
Present:

Sharel Warrington, Chair
Ron Polillo, Vice Chair
Betty Bekkering, Trustee
Tim Bennett, Trustee
Milton Mahoney, Trustee
Bob Thompson, Trustee
Rachael Weber, Trustee

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

The agenda was approved as published.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Joanne Hapke representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association commented on the teacher shortage and the redeployment of Resource and Learning Assistance Teachers to cover teacher absences. Ms. Hapke read a letter of concern from an elementary school support teacher related to this issue. She requested a response from the Board regarding various items including budget, recruitment and retention.

Andrea Beckett representing the District Parent Advisory Council noted that tomorrow is Anti-Bullying Day and stressed the importance to observe anti-bullying every day. Ms. Beckett provided an update related to the collaborative work with the school district related to the review of Bylaw No. 4 and noted the upcoming budget consultation meetings. She provided an overview of the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils' Conference and Annual General Meeting that will be held from April 29 to May 1, 2022.

Kyra McKinnon and Victoria Joiner representing the District Student Advisory Council with Teacher Dylan Clifford in attendance provided an update on the recent activities of the group. Kyra reported that the official release of the learning series videos on anti-racism to the public will be on March 2nd at Vanier Hall from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Victoria provided an overview of recent opportunities for DSAC representatives to visit Ron Brent Elementary School to meet with vulnerable students.

4. **SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

Trustee Bennett noted that February 23rd is Pink Shirt Day and provided an overview on the history of the internationally recognized day.

Trustee Bennett provided an overview of the results from the recent basketball zones and extended congratulations on behalf of the Board.

Trustee Polillo congratulated Meryeta O'Dine, DP Todd Secondary School graduate, on receiving a bronze medal at the Beijing 2022 Olympics

Trustee Warrington recognized the work of teachers and support staff related to the COVID 19 pandemic.

5. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

5.1 Inaugural Meeting of January 25, 2022

The minutes of the inaugural meeting of January 25, 2022 were adopted as published.

5.2 Regular Public Meeting of January 25, 2022

The minutes of the regular public meeting of January 25, 2022 were adopted as published.

5.3 Record of Minutes of Regular In Camera Meeting of January 24, 2022 and Special In Camera Meetings of January 21, January 24 at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., January 25, January 27 and February 8, 2022

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the regular in camera meeting of the regular in camera meeting of January 24, 2022 and special in camera meetings of January 21, January 24 at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., January 25, January 27 and February 8, 2022 were approved.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Aboriginal Report 2016/17 – 2020/21 How Are We Doing? – Follow-Up

The Superintendent shared a PowerPoint presentation providing a detailed review of the demographics and the graduation data included in the Aboriginal Report 2016/17 – 2020/21 How Are We Doing? for SD57.

The Superintendent responded to questions from the Trustees.

The Board Chair provided an overview of a recent meeting with the Indigenous Education Leadership Table and acknowledged the voice of the McLeod Lake Indian Band and the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation.

A recess was called at 7:24 p.m. and the meeting was reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

7. MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

7.1 Committee Report

Trustee Bennett reviewed the February 2022 Management and Finance Committee of the Whole report that was included in the agenda package.

Mr. Bennett drew attention to the 2022/23 Budget Process document that was appended to the committee report.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Management and Finance Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 14, 2022 be received.

CARRIED

7.2 2021-2022 Amended Annual Budget

Trustee Bennett 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, in accordance with Section 68 (4) of the *School Act*, all three readings of Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2021-2022 be given at this meeting.

CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED

That Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2021-2022 be given first reading.

CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED

That Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2021-2022 be given second reading.

CARRIED

The Secretary Treasurer provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2021-2022 amended annual budget document that was included in the agenda package. Ms. Patterson responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

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

CARRIED

7.3 Policy 8230 Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

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

The Secretary Treasurer noted a correction to the background that was included in the agenda package stating that there has not been a negotiated salary increase with the Prince George District Teachers Association, CUPE 3742 and CUPE 4991.

The Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

The Board Chair noted that at the January 25, 2022 regular public meeting the Board approved the terms of reference for the Ad Hoc Committee on Trustee Remuneration to provide a recommendation to the Board regarding proposed changes to Trustee remuneration rates and the process for annual remuneration review. The Ad Hoc Committee will report to the Board of Education through the Management and Finance Committee no later than June 13, 2022.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Policy 8230 Trustee Remuneration and Expenses, Regulation 1, be revised, effective July 1, 2022, based on the same increment if any, as the grid lift directed by the British Columbia School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) for exempt staff.

DEFEATED

7.4 Ad Hoc Language Planning Committee – Terms of Reference

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education approve the Terms of Reference for the Ad Hoc Language Planning Committee as presented.

The Trustees discussed how to incorporate the consultation with the Indigenous Education Leadership Table into the terms of reference.

The Superintendent advised that the school district committee structures will be discussed at tomorrow's meeting with the Indigenous Education Leadership Table.

MOVED and SECONDED

To table this motion to the March 8, 2022 regular public meeting.

CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED

To defer the remaining agenda items with the exception of agenda item 11.1 to the March 8, 2022 regular public meeting.

CARRIED

8. **EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

8.1 Committee Report

This item was deferred to the March 8, 2022 regular public meeting.

9. **EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE**

9.1 Committee Report

This item was deferred to the March 8, 2022 regular public meeting.

9.2 Ad Hoc Long Range Facility Use Committee

This item was deferred to the March 8, 2022 regular public meeting.

10. **POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

10.1 Committee Report

This item was deferred to the March 8, 2022 regular public meeting.

10.2 Draft Policy 1120 Access to the Board

This item was deferred to the March 8, 2022 regular public meeting.

10.3 Draft Policy Anti-Racism – Terms of Reference

This item was deferred to the March 8, 2022 regular public meeting.

11. **OLD BUSINESS**

11.1 Draft Trustee Committee and Liaison Appointments

The Board Chair reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was included in the agenda package. Ms. Warrington drew attention to the Trustee Committee and Liaison Appointments – February 2022 that was also included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Trustee Committee and Liaison Appointments – February 2022 be approved.

CARRIED

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

This item was deferred to the March 8, 2022 regular public meeting.

13. **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

13.1 Acting Superintendent of Schools

This item was deferred to the March 8, 2022 regular public meeting.

14. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

14.1 BC School Trustees' Association

This item was deferred to the March 8, 2022 regular public meeting.

14.2 BC Public School Employers' Association

This item was deferred to the March 8, 2022 regular public meeting.

14.3 District Parent Advisory Council

This item was deferred to the March 8, 2022 regular public meeting.

14.4 District Student Advisory Council

This item was deferred to the March 8, 2022 regular public meeting.

14.5 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee

This item was deferred to the March 8, 2022 regular public meeting.

14.6 Various Trustee Reports

14.6.1 Trustee Bekkering

This item was deferred to the March 8, 2022 regular public meeting.

14.6.2 Trustee Polillo

This item was deferred to the March 8, 2022 regular public meeting.

14.6.3 Trustee Warrington

This item was deferred to the March 8, 2022 regular public meeting.

14.6.4 Other Trustees

This item was deferred to the March 8, 2022 regular public meeting.

15. **CORRESPONDENCE**

This item was deferred to the March 8, 2022 regular public meeting.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer