
Present:

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

Anita Richardson, Superintendent of Schools
Darleen Patterson, Secretary Treasurer
Cindy Heitman, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Lee Karpenko, Assistant Superintendent
Kap Manhas, Assistant Superintendent
Diane Nygaard, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as published.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Daryl Beauregard representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association commented on the urgency of the provincial shortage of teachers and the need to provide better salaries to attract out of province teachers. Mr. Beauregard requested that Trustees remind government educators and pressure provincial colleagues regarding these issues.

Owen MacDonald and Mattias Cheung provided an overview of the recent activities undertaken by the District Student Advisory Council. Activities included presentations to elementary school students regarding the dangers of vaping.

4. **SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

The Board Chair commented on the online Kindergarten registration for September 2020 that began today at 9 a.m.

The Board Chair and Trustee Polillo congratulated the Duchess Park Senior Boys Basketball and DP Todd Senior Boys Basketball teams on each of their perspective provincial rankings.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**5.1 Regular Public Meeting of December 3, 2019**

The minutes of the regular public meeting of December 3, 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 December 3, 2019 and the special in camera meetings of November 27, January 7 and 21, 2020 were approved.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**6.1 Catchment, Capacity and Programs – September 2019-2020 and Subsequent Years – Grandfathering of Siblings****6.1.1 Spruceland Elementary School**

Trustee Warrington reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was included in the agenda package. Ms. Warrington stated that the amendment to the December 3, 2019 motion provides a clear statement regarding time frame for the motion and recommends the time frame be limited to the 2020/21 school year.

The Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the motion, *“That the transition process, beginning September 2020 for grade 7 students currently attending Spruceland Traditional Elementary School, entitles students, who at the time of transition have siblings enrolled in grades 8 – 12 in the regular program at Duchess Park Secondary School, to transition to the regular program offered at Duchess Park Secondary School”*, adopted at the December 3, 2019 meeting to be amended to replace “beginning” with “for” and replace “currently” with “who at January 28, 2020 are” and to add “for the 2020/21 school year” after Duchess Park Secondary School.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Edgewood Elementary School

Trustee Warrington reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was included in the agenda package. Ms. Warrington stated that the amendment to the December 3, 2019 motion provides a clear statement regarding time frame for the motion and recommends the time frame be limited to the 2020/21 school year.

The Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the motion, *"That the transition process, beginning September 2020 for grade 7 students currently attending Edgewood Elementary School, entitles students, who at the time of transition have siblings enrolled in grades 8 – 12 in the regular program at Duchess Park Secondary School, to transition to the regular program offered at Duchess Park Secondary School"*, adopted at the December 3, 2019 meeting to be amended to replace "beginning" with "for" and replace "currently" with "who at January 28, 2020 are" and to add "for the 2020/21 school year" after Duchess Park Secondary School.

CARRIED

7. **MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

7.1 Committee Report

Trustee Warrington reviewed the January 2020 Management and Finance Committee report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Management and Finance Committee meeting held on January 20, 2020 be received.

CARRIED

8. **EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

8.1 Committee Report

Trustee Derrick reviewed the January 2020 Education Programs and Planning Committee Report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Education Program and Planning Committee meeting held on January 21, 2020 be received.

CARRIED

8.2 Board Authorized Courses

8.2.1 Fly Fishing 12

Trustee Derrick reviewed the recommendation, rationale and course framework that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Fly Fishing 12 be approved as a Board authorized course.

CARRIED

8.2.2 H.O.P.E for Boys Leadership 11

Trustee Derrick reviewed the recommendation, rationale and course framework that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That H.O.P.E. for Boys Leadership 11 be approved as a Board authorized course.

CARRIED

8.2.3 Cultural Connections 12

Trustee Derrick reviewed the recommendation, rationale and course framework that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Cultural Connections 12 be approved as a Board authorized course.

CARRIED

9. **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

9.1 Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent commented on the success of the Aboriginal Day of Learning held in the school district on January 27, 2020. Ms. Richardson also commented on the First day of Kindergarten registration for the 2020/21 school year.

The Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent responded to questions from the Trustees.

10. TRUSTEE REPORTS**10.1 Aboriginal Education Committee**

Trustee Derrick provided an overview of the Aboriginal Education Committee meeting held on January 13, 2020 and provided comment on the January 25th performance of the Snotty Nose Rez Kids.

10.2 BC School Trustees' Association

Trustee Polillo drew attention to the report included in the agenda package.

Mr. Polillo provided an overview of the BCSTA Northern Interior Branch Annual General meeting held in Prince George on January 24 and 25, 2020.

10.3 District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Bennett provided a verbal report on the District Parent Advisory Council meeting held on January 6, 2020. Mr. Bennett advised the discussion included questions regarding the Ministry of Education's funding model review. He noted that school district staff will provide information regarding funding for designated students at the February District Parent Advisory Council meeting.

10.4 District Student Advisory Council

Trustee Polillo reviewed the District Student Advisory Council report that was included in the agenda package.

10.5 Liaison Updates**10.5.1 Trustee Bekkering**

Trustee Bekkering drew attention to the Trustee Liaison update that was included in the agenda package and noted a correction that the reference to Mr. Goodson to read Mr. Goodwin.

10.5.2 Trustee Bennett

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

10.5.3 Trustee Polillo

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

10.5.4 Trustee Warrington

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

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

11.1 Signing Authority - Banking

The Secretary Treasurer noted that Marie St. Laurent, Director of Human Resources will be no longer employed by the school district effective February 7th and suggested a revision to the published recommendation.

The Board Chair reviewed the revised recommendation as follows:

MOVED and SECONDED

That effective January 28, 2020, the signing authority for cheques be any two of the following:

Anita Richardson, Superintendent of Schools
Darleen Patterson, Secretary Treasurer
Cindy Heitman, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Hannah Brown, Director of Finance
Diane Nygaard, Executive Assistant

CARRIED

11.2 Notice of Motion

Trustee Derrick provided notice of motion for the February 25, 2020 regular public meeting regarding a proposed change for references to Aboriginal Education in the school district to Indigenous Education.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer