
The meeting was held in the library at Mackenzie Secondary School, with a Zoom connection to the Boardroom at the Central Administration Office in Prince George.

Present:

Sharel Warrington, Chair
Ron Polillo, Vice Chair
Betty Bekkering, Trustee
Bob Thompson, Trustee
Rachael Weber, Trustee

Cindy Heitman, Superintendent of Schools
Darleen Patterson, Secretary Treasurer
Diane Nygaard, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Absent:

Tim Bennett, Trustee
Milton Mahoney, Trustee

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY**

Trustee Weber provided a formal acknowledgement of the ancestral lands, culture and people of the McLeod Lake Indian Band.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was amended to include an addition under Old Business as item 12.4 Dissolution of the Ad Hoc Committee – Truth and Reconciliation and United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The agenda was approved as amended.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Fred Brumovsky, Mackenzie Secondary School Graduate, expressed concerns regarding a lack of preparation in work ethic and raw material which is required to be successful in post education. Mr. Brumovsky requested that the Board provide the students in Mackenzie with the resources to be successful in post secondary education.

Sylvia Brumosky, Mackenzie Secondary School Student, expressed concerns related to students not being permitted to put up murals in schools in support of school spirit. Sylvia also encouraged the school district to bring back award ceremonies to recognize Honour Roll and Principal List students. A response was requested to the input presented the Board.

Shannon Pride representing the Sub-Local of the Mackenzie Teachers' Association spoke regarding a shortage of teachers' teaching on call in Mackenzie. Ms. Pride requested that the Board lobby the provincial government to provide incentives for the recruitment of teachers to the school district and to investigate what incentives are provided to recruit teachers by other school districts. A response was requested to the input presented to the Board.

Joanne Hapke representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association congratulated Trustee Tim Bennett on being acclaimed to position of Vice President of the British Columbia School Trustees Association. Ms. Hapke stated that effective July 1st Daryl Beauregard will serve as President; Katherine Trepanier First Vice President, and Sherrie Pearce Second Vice President. Ms. Hapke acknowledged the positive progress happening within the school district under the leadership of Superintendent Heitman. She reminded Trustees to keep budget cuts away from the classroom when considering the 2022-23 annual budget.

Andrea Beckett representing the District Parent Advisory Council advised their Annual General Meeting will be held next month. Ms. Beckett provided an overview of the changes which have occurred over the last four years which she has been privileged and challenged to be a part of.

5. **PRESENTATION**

Kelly Johansen representing the Prince George Principals' and Vice Principals' Association stated that the Special Advisors Report dated June 24, 2021 included a recommendation *that each school principal be required to report on how Indigenous education, reconciliation and anti-racism work is being advanced in their schools, with examples of progress towards measurable outcomes*. Ms. Johansen publically affirmed the Principals' and Vice Principals' commitment to this recommendation and shared some stories of work that is happening in our schools.

6. SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Pam Spooner, Indigenous Assistant Superintendent advised that April 29 to May 5 is the National Week of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women to call the nation and the world to action in honour of missing and murdered Indigenous women. Ms. Spooner provided an overview of ways to take action by participating in events, accessing online resources and ways to show support to promote awareness to say '*enough is enough*'. She noted that May 5th is the National Day of Awareness.

Trustee Polillo congratulated Trustee Tim Bennett on being acclaimed Vice President for the British Columbia School Trustees Association. Mr. Polillo also congratulated Mr. Bennett on the arrival of the fourth child to his family.

Trustee Thompson spoke regarding the success of the Annual General Meeting of the British Columbia School Trustees Association held in Vancouver on April 21 to 23, 2022.

The Board Chair extended gratitude to Teachers for everything they do for the students in the school district.

Trustee Bekkering reported that the school district will be returning to in person valedictory ceremonies for the 2022 graduating students.

7. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 Regular Public Meeting of February 22, 2022

The minutes of the regular public meeting of February 22, 2022 were adopted as published.

7.2 Record of Minutes of Regular In Camera Meeting of March 8, 2022 and Special In Camera Meetings of March 7, March 30 at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and April 4, 2022

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the regular in camera meeting of March 8, 2022 and special in camera meeting of March 8, March 30 at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., and April 4, 2022 were approved.

8. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

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

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

The Superintendent responded to questions from the Trustees.

9. **EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

9.1 Committee Report

Trustee Polillo reviewed the April 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 April 12, 2022 be received.

CARRIED

9.2 Board Authorized Course – Environmental Ed 10

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

Mark Hunter, Teacher, Shas Ti Kelly Road Secondary School reviewed a PowerPoint presentation of the key components of the proposed Environmental Ed 10 course.

Mr. Polillo drew attention to the course framework for the proposed authorized course that was also included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Environmental Education 10 be approved as a Board authorized course.

CARRIED

10. MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**10.1 Committee Report**

Trustee Polillo reviewed the April 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 April 11, 2022 be received.

CARRIED

10.2 2022-23 Annual Budget**10.2.1 2022-23 Budget Assumptions**

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

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 2022/23 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 2022/23 organization on a similar basis as the prior year based on enrolment assumptions.
3. Departments will be expected to develop their 2022/23 budgets on the same basis as the prior year.
4. Cost pressures, primarily from inflation and statutory requirements will be addressed for all expenditures including employee benefits, student transportation and utilities.
5. Salaries and wages will be budgeted based on known general wage increases, expected step increases and estimated school district average salaries and benefits.
6. In accordance with the scope outlined in the Terms of Reference for the Budget Consultation Committee, that Committee will:
 - Employ the values of Transparency, Integrity, Equity, Inclusion, Respect and Community contained in the 2021-2026 Strategic Plan in conjunction with the directions of Truth and Reconciliation, Equity of Access, Wellness and Learning.

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- In the event that anticipated operating revenues exceed anticipated 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.
 - In the event that anticipated operating expenditures exceed anticipated 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 increases negotiated during the current round of collective bargaining as well as the resulting increase in employee benefits costs for the Prince George District Teachers' Association, CUPE 3742 and CUPE 4991 will be fully funded by the Ministry of Education through distribution of labour settlement funding.
 8. 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.

CARRIED

10.2.2 Regular Public Board Meeting – May 2022

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education hold a Special Public meeting on Monday, May 16, 2022 starting at 4:00 pm for the specific purpose of hearing first and second readings of the 2022/23 Annual Budget.

CARRIED

10.3 Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD57-01

Trustee Polillo 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 Plan Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD57-01 be given at tonight's meeting.

CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED

That Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD57-01 be given first reading.

CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED

That Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2022/23 CPD57-01 be given second reading.

CARRIED

The Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2022/23-CPSD57-01 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED

10.4 Appointment of Election Officials for the 2022 School Trustee Election

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That pursuant to Section 41(1) and (2) of the *Local Government Act* Ms. Jan Cote be appointed Chief Election Officer for conducting the 2022 general local elections with power to appoint other election officials as required for the administration and conduct of the 2022 general local elections;

AND That Ms. Ellen Bryden be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2022 general local elections.

CARRIED

11. POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

11.1 Committee Report

Trustee Bekkering reviewed the April 2022 Policy and Governance Committee report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Policy and Governance Committee meeting held on April 5, 2022 be received.

CARRIED

11.2 Policy 3170 Financial Plan Development, Monitoring and Reporting

Trustee Bekkering reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was included in the agenda package. Ms. Bekkering drew attention to the Policy 3170 that was also included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Policy 3170 Financial Plan Development, Monitoring and Reporting be given final reading.

CARRIED

11.3 Policy 3433.2 Accumulated Operating Surplus

Trustee Bekkering reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was included in the agenda package. Ms. Bekkering drew attention to the Policy 3433.2 that was also included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Policy 3433.2 Accumulated Operating Surplus be given final approval.

CARRIED

12. OLD BUSINESS

12.1 Draft Bylaw No. 4

The Superintendent reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was included in the agenda package. Ms. Heitman drew attention to draft Bylaw No. 4 that was also included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the draft Bylaw No. 4 "A bylaw to provide for an appeal procedure under Section 11 of the School Act" be distributed for 60-days consultation to Stakeholder and Rightsholder groups for input.

CARRIED

12.2 Ad Hoc Language Planning Committee – Terms of Reference

Trustee Bekkering reviewed the recommendation, rationale and additional information that was included in the agenda package. Ms. Bekkering drew attention to the terms of reference that was also included in the agenda package.

The Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees. Ms. Patterson noted a revision to the draft terms of reference to reflect that the Superintendent will chair the meetings.

MOVED and SECONDED

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

CARRIED

12.3 Ad Hoc Long Range Facility Use Committee

Trustee Thompson reviewed the recommendation, rationale and additional information that was included in the agenda package.

The Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education approve the Terms of Reference for the Ad Hoc Long Range Facility Use Committee as presented.

CARRIED

12.4 Ad Hoc and Truth and Reconciliation and United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Trustee Bekkering reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was provided in the handout.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Ad Hoc Committee – Truth and Reconciliation and United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples be dissolved.

CARRIED

13. NEW BUSINESS**13.1 Student Transportation Service Contract**

The Board Chair reported that at a Special In-Camera meeting of the Board held March 30, 2022 the student transportation contract for the District was awarded to First Student Canada for the next eight school years.

Ms. Warrington stated that a procurement competition was held between November 2021 and March 2022 during which proponents were able to submit documents to the district as part of the tender process. First Student Canada held the successful bid.

14. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**14.1 Superintendent of Schools**

The Superintendent provided an overview of the continuous review cycle and consultation plan related to the school district's 2021-2026 Strategic Plan and Implementation Plan.

The Superintendent responded to questions from the Trustees.

15. TRUSTEE REPORTS**15.1 BC School Trustees' Association**

Trustee Polillo provided an overview of the Annual General Meeting "*From grief to medicine moving forward with good hearts*" held in Vancouver from April 21 to 23, 2022. Mr. Polillo also provided an overview of the Provincial Council meeting held on April 23, 2022.

15.2 BC Public School Employers' Association

None.

15.3 District Parent Advisory Council

The Superintendent provided an overview of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting held on April 4, 2022. The theme of the meeting was "Mental Health, Our kids, Our families and Our Schools".

15.4 District Student Advisory Council

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

15.5 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee

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

15.6 Various Trustee Reports

15.6.1 Trustee Bekkering

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

15.6.2 Trustee Mahoney

The Board Chair drew attention to the report included in the agenda package.

15.6.3 Trustee Polillo

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

15.6.4 Other Trustees

None.

16. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- o Letter of response dated March 30, 2022 to the Prince George District Teachers' Association

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer