montessori Review Update

The Superintendent reviewed the next steps of the Montessori program review. The Superintendent has developed a rubric to use as a tool in reviewing the program. The review will begin in January and will comprise of input from staff, parents, and students along with classroom observations and self-assessments. The review is expected to be completed by June 2019.

R5.4 Tripartite Agreement

The Provincial Government, Federal Government of Canada, and First Nations Steering Committee (FNESC) have signed an agreement supporting First Nation student success. The parties are committed to working together to close the gap between First Nation students and non-First Nation students through continuous improvement in educational outcomes. In School District No.59, 1100 students self-identify as Aboriginal, of those, 200 identify as First Nation status living on reserve. The tripartite agreement includes a requirement that school districts develop both a transportation agreement and learning enhancement agreement specific to First Nation students living on reserve.

The school district's role is to work collaboratively with the First Nation bands in the district (West Moberly First Nation and Saulteau First Nation) to create Learning Enhancement Agreements. The parties will also work together to ensure First Nation students living on reserve have transportation services to public schools.

The Learning Enhancement Agreement is an additional agreement outside of the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement the school district developed in partnership with the Aboriginal Advisory Councils in 2016. Meetings with the West Moberly First Nation and Saulteau First Nation bands will begin in January 2019.

The Learning Enhancement Agreements are linked to the federal funding which does not include the targeted provincial funding that school district's receive for Aboriginal Education.

Meetings with the bands will start in January and will be outside of the regular Aboriginal Council Meetings.

R5.5 Field Trip Request

The Board reviewed a field trip request from the Dawson Creek Secondary South Peace Campus principal for a field trip to Winnipeg, Manitoba to the Canadian Museum of Human Rights. The field trip would provide approximately ten to fifteen Grade 11 and 12 students a unique opportunity to gain experiential learning to support their classroom studies. The school will be involved in choosing the curriculum to be presented at the museum for the field trip.

The field trip request does not meet the time line of the field trip application process as outlined in the District Field Trip Handbook; however, the board considered the request under special circumstances as it was an outside organization that recently brought forward the request to the school.

(2018-12-007)

MOVED/SECONDED – Lalonde/Gulick

THAT, the board give approval in principle for the field trip to Winnipeg, Manitoba to the Human Rights Museum in February 2019 and planning for the trip may proceed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R6.1 Amended Operating Grant 2018-19

The secretary Treasurer presented the Amended Operating Grant for the 2018-19 year. The student base allocation increased by \$831,000, this is in direct relation to the increase in student enrolment. This increase in funding resulted in the loss of \$730,000 in funding protection.

R6.2 Chetwynd Transportation Meeting Update

A meeting was held in Chetwynd with various stakeholders to discuss the concerns of the bus and parent parking area in front of Windrem Elementary and Chetwynd Secondary School. It was beneficial to have all stakeholders in one meeting to discuss the concerns and possible solutions, although, it is apparent with the District of Chetwynd file dating back to 1985 there is no obvious solution.

Later in the day, the Secretary-Treasurer and other district staff did have the chance to view the area in front of Windrem Elementary during the school bus transfer period and did observe many students getting off buses and crossing the road to get picked up by their parent without watching for vehicles. The students that were crossing the road were not transferring onto other buses, they were using the transfer station as a location for parents to pick them up. The Secretary-Treasurer has recommended to school Principals to stress with their students the proper safety precautions when crossing a busy street. It was also noted, the congestion in the area could be decreased if parents picked up their children at their attending school.

There are many school parking lots throughout the school district that struggle to accommodate bus, staff and parent parking and the school district needs to consider these other parking lot/transfer area stations as well. The district will be installing a time-lapse camera to view the bus area in front of Windrem and Chetwynd Senior Secondary during the transfer period to obtain data that reflects the situation over a period of several days. This will ensure the situation is appropriately assessed and allows the district to make decisions that are in consideration of the whole school district.

Director of Operations, Wade Simlik, will be assessing the ideas presented, including determining the feasibility and effectiveness.

R6.3 BCSTA Survey Results

The Secretary Treasurer reported the annual BCSTA survey results.

R6.4 Signing Authority

The board approved the following motions in relation to signing restriction and authority:

(2018-12-008)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Hillton

THAT, the board approve the signing restriction of all cheques drawn in the name of School District No.59 (Peace River South) be any two to sign.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2018-12-009)

MOVED/SECONDED – Borton/Jones

THAT, the board approve to change the signing authority roles from Board Chair and Board Vice-Chair to Trustee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 BCSTA Update – T. Jones

Trustee Jones updated the board on the latest news and events of the BCSTA.

R7.2 Devereaux/Parkland Gyms – T. Jones

Trustee Jones received an email from a member of the Parkland PAC concerned the district deemed the school gyms to be unsafe to play league basketball games.

The Superintendent reported the district did not deem the gyms to be unsafe. Some concerns were brought forward at the end of the basketball season last year about the safety issues of playing in the smaller gyms. A committee, which includes stakeholders from the basketball league and both schools have been discussing options for playing in the smaller gyms. Both schools were involved in the final decisions and everyone seems to be satisfied with the outcome.

R7.3 Letter from Don Titus – C. Hillton

Trustee Hillton presented a letter received from Don Titus PAC group.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported the Don Titus Proposed School Closure review is a very complex and unique situation and would like to extend the review process to allow additional time for the review process; therefore, the Secretary-Treasurer reported a recommendation for school closure at the end of the 2018/19 school year will not be brought forward and the school will remain open for at least the 2019-20 school year.

R7.4 Pro-D Committee – T. Ziemer

The Board appointed the following trustees to a Professional Development Committee.

- o Jennifer Lalonde
- o Becky Borton
- o Tamara Ziemer
- o Roxanne Gulick (Alternate)

R7.5 Chetwynd Public Library Letter

The Chetwynd Public Library Board, in partnership with the District of Chetwynd and Peace River Regional District are working together to submit a grant application for the construction of a new facility. A request was made for a letter of support.

(2018-12-010)

MOVED/SECONDED - Lalonde/Borton

THAT, the board write a letter in support for the Chetwynd Public Library project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

R8.1 Policy Committee

The policy committee appointed Trustee Anderson as committee chair. Trustee Anderson reported the policy committee met for the first time since the election of the new board and prioritized the list of policies that have been identified for revisions. The policy committee will bring recommendations the board as they are ready to be circulated.

Policies for Adoption:

Policy 3160: Drugs and Alcohol and Policy 3180: Smoking and Smoke Free Spaces were circulated for feedback. No feedback was received, the policies were brought forward for approval.

(2018-12-011)

MOVED/SECONDED - Hillton/Jones

THAT, the board approve Policy 3160: Drugs and Alcohol and Policy 3180: Smoking and Smoke Free Spaces as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 – January 16, 2019 – Dawson Creek

ADJOURNMENT

(2018-12-012)

MOVED – Lalonde

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

(T. Ziemer) Board Chair

(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer