
Present:

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

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

In Attendance:

Lee Karpenko, Assistant Superintendent
Kap Manhas, Assistant Superintendent
Pam Spooner, Indigenous Assistant Superintendent

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY**

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

Trustee Polillo commented on the one-year anniversary since the detection of unmarked graves at the former residential school site in Kamloops, BC.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as published.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Joanne Hapke representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association acknowledged the one-year anniversary since the detection of unmarked graves at the former residential school site in Kamloops, BC. Ms. Hapke commented on the draft 2022-2023 annual budget and noted a reduction in the operating expenses. She asked, how the Trustees will ensure that there will not be reduced services for students? Ms. Hapke acknowledged the last school shooting in Texas and asked, what is your plan to ensure the safety of our schools? She recommended that the Trustees review its existing District Code of Conduct to ensure that it is relevant to the world that we live in today. Ms. Hapke requested a response to her two questions.

Laura Weller representing the District Parent Advisory Council acknowledged the one-year anniversary since the detection of unmarked graves at the former residential school site in Kamloops, BC. Ms. Weller spoke in support of the Indigenous Education Leadership Table and noted the theme of "Truth and Reconciliation" at their June meeting. She thanked the Board for keeping cuts away from students when balancing the draft 2022-2023 annual budget. Ms. Weller acknowledged outgoing CUPE 3742 President Karen Wong and PGDTA President Joanne Hapke for their commitment to the school district. She also thanked DPAC past President Andrea Beckett and Director Gillian Burnett for their time and energy.

5. PRESENTATION

5.1 District Student Advisory Council

Victoria Joiner and Harsh Dhaliwal representing the District Student Advisory Council with Teacher Dylan Clifford and Vice Principal Katie Marren in attendance provided a PowerPoint presentation titled "District Student Advisory Council 2021/2022". The presentation included the following:

- Valemount "School Presentation"
- Live Event on June 9th "Online Anti-Racism Discussion"
- Ron Brent Elementary Street Data
- Things to Consider

5.2 Trustee Bennett – 10 Year Pin

The Board Chair presented Trustee Bennett with a pin in recognition of 10 years of service to the school district.

6. SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Pam Spooner, Indigenous Assistant Superintendent advised that June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples' Day. Ms. Spooner provided an overview of the plans for how the school district's intermediate elementary students will participate in the celebrations at Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park hosted by the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation.

Trustee Bennett commented on the success of the following:

- Annual Shakespeare Event held at Polaris Montessori Elementary.
- Southridge Elementary Family Barbecue
- Welcome to Kindergarten throughout the District

Trustee Polillo congratulated the Rocky Mountain Rangers B Company on their 10 year anniversary in Prince George. Mr. Polillo also commented on the success of the Northern BC Crime Stoppers "Shred It Event" held on April 30th.

The Board Chair extended the Board's congratulations to the graduating students of 2021-22. Ms. Warrington thanked all the teachers, principals, vice principals, parents and guardians that have supported the students.

7. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**7.1 Regular Public Meeting of April 26, 2022**

The minutes of the regular public meeting of April 26, 2022 were adopted as published.

7.2 Special Public Meeting of May 16, 2022

The minutes of the special public meeting of May 16, 2022 were adopted as published.

7.3 Record of Minutes of Regular In Camera Meeting of April 25, 2022 and Special In Camera Meetings of April 25, May 5, May 11, May 13 and May 16, 2022

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the regular in camera meeting of April 25, 2022 and Special In Camera Meetings of April 25, May 5, May 11, May 13 and May 16, 2022 were approved.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

8.1 Public Feedback – 2022-2023 Draft Annual Budget

Trustee Bennett stated that as announced at the special public meeting of May 16, 2022, the school district provided opportunities for additional feedback on the draft 2022-23 annual budget following the first and second reading of the draft Annual Budget Bylaw at the May 16th Special Public meeting.

Mr. Bennett advised that an overview of the public feedback received during the period of May 17 to May 27, 2022 is included in the PowerPoint presentation related to the 2022-2023 Annual Budget – Third and Final Reading.

9. MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

9.1 2022-2023 Annual Budget – Third and Final Reading

Trustee Bennett noted that at the special public meeting held on May 16, 2022 the Board approved the first and second reading of the 2022-2023 Annual Budget Bylaw.

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

The Secretary Treasurer provided a PowerPoint presentation titled “2022-23 Draft Annual Budget Third and Final Reading” that was provided as a handout.

The Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Annual Budget Bylaw 2022-2023 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED

Trustee Mahoney voted in opposition to the motion.

A recess was called at 8:45 pm and the meeting was reconvened at 8:50 pm.

10. EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

10.1 Committee Report

Trustee Polillo reviewed the May 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 May 17, 2022 be received.

CARRIED

10.2 Schedule of Fees and Deposits

Trustee Polillo reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was included in the agenda package. Mr. Polillo reviewed the revisions to the schedule of fees and deposits that was also included in the agenda package.

The Superintendent responded to questions from the Trustees.

The Superintendent will clarify the language regarding the deposit required for Center for Learning Alternatives and District Learner Support textbooks in the schedule of fees and deposits.

MOVED and SECONDED

That, in accordance with section 82(6) of the School Act and Ministerial Order 236/07, the Schedule of Fees and Deposits for 2022 - 2023 be approved and published.

CARRIED

11. EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE

11.1 Committee Report

Trustee Thompson reviewed the May 2022 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 May 9, 2022 be received.

CARRIED

11.2 2022-23 Annual Facility Grant 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 Annual Facility Grant Plan be received.

CARRIED

11.3 Child Care Capital Funding Bylaw

Trustee Bennett excused himself from the meeting for this item due to a conflict of interest.

Trustee Thompson reviewed the recommendation 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 Child Care Capital Funding Bylaw C2254060011986 be given at tonight's meeting.

CARRIED

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Child Care Capital Funding Bylaw C2254060011986 be given first reading.

CARRIED

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 Child Care Capital Funding Bylaw C2254060011986 be given second reading.

CARRIED

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Child Care Capital Funding Bylaw C2254060011986 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED

Trustee Bennett re-joined the meeting.

12. **POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

12.1 Committee Report

Trustee Bekkering reviewed the May 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 May 10, 2022 be received.

CARRIED

12.2 Provision of Child Care

Trustee Bennett excused himself from the meeting for this item due to a conflict of interest.

12.2.1 Draft Policy 25 - Provision of Child Care

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the draft Policy 25 - Provision of Child Care be approved in principle and distributed for 60-days consultation to Stakeholder and Rightsholder groups for input.

CARRIED

12.2.2 Administrative Procedures 551 – Provision of Child Care

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education receives Administrative Procedure 551 - Provision of Child Care as presented.

Trustee Warrington requested that Trustee Polillo assume the Chair.

Trustee Polillo assumed the Chair.

Trustee Warrington brought forward the following proposed amendment to the main motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education approves Administrative Procedure 551 - Provision of Child Care as presented.

Trustee Warrington provided a verbal rationale in support of the amended motion.

Trustee Warrington responded to questions from the Trustees.

All Trustees that were presented voted in favour of the amendment to the main motion.

Trustee Bennett was absent for the vote.

All Trustees that were presented voted in favour of the amended motion.

Trustee Bennett was absent for the vote.

Trustee Warrington assumed the Chair.

Trustee Bennett re-joined the meeting.

12.3 Anti-Racism, Anti-Discrimination and Cultural Safety and Indigenous Racial Reconciliation

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

12.3.1 Policy 4116.14 Multiculturalism, Racial Harmony and Anti-Racism

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education rescind Policy 4116.14 Multiculturalism, Racial Harmony and Anti-Racism effective May 31, 2022

CARRIED

12.3.2 Draft Policy 23 - Anti-Racism, Anti-Discrimination, and Cultural Safety

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education approves in principle Policy 23 - Anti-Racism, Anti-Discrimination, and Cultural Safety and distributes it for 60-days consultation to Stakeholder and Rightsholder groups for input.

CARRIED

12.3.3 Draft Policy 24 - Indigenous Racial Reconciliation

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education approves in principle Policy 24 - Indigenous Racial Reconciliation and distributes it for 60-days consultation to Stakeholder and Rightsholder groups for input.

CARRIED

12.3.4 Administrative Procedures 170 - Anti-Racism, Anti-Discrimination, Cultural Safety and Indigenous Racial Reconciliation and 202 - Multicultural Recognition

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education receives the following Administrative Procedures effective May 31, 2022 as presented:

- AP 170 - Anti-Racism, Anti-Discrimination and Cultural Safety
- AP 202 - Multicultural Recognition

Trustee Warrington requested that Trustee Polillo assume the Chair.

Trustee Polillo assumed the Chair.

Trustee Warrington brought forward the following proposed amendment to the main motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education approves the following Administrative Procedures effective May 31, 2022 as presented:

- AP 170 - Anti-Racism, Anti-Discrimination and Cultural Safety
- AP 202 - Multicultural Recognition

Trustee Warrington provided a verbal rationale in support of the amended motion.

The Trustees discussed the proposed amendment to the main motion.

Trustees Bekkering, Bennett, Mahoney and Polillo voted in opposition to the amendment of the main motion.

The discussion returned to the main motion which was carried.

Trustee Weber voted in opposition to the main motion.

Trustee Warrington assumed the Chair.

12.4 Student Transportation Services

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

12.4.1 Policy 3541 - Student Transportation – Home and School

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education rescind Policy 3541 - Student Transportation – Home and School and Policy 5131.1 – Bus Conduct effective May 31, 2022.

CARRIED

12.4.2 Policy 5131.1 Bus Conduct

This item was included in the above motion.

12.4.3 Draft Policy 17 - School District Transportation Services

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

The Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education approves in principle Policy 17 – School District Transportation Services and distributes it for 60-days to Stakeholders and Rightsholders for input.

CARRIED

12.4.4 Administrative Procedures – Student Transportation Services

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education receives the following Administrative Procedures effective May 31, 2022 as presented:

- AP 351 – Bus Conduct;
- AP 351 – Appendix – Code of Conduct for Bus Students;
- AP 560 – Student Transportation – Home and School; and
- AP 561 – Accessible Transportation for Students

CARRIED

13. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

14. NEW BUSINESS

14.1 Notice of Motion – Advocacy for Funding

Trustee Bennett reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was included in the handout provided to the Trustees and the gallery.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education write a letter to the Minister of Finance and Minister of Education and Child Care to fully fund all incremental payroll and other inflationary costs that have not been covered in the K-12 estimated operating grants announced for the 2022/23 school year.

And

Ask that the per-pupil funding in the K12 operating block funding announced for the 2022/23 school year be adjusted to cover all incremental payroll increases and other inflationary cost pressures being experienced by districts.

And

Ask that the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Education and Child Care notify all districts prior to June 30 2022, of changes in the K-12 estimated operating grant for the 2022/23 school year that will cover incremental payroll and other inflationary cost pressures.

CARRIED

The Trustee requested that a copy of the letter also be sent to the opposition parties and the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

15. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

15.1 Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent provided a PowerPoint presentation related to the Ministry of Education and Child Care's Peer Review Feedback on the school district's 2021/22 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning report.

The Superintendent responded to questions from the Trustees.

16. TRUSTEE REPORTS**16.1 BC School Trustees' Association**

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

16.2 BC Public School Employers' Association

Trustee Bekkering advised that BCPSEA provides regular updates related to provincial bargaining. Ms. Bekkering noted that BCPSEA has requested that Boards complete their satisfaction and strategic planning survey by the end of day on June 9, 2022.

16.3 District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Bekkering provided an overview of the discussion related to the monthly theme "Extracurricular Activities" at the May 9th District Parent Advisory Council meeting.

16.4 District Student Advisory Council

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

16.5 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee

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

16.6 Various Trustee Reports**16.6.1 Trustee Polillo**

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

16.6.2 Other Trustees

None.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer