APPROVED Minutes Regular Public Meeting	Board of Education School District No. 57 (Prince George) 2100 Ferry Avenue, Prince George, B.C.	2022.01.25 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Sharel Warrington, Chair	Cindy Heitman, Superintendent of Schools
Ron Polillo, Vice Chair	Darleen Patterson, Secretary Treasurer
Betty Bekkering, Trustee	Lee Karpenko, Assistant Superintendent
Tim Bennett, Trustee	Kap Manhas, Assistant Superintendent
Milton Mahoney, Trustee	Diane Nygaard, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Bob Thompson, Trustee	
Rachael Weber, Trustee	

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended to include an addition under New Business as item 10.1 Smokehouse Project.

The agenda was approved as amended.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

Daryl Beauregard representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association commented on the important role educators have in the work towards truth and reconciliation. Mr. Beauregard commented on the teacher shortage and requested that the Trustees ask how many qualified and unqualified teachers teaching on call are available each day

Karen Wong representing CUPE 3742 with Suzanne Dallman in attendance requested that Trustees support the recommendation included in the Special Advisors' Report that an ombudsperson be hired to receive confidential reports from members of the educational community or staff who have concerns they wish to report and that all Trustees recognize the Special Advisors' Report.

Andrea Beckett representing the District Parent Advisory Council commented that truth and reconciliation is about the education of people. Ms. Beckett recognized the collaborative work with the school district related to catchment and capacity and the review of Bylaw No. 4.

Olivia Masich and Kyla McKinnon representing the District Student Advisory Council with Vice Principal Katie Marren in attendance provided an update on the recent activities of the group. Activities include working to move the learning series videos on anti-racism to the public, participation in a podcast with Rod Allen on January 22nd, and participation in sessions with Learning Forward through to April. Ms. Marren stressed the importance of having students' voices at the table when the Board is making decisions.

4. SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Trustee Bennett expressed appreciation to staff for their hard work and dedication in keeping schools open and commented on the positive activities happening within the school district.

Trustee Bekkering acknowledged the commitment of the Indigenous Education Department in bringing welcoming drumming to all of the schools.

Trustee Polillo acknowledged the raising of the new Lheidli T'enneh First Nation flag in the Boardroom on January 24th. Mr. Polillo also noted that the Kindergarten registration process for the 2022-23 school year opens on February 1st.

Trustee Warrington recognized the work of teachers, staff and students during this school year. Ms. Warrington also spoke in honour of the new Lheidli T'enneh First Nation flag that features an orange ribbon in the lower right corner which serves to honour the children found in Kamloops and all those who died in residential schools.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 Regular Public Meeting of December 14, 2021

The minutes were corrected to reflect that Trustee Bennett participated in the meeting by Zoom and a housekeeping item was noted under the Trustee Liaison report for the District Parent Advisory Council.

The minutes of the regular public meeting of December 14, 2021 were adopted as amended.

5.2 Record of Minutes of Regular In Camera Meeting of December 13, 2021 and Special In Camera Meetings of December 13, 15 at 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m., 30, 2021, January 6, 13, 17 at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., 2022

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the regular in camera meeting of December 13, 2021 and Special In Camera Meetings of December 13, 15 at 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m., 30, 2021, January 6, 13, 17 at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., 2022 were approved.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

7. EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

7.1 Committee Report

Trustee Polillo reviewed the January 2022 Education Programs and Planning Committee report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED
That the report of the Education Programs and Planning Committee meeting held on January 18, 2022 be received.
CARRIED

Trustee Polillo noted that the presentations made at the Committee are available to view on the school district's website under the Board of Education.

7.2 Board Authorized Courses

Trustee Polillo drew attention to the recommendation, rationale and the Board Authorized Course Framework for the proposed authorized courses that was included in the agenda package.

Stephen Porter, Teacher, Shas Ti Kelly Road Secondary School provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Football 10 course, the intended learning outcomes, and the rationale for developing the course.

Grant Erickson, Teacher, College Heights Secondary School provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Football 12 course, the intended learning outcomes, and the rationale for developing the course.

Mr. Porter and Mr. Erickson responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED
That Football Grade 10 and Football Grade 12 be approved as Board authorized courses.
CARRIED

8. MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

8.1 Committee Report

Trustee Bennett reviewed the January 2022 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 17, 2022 be received.

CARRIED

8.2 Ad Hoc Committee on Trustee Remuneration – Terms of Reference

Trustee Bennett reviewed the recommendation and background that was included in the agenda package. Mr. Bennett reviewed the draft terms of reference for the Ad Hoc Committee on Trustee remuneration that was also included in the agenda package.

Trustee Bennett responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education approve the Terms of Reference for the Ad Hoc Committee on Trustee Remuneration as presented.

CARRIED

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1 Report of the Expanded Committee of the Whole Catchment and Capacity Review Rightsholder and Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Trustee Thompson reviewed the recommendation that was included in the agenda package.

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the report of the Expanded Committee of the Whole Catchment and Capacity Review Rightsholder and Stakeholder Advisory Committee dated January 19, 2022 that was included in the agenda package.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Expanded Committee of the Whole Catchment and Capacity Review Rightsholder and Stakeholder Advisory Committee be received.

CARRIED

9.2 September 2022 Enrolment Restrictions and Other Recommendations

Trustee Polillo reviewed the recommendations and rationale that was included in the agenda package.

The Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That, effective for the 2022/23 school year, enrolment at the following schools be restricted to catchment area students only:

a) Beaverly Elementary
b) College Heights Secondary
c) College Heights Elementary
d) Duchess Park Secondary, Regular Program only
e) Edgewood Elementary
f) Glenview Elementary
g) Hart Highlands Elementary
h) Harwin Elementary
i) Heritage Elementary
j) Malaspina Elementary
k) Ron Brent Elementary
l) Southridge Elementary
m) Springwood Elementary;
n) Vanway Elementary

And that, effective for the 2022/23 school year, Kindergarten enrolment at the following schools be restricted:

a) College Heights Elementary – French Immersion program, no more than 20 students
b) Polaris Montessori Elementary – no more than 40 students
c) Ecole Lac des Bois – no more than 60 students

And that the Board of Education establishes a Long Range Facility Use Committee to consider many of the challenges identified during the Expanded Committee of the Whole Catchment and Capacity Review Rightsholder and Stakeholder Advisory Committee meetings and that the Committee be comprised of at least two (2) members from each of the Rightsholder and Stakeholder groups.

And that the Board of Education establishes a Language Planning Committee to review the resource needs of the French Immersion program in relation to current staffing challenges.

CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Smoke House Project

Pam Spooner, Director of Instruction, Indigenous Education provided an overview of the Smoke House Project proposed by the Prince George Aboriginal Business and Community Development Association. A copy of the draft letter of support was provided to the Trustees as a handout.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education approve the letter of support regarding to the Smoke House Project as presented.

CARRIED

A recess was called at 8:15 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 8:21 p.m.

11. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

11.1 Acting Superintendent of Schools

The Acting Superintendent provided a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the public report released by the Ministry of Education titled "Aboriginal Report 2016/17 – 202/21 How are We Doing?" for School District No. 57. Ms. Heitman advised that a copy of the full report is available on the school district's website.

The Acting Superintendent responded to questions from the Trustees.

12. TRUSTEE REPORTS

12.1 BC School Trustees' Association

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

12.2 BC Public School Employers' Association

Trustee Warrington reported that Trustee Thompson will be representing the Board at the virtual Annual General Meeting of the BC Public School Employers' Association on January 27 and 28, 2022.

12.3 District Parent Advisory Council

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

12.4 District Student Advisory Council

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

12.5 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee

Trustee Warrington drew attention to the report that was included in the agenda package. Ms. Warrington noted that CUPE 3742 was also present at the partner roundtable discussion.

12.6 Various Trustee Reports

12.6.1 Trustee Bekkering

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

12.6.2 Trustee Polillo

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

12.6.3 Trustee Warrington

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

12.6.4 Other Trustees

None.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Warrington drew the Board’s attention to the following correspondence that was included in the agenda package:

- Letter dated December 21, 2021 to The Honourable Jennifer Whiteside extending an invitation to visit our district and meet with the Board
- Letter dated January 12, 2022 from the McLeod Lake Indian Band and Lheidli T’enneh First Nation – Position Paper, Special Advisor Recommendations
    - Letter of Response dated January 20, 2022 to the McLeod Lake Indian Band and Lheidli T’enneh First Nation – Position Paper, Special Advisor Recommendations

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer