APPROVED Minutes Regular Public Meeting	Board of Education School District No. 57 (Prince George) 2100 Ferry Avenue, Prince George, B.C.	2021.06.22 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Trent Derrick, Chair	Cindy Heitman, Acting Superintendent of Schools
Shuirose Valimohamed, Vice-Chair	Darleen Patterson, Secretary Treasurer
Betty Bekkering, Trustee	Diane Nygaard, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Tim Bennett, Trustee	
Ron Polillo, Trustee	
Bob Thompson, Trustee	
Sharel Warrington, Trustee	

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY**

The Board Chair provided a formal acknowledgement of the unceded ancestral lands, culture and people of the Lheidli T'enneh Nation, McLeod Lake Indian Band and Simpcw First Nation.

A moment of silence was observed in honour of the 215 children discovered buried on the grounds of the Kamloops residential school.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A correction was noted under item 15.4 to indicate that Trustee Polillo will be providing the District Student Advisory Council Report at this evening's meeting.

The agenda was approved as amended.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Andrea Beckett representing the District Parent Advisory Council recognized the commitment of the Board and all school district staff a safe school year. Ms. Beckett provided an overview of the collaborative work completed between DPAC and SD57 senior administration, parent education opportunities and the work of school district Parent Advisory Councils during the 2020-2021 school year. She expressed disappointment with the Board for not moving forward with policy and governance work that was started in July 2019.

Joanne Hapke representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association commented on the draft Strategic Plan that appears on this evening's agenda for consideration of the Board's approval. Ms. Hapke noted that the strategic plan has put the school district on a path that calls for growth and referred to their collective agreement related professional learning. She also expressed concerns regarding the data related to the Foundation Skill Assessments.

5. SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

The Board Chair extended the Board's congratulations to the graduating students of 2020-21.

Trustee Warrington provided an overview of the events held at the Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park in honour of National Indigenous Peoples' Day on June 21, 2021.

Trustee Bennett commented on the success of the Vanway Elementary School Sports Day and complimented all schools for being creative and thinking outside of the box for these kinds of events throughout the district.

Trustee Polillo congratulated school district staff that participated in the virtual retirement celebration on June 17th.

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 Regular Public Meeting of May 25, 2021

The minutes of the regular public meeting of May 25, 2021 were adopted as published.

6.2 Record of the Minutes of the Regular In Camera Meeting of May 25, 2021, Special In Camera Meetings of May 25, June 8, 11 and 14, 2021

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the regular in camera meeting of May 25, 2021 and special in camera meetings of May 25, June 8, 11 and 14, 2021 were approved.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

8. PRESENTATION

8.1 Indigenous Education

Jennifer Pighin, Vice Principal Indigenous Education, Culture and Language provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the development of the Dakelh Language Curriculum and an overview of the Dakelh Hodul'eh Model. A copy of the presentation will be provided to the Trustees.

Vice Principal Pighin requested that the Board lobby the government to support the development of the Dakelh language program. Ms. Pighin responded to questions from the Trustees.

Trustee Bennett suggested that a draft advocacy letter requesting support from the Ministry be brought forward to the public table for approval once the Board has received details on the level of support that is required.

9. MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

9.1 Committee Report

Trustee Bennett reviewed the June 2021 Management and Finance Committee of the Whole report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Management and Finance Committee meeting held on June 14, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

9.2 2021-2022 Annual Budget Bylaw – Third and Final Reading

Trustee Bennett advised that at the special public meeting held on June 21, 2021 the Board approved the first and second reading of the 2021-2022 Annual Budget Bylaw.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That Annual Budget Bylaw 2021-2022 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED

10. EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE

10.1 Committee Report

Trustee Thompson reviewed the June 2021 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 June 7, 2021 be received.
CARRIED

10.2 Mackenzie Bussing 2021-2022

Trustee Thompson 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 as an exception to Policy 3541 Student Transportation – Home and School, the Board of Education continue to bus students who are currently transported that reside less than 4.0 kilometers from their catchment school in the District of Mackenzie while performing a detailed review of the routes and ridership. And, that the portions of the existing runs which are less than 4.0 kilometers from the school be adjusted for the 2021/2022 school year to ensure that students who reside further than 4.0 kilometers from the school in Mackenzie are transported with the expectation that they will arrive at school at a reasonable time prior to the start of class.
CARRIED

The Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

10.3 2022-2023 Five-Year Major Capital Plan

Trustee Thompson 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 the 2022/23 Five-Year Major Capital Plan Submission be approved.
CARRIED

10.4 Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22 CP SD57-01

Trustee Thompson 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 Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22-CP-SD57-01 be given at tonight's meeting.

CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED

That Capital Project Bylaw No. 2021/22-CP-SD57-01 be given first reading.

CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED

That Capital Project Bylaw No. 2021/22-CP-SD57-01 be given second reading.

CARRIED

The Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Capital Project Bylaw No. 2021/22-CP-SD57-01 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED

11. POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

11.1 Committee Report

Trustee Bekkering reviewed the June 2021 Policy and Governance Committee report that was included in the agenda package.

The Acting Superintendent responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Policy and Governance Committee meeting held on June 15, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

11.2 Policy 3541.35 Winter Weather

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education provides final approval of Policy 3541.35 Winter Weather.

CARRIED

11.3 Policy 5131.4 Student Attendance

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education provides final approval of Policy 5131.4 Student Attendance.

CARRIED

11.3.1 Administrative Procedures

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the revised administrative procedures attached to Policy 5131.4 Student Attendance – Secondary Schools be received.

CARRIED

12. OLD BUSINESS

12.1 Ad Hoc Committee – Truth and Reconciliation and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The Board Chair reviewed the memorandum that was included in the agenda package.

13. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

13.1 Acting Superintendent of Schools

The Acting Superintendent expressed gratitude to SD57 staff, Rightsholders, Stakeholders and parents for their work in support of learners and community over the past year.

Ms. Heitman provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2019-2020 district data. She advised that this data has used to assist in the develop the 2021-2026 Strategic Plan and Framework for Enhancing Student Learning.

The Acting Superintendent responded to questions from the Trustees.

14. NEW BUSINESS

14.1 Choice Management Committee

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

The Acting Superintendent reviewed the rationale that was included in the agenda package and responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED
That the Board of Education, direct the Acting Superintendent to form a Choice Management Committee as per Policy 6172.2 Establishment of Choice of Programs and Schools to review the philosophical, organizational and/or curricular uniqueness, need and primary objectives of Spruceland Traditional School as they pertain to education today. This work will be completed in November 2021 in preparation for the 2022/23 school year.
CARRIED

14.2 Strategic Plan 2021-2026

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

The Acting Superintendent reviewed the rationale that was included in the agenda package. Ms. Heitman presented a PowerPoint presentation related to the development of the strategic plan and reviewed the strategic plan that was included in the agenda package.

The Acting Superintendent responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the School District No. 57 (Prince George) Strategic Plan 2021 – 2026 *The Pathway to a Diverse Learning Community with Purpose, Options and Choices for All”* and its implementation plan for year one and two be approved as presented.

CARRIED

A recessed was called at 8:55 p.m. and the reconvened at 9:01 p.m.

14.3 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning.

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

The Acting Superintendent reviewed the rationale that was included in the agenda package and provided a PowerPoint presentation related to the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report.

The Acting Superintendent responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report 2020-2021 be approved.

CARRIED

15. TRUSTEE REPORTS

15.1 BC School Trustees’ Association

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

15.2 BC Public School Employers’ Association

No report.

15.3 District Parent Advisory Council

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

15.4 District Student Advisory Council

Trustee Polillo reviewed the report that was included in the agenda package.

15.5 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee

Trustee Valimohamed reviewed the highlights of the report that was included in the agenda package.

15.6 Various Trustee Reports

15.6.1 Trustee Bekkering

Trustee Bekkering reviewed the report that was included in the agenda package.

15.6.2 Trustee Polillo

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

15.6.3 Trustee Warrington

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

15.6.4 Other Trustees

Trustee Thompson expressed gratitude to the Acting Superintendent and Senior Staff for their support and guidance.

Trustee Bennet advised that the school district anticipates that the plans regarding the return to school in September will be announced mid to late August.

Trustee Valimohamed acknowledged the hard work of staff, students, administration and Trustees. She acknowledged and thanked the students for the changes they have made in their lives due to the pandemic.

Trustee Polillo acknowledged Dr. Bonnie Henry's visit to Prince George to receive an honorary degree from UNBC.

The Board Chair congratulated British Columbia on keeping its education system open during the pandemic.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer