
Present:

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

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 following items were removed from the agenda:

10. Old Business

10.1 Board Policy Manual

10.2 Administrative Procedures Manual

11. New Business

11.2 Standing Committee Chair Appointments

The agenda was approved as amended.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Lheidli T'enneh Chief Pountney stated that at the May 28, 2019 regular public Board meeting he requested that the Board of Education support their efforts to have one of the seven Trustee positions filled by a Lheidli T'enneh member to ensure that all Indigenous students are supported properly. Chief Pountney noted that a response from the Board has not yet been received.

Lheidli T'enneh Chief Pountney and Elders Kenora Stewart and Clayton Quaw provided an overview of the history of the area now known as the Hart Highway and shared a story with the Board of Education about the grizzly trail which in Dakelh is Shas Ti. The Elders encouraged the gradual incorporation of Shas Ti into the new school.

Joanne Hapke representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association provided feedback on the draft Board policy manual that was included in the agenda package. Ms. Hapke commented on the value of public input at regular public Board meetings.

Karen Wong representing CUPE 3742 provided feedback regarding the draft Board policy manual that was included in the agenda package. Ms. Wong also commented on the value of public input at regular public Board meetings.

Andrea Beckett representing the District Parents' Advisory Council provided feedback regarding the draft Board policy manual that was included in the agenda package. Ms. Beckett also commented on the value of public input at regular public Board meetings.

4. SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

The Board Chair and Trustee Polillo congratulated both the Senior Boys and Senior Girls Duchess Park Basketball Teams on their win at the City Championships.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 Regular Public Meeting of January 28, 2020

The minutes of the regular public meeting of January 28, 2020 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 January 28, 2020 and the special in camera meetings of January 31 and February 11, 2020 were approved.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Proposed Name Change – Aboriginal Education to Indigenous Education

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That, in the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, the Board of Education replace the word Aboriginal with Indigenous in all Board policies and practices. This includes the renaming of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee to the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

7. MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

7.1 Committee Report

Trustee Warrington reviewed the February 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 February 10, 2020 be received.

CARRIED

7.2 2019-2020 Amended Annual Budget

Trustee Warrington reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That, in accordance with Section 68 (4) of the *School Act*, all three readings of Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2019-2020 be given at this meeting.

CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED

That Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2019-2020 be given first reading.

CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED

That Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2019-2020 be given second reading.

CARRIED

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the budget document and the related PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was provided to the gallery. Ms. Patterson responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2019-2020 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED

7.3 2020/21 Budget Assumptions

Trustee Warrington reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was included in the agenda package.

Ms. Warrington noted a housekeeping item in the published rationale to correct the reference to the draft Administrative Procedure 400 to read 500.

MOVED and SECONDED

That in accordance with Policy 1160, Role of the Board, Regulation 8.2 the following assumptions be approved to guide the development of the 2020-2021 Annual Budget:

1. A balanced annual budget will be presented for approval by the Board of Education.
2. Schools will be allocated funding, and be expected to develop their 2020-2021 organization on the same basis as the prior year based on enrolment assumptions.
3. Departments will be expected to develop their 2020-2021 budgets on the same basis as the prior year.
4. Cost pressures, primarily from inflation and statutory requirements will be addressed for employee benefits, student transportation and utilities.
5. Salaries and wages will be budgeted based on known general wage increases and expected school district average salaries and wages.
6. In accordance with the scope outlined in the Terms of Reference for the Expanded Committee of the Whole, that Committee will consider:
 - The 2016-2021 Strategic Plan goals of Learning, Engagement, Opportunity and Sustainability based on initiatives prioritized by the Board of Education.
 - In the event that operating revenues exceed operating expenditures after compilation of a draft annual operating budget, the committee will provide input to the Board of Education as to options to be considered for additional expenditures in support of student learning.

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- In the event that operating expenditures exceed operating revenues after the compilation of a draft annual operating budget, the committee will provide input to the Board of Education as to options to be considered for additional revenue or reduced/decreased expenditures.
7. Salary, employee benefits, and defined overhead expenses incurred related to the actual cost of the language restored to the Collective Agreement with the Prince George District Teachers' Association will be fully funded by the Ministry of Education through the Classroom Enhancement Fund.
 8. Consideration of the implications of potential changes to the funding model as a result of the recommendations from the Funding Model Review Panel introducing risk into our budget.

CARRIED

7.4 Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Trustee Warrington reviewed the recommendation and rationale included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Policy 8230 Trustee Remuneration and Expenses, Regulation 1, be revised, effective July 1, 2020, to reflect the annual remuneration for trustees as follows:

1.1 Chairperson - \$22,002

1.2 Vice- Chairperson - \$20,502

1.3 Trustees \$19,002

CARRIED

A recess was called at 7:42 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 7:51 p.m.

8. **EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

8.1 Committee Report

Trustee Derrick reviewed the February 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 February 18, 2020 be received.

CARRIED

9. **EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE**

9.1 Committee Report

Trustee Polillo reviewed the February 2020 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 February 3, 2020 be received.

CARRIED

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

10.1 Board Policy Manual

This item was removed from this evening's agenda.

10.2 Administrative Procedures Manual

This item was removed from this evening's agenda.

10.3 September 2020 Enrolment Restrictions

Trustee Polillo reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was provided as a handout.

MOVED and SECONDED

1. That, effective for the 2020-2021 school year and subsequent years, enrolment at the following schools be restricted to catchment area students only:
 - a) College Heights Secondary
 - b) Duchess Park Secondary, Regular Program only
 - c) Edgewood Elementary
 - d) Glenview Elementary
 - e) Hart Highlands Elementary
 - f) Harwin Elementary
 - g) Heritage Elementary
 - h) Ron Brent Elementary
 - i) Southridge Elementary
 - j) Springwood Elementary

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2. That, effective for the 2020-2021 school year and subsequent years, Kindergarten enrolment at the following schools be restricted:
 - a) College Heights Elementary – French Immersion program, no more than 40 students
 - b) Spruceland Traditional Elementary, no more than 40 students
 - c) Polaris Montessori Elementary – no more than 40 students
 - d) Ecole Lac des Bois – no more than 60 students
- CARRIED

10.4 Catchment, Capacity and Programs – September 2020 – 2021 and Subsequent Year

Trustee Polillo reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was provided as a handout.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Committee begin work in September to review the catchment boundaries and concerns for the district as a whole, paying particular attention to the following areas:

1. College Heights Family of Schools – That while there may be potential to explore the addition of another section to College Heights Secondary School in the future, the Committee recommends that given the current pressures that the catchment area for all schools in the College Heights Family of Schools be reviewed for the 2021/22 school year.
2. DP Todd Secondary School - That in order to accommodate the recent motion made by the Board of Education to change the secondary catchments for the Edgewood Elementary and Spruceland Traditional Elementary from Duchess Park Secondary to DP Todd Secondary that three (3) additional modular units be purchased and situated at DP Todd Secondary for use on a short-term basis.
3. DP Todd Secondary School –That the Committee urge the Board of Education to strongly advocate to the Ministry for the DP Todd Secondary expansion and renovation project include on the five year capital plan.
4. Heritage Elementary School - That the three (3) modular units at Heritage Elementary are scheduled to be replaced in the coming years as a result of a Board motion to replace the aging existing modular stock in the District.

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5. DP Todd Family of Schools - That there continues to be underutilized capacity projected at Quinson Elementary and oversubscription to space at Heritage Elementary. The Committee recommends review of the catchment boundaries for the area for the 2021/22 school year.
 6. Kelly Road Family of Schools - That there continues to be underutilized space at Nukko Lake Elementary and oversubscription to space at Springwood Elementary and Hart Highlands Elementary. The Committee recommends review of the catchment boundaries for the area for the 2021/22 school year.
 7. PGSS Family of Schools - That continued consideration could be given with regard to the amalgamation of Blackburn Elementary, Buckhorn Elementary and Pineview Elementary Schools in a new school.
 8. PGSS Family of Schools - That enrolment at Peden Hill Elementary continue to be monitored and that a review of the catchment areas for Peden Hill Elementary, Westwood Elementary, and Pinewood Elementary schools be considered to manage enrolment in this area of Prince George.

CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Draft 2020/21 School District Calendar

The Deputy Superintendent reviewed the recommendation and rationale included in the agenda package. Ms. Heitman responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the proposed local school calendars for the 2020-2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

11.2 Standing Committee Chair Appointments

This item was removed from this evening's agenda.

11.3 Kelly Road Secondary School

Trustee Derrick provided a verbal recommendation and rationale for a proposed name change for Kelly Road Secondary School.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education engage in the process to rename the newly constructed Kelly Road Secondary School to Shas Ti.

CARRIED

12. **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

12.1 Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent spoke in support of the motion passed earlier this evening to increase Trustee remuneration.

Ms. Richardson commented on the success of the British Columbia School Trustees Association Strategic “Planning for Student Success” Leadership Series held in Prince George

The Superintendent also commented on the collaborative work in the school district with Principals and Vice Principals regarding equity and transformation.

13. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

13.1 Aboriginal Education Committee

Trustee Derrick reviewed the report included in the agenda package.

13.2 BC School Public School Employers Association

Trustee Bekkering drew attention to the publication included in the agenda package. Ms. Bekkering advised that an additional communication has been received stating that bargaining with the British Columbia Teachers' Association will resume on February 27 and 28, 2020.

13.3 BC School Trustees' Association

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

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

13.4 District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Warrington reviewed the District Parent Advisory Council report that was included in the agenda package.

13.5 District Student Advisory Council

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

13.6 Liaison Updates

13.6.1 Trustee Bekkering

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

13.6.2 Trustee Polillo

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

13.6.3 Trustee Warrington

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

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- Letter of Support dated February 19, 2020 to the City of Prince George regarding a grant application

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer