
Present:

Tim Bennett, Chair
Sharel Warrington, Vice-Chair
Betty Bekkering, Trustee
Trent Derrick, Trustee
Ron Polillo, Trustee
Bob Thompson, Trustee
Shuirose Valimohamed, Trustee

Rod Allen, Superintendent of Schools
Darleen Patterson, Secretary Treasurer
Diane Nygaard, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Corrections:

Trustee Derrick will provide the Education Programs and Planning Committee report.

The agenda was approved as amended.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Cassandra Malfair, parent of a Edgewood Elementary student and a Duchess Park Secondary student, expressed concerns regarding the proposed catchment boundary change for DP Todd Secondary School and Duchess Park Secondary School commencing 2020/2021. Ms. Malfair stated specific concerns regarding the accommodation of French Immersion Programming and Franco-Nord students at Duchess Park Secondary School.

Andrew McLellan, parent, expressed concerns regarding the proposed catchment boundary change for DP Todd Secondary School and Duchess Park Secondary School commencing 2020/2021. Mr. McLellan stated specific concerns regarding the process and feedback of the public information sessions and the accommodation of French Immersion Programming and Franco-Nord students at Duchess Park Secondary School.

Trudy Klassen shared her opinions.

Joanne Hapke representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association, stated she is a proud leader and was devastated by the previous comments made at this evening's meeting. Ms. Hapke submitted a written report to the Board.

Trudy Klassen representing the District Parents Advisory Council commented on the public information sessions held at Edgewood and Spruceland Traditional Elementary Schools, vaping in schools and catchment and capacity in the school district.

4. **SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

The Board Chair reported that Anita Richardson, newly appointed Superintendent of Schools will assume the position in the New Year. Mr. Bennett noted that Ms. Richardson will be visiting the school district and will be in attendance at the Board's Inaugural Meeting.

The Board Chair announced that the school district has joined Facebook and encouraged the public to like and subscribe to the page.

Trustee Polillo provided comments regarding the recent celebration of the 40 year anniversary of Malaspina Elementary School.

Trustees Warrington and Bekkering expressed gratitude for the proud work of school district teachers, support staff, principals and vice principals in support of a positive social and emotional environment.

Trustee Thompson commented on the positive feedback from students regarding the installation of the new playground at Valemount Elementary School.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

5.1 Regular Public Meeting of September 24, 2019

The minutes of the regular public meeting of September 24, 2019 were adopted as published.

5.2 Record of In Camera Meeting Minutes

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the regular in camera meeting of September 24, 2019 and the special in camera meetings of October 8, 9 and 15, 2019 were approved.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

7.1 Catchment, Capacity and Programs – September 2019-2020 and Subsequent Years

7.1.1 Spruceland Elementary School

The Board Chair reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was included in the agenda package.

The Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That commencing in the 2020/2021 school year the secondary catchment boundary for DP Todd Secondary School and Duchess Park Secondary School be revised such that Spruceland Traditional Elementary School be removed from the Duchess Park Secondary School catchment and included in the DP Todd Secondary School catchment.

CARRIED

7.1.2 Edgewood Elementary School

The Board Chair reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was included in the agenda package.

The Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That commencing in the 2020/2021 school year the secondary catchment boundary for DP Todd Secondary School and Duchess Park Secondary School be revised such that Edgewood Elementary School be removed from the Duchess Park Secondary School catchment and included in the DP Todd Secondary School catchment.

The motion was amended to as follows:

AMENDED, MOVED and SECONDED

That commencing in the 2020/2021 school year the secondary catchment boundary for DP Todd Secondary School and Duchess Park Secondary School be revised such that Edgewood Elementary School *catchment* be removed from the Duchess Park Secondary School catchment and included in the DP Todd Secondary School catchment.

The Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

To postpone the decision regarding this item to the regular public meeting of December 3, 2019 to allow staff to provide the additional answers to the questions raised at this evening's meeting.

DEFEATED

The discussion returned to the original amended motion, and it was CARRIED.

Trustee Warrington provided a Notice of Motion for the December 3, 2019 regular public meeting regarding grandfathering sibling priority for Spruceland Traditional and Edgewood Elementary Schools.

A recess was called at 8:00 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

8. MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

8.1 Committee Report

Trustee Warrington reviewed and discussed the October 2019 Management and Finance Committee that was included in the agenda package.

The Secretary Treasurer advised that the Funding Model Working Group Reports noted in the Committee Report are available on the Ministry of Education's website.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Management and Finance Committee meeting held on October 21, 2019 be received.

CARRIED

9. EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE

9.1 Committee Report

Trustee Polillo reviewed the October 2019 Education Services Committee Report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Education Services Committee meeting held on October 7, 2019 be received.

CARRIED

10. EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

10.1 Committee Report

Trustee Derrick reviewed the October 2019 Education Programs and Planning Committee Report that was included in the agenda package.

Trustee Derrick advised the committee also received a PowerPoint presentation on the 2018-2019 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning. The committee was advised that the Framework is in transition and that further updates will be provided to the committee in January 2020.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Education Program and Planning Committee meeting held on October 22, 2019 be received.

CARRIED

11. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

11.1 Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent expressed confidence and admiration of the professionalism of the teachers in the school district.

12. TRUSTEE REPORTS

12.1 Aboriginal Education Committee

Trustee Warrington reviewed the report of the Aboriginal Education Committee meeting held on October 7, 2019 that was included in the agenda package.

Ms. Warrington provided an overview of the books that the Aboriginal Education Book Club will be discussing and noted that the group will meet on November 7th. An open invitation was extended to all Trustees to attend.

12.2 BC School Trustees' Association

Trustee Polillo provided an overview the BC School Trustees' Association Provincial Council meeting held in Vancouver on October 25-26, 2019.

The Board Chair provided an overview of the BCSTA Meeting of Board Chairs held on October 17, 2019 and the Ministry of Education Joint Partners Liaison Meeting held on October 18, 2019 in Richmond.

12.3 District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Thompson reviewed the report on the District Parent Advisory Council meeting held on October 7, 2019 that was provided as a handout.

Questions from DPAC included:

- Insurance Forms/Checklists
- Childminding at Parent Advisory Council Meetings
- Catchment and Capacity
- Email Accounts for Parent Advisory Councils

12.4 District Student Advisory Council

Trustee Polillo reviewed the District Student Advisory Council report that was included in the agenda package. Mr. Polillo corrected that their next meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2019.

12.5 Liaison Updates

12.5.1 Trustee Bekkering

Trustee Bekkering reviewed the Trustee Liaison update that was included in the agenda package.

12.5.2 Trustee Bennett

Trustee Bennett drew attention to the Trustee Liaison update that was included in the agenda package.

12.5.3 Trustee Polillo

Trustee Polillo reviewed the Trustee Liaison update that was included in the agenda package.

Trustee Warrington provided a verbal Trustee Liaison update that included an overview of the various meetings and events Ms. Warrington participated in during the past month.

Trustee Derrick provided a verbal Trustee Liaison update that included an overview of the various meetings and events Mr. Derrick participated in during the past month.

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.1 Inaugural Meeting of the Board of Education, November 6, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

The Board Chair indicated that Bylaw No. 1 stated that the inaugural meeting of the Board shall be held each year on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Mr. Bennett stated that Anita Richardson, newly appointed Superintendent of Schools will be visiting the school district on November 6 – 8, 2019 and advised that the Board wishes to reschedule the 2019 Inaugural meeting align with Ms. Richardson's scheduled visit.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the 2019 Inaugural Meeting of the Board be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Bennett drew the Board's attention to the following letters that were included in the agenda package:

- Letter from School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) dated September 20, 2019 regarding a Climate Action Plan
- Letter of Support from the Board of Education to the First Peoples Cultural Council regarding the Dakelh Language Program

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer