

MINUTES

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60 (Peace River North)

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 24, 2023

5:30 p.m.

Present: Helen Gilbert, Chair – Board of Education (Area 5)
Madeleine Lehmann, Vice-Chair (Area 1)
Nicole Gilliss, Trustee (Area 3)
David Scott-Moncrieff, Trustee (Area 2)
Bill Snow, Trustee (Area 5)
Tom Whitton, Trustee (Area 5)

Stephen Petrucci, Superintendent of Schools
Angela Telford, Secretary-Treasurer (*via Zoom*)
Leah Reimer, Recording Secretary

(Guests/Media)

Dan Bourdon
Gwenn Bourdon
Rhonda Lupul
Deborah Johnson
Des Graziano, District of Taylor
Wayne Bell
Michele Wiebe, PRNTA



Regrets: Ida Campbell, Trustee (Area 4)

This Regular Board Meeting will be recorded and uploaded to our district website

Disclaimer: The definitive documentation and decisions are documented in the meeting minutes

Call to Order Chair Gilbert called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Acknowledgement that today's Board Meeting is being held within the traditional territory of the Dane Zaa and Treaty 8.

Agenda

Approval of the Agenda

Motion #53-23

Scott-Moncrieff/Snow
THAT the agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

Presentations/Delegations

None

Trustee Input

At this time, opportunity was given for Trustees to report on activities undertaken and/or information of interest:

Trustee Campbell

- Not present

Trustee Gilliss

- BCSTA voter training session
- Regional Science Fair – presented and handed out awards. Good to see everyone in person. There was less participating this year, but hoping for more going forward

Vice-Chair Lehmann

- Labour Management Meeting
- BRFN dinner
- BCSTA webinar
- Clearview PAC meeting
- Board Chair call
- BCPSEA Regional Meeting in Prince George

Trustee Scott-Moncrieff

- BRFN dinner
- Contacting schools
- Prespatou School – School is having wheelchair basketball and carnival to fundraise funds for a new playground
- Buick Creek School – bingo fundraiser for new sea can

Trustee Snow

- Visited the high school a few times; Dr. Kearney and Bert Ambrose weekly

Trustee Whitton

- Nothing to report; planning on attend a variety of things coming up

Chair Gilbert

- Upper Pine Equity Scan Meeting – an invite had been sent out to Doig River, Blueberry and Halfway River First Nations
- BRFN dinner
- Over Spring Break, attended 50/30 challenge and NE Roundtable Meeting – reports are part of the agenda package
- Baldonnel skate day
- Board Chair call
- Regional Science Fair
- BCSTA FESL Peer Review for Maple Ridge
- BCPSEA Regional Meeting in Prince George
- MMMCS PAC Meeting
- District Joint Health & Safety Committee Meeting
- CM Finch – preschool session

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Approval of the Minutes

Motion #54-23

Scott-Moncrieff/Whitton
THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2023 be adopted.
CARRIED.

Business Arising from the Minutes

The following business arose from the above noted Minutes:

Standing Finance Committee Presentation

- *Topics related to K-12 Education and Northern Factors*
 - Connectivity – rural children to have better access to do their homework
 - Inflation
 - Transportation
 - Recruitment – will include a follow up on a pilot project that the Superintendent is a part of
 - Celebrate what is going on in the district and ask for continued support to fund and expand programs (eg. Project Heavy Duty, Dual Credit Program, Expanded Childcare)
- Chair Gilbert and the Secretary- Treasurer will meet to put together a presentation for submission.

ACTION: Trustees can forward any other topics to the Board Chair. Board Chair and Secretary-Treasurer will meet to put together a presentation for submission.

SD 60 Overdose Response Awareness Follow Up

- Relevant information has been attached in the agenda
- As well, the Superintendent has also attached information in his report that has been gathered from follow up with some of the schools

Approval of Excerpts

Motion #55-23

Whitton/Scott-Moncrieff
THAT the excerpts from the February 21, 2023 In Camera Meeting Minutes be approved and appended to these Regular Meeting Minutes.
CARRIED.

Announcements & Reminders

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| March 15/16 | Early Dismissal Days | | |
| March 20 to March 31 | Spring Break | | |
| March 30 | BCSTA Virtual Orientation Session (Working with People) | 5:00 p.m. | Virtual |
| April 7 | Good Friday | | |
| April 10 | Easter Monday | | |
| April 11 | Policy Committee Meeting (Trustees) | 12:30 p.m. | Board Room |
| April 11 (Tues) | COTW Regular Meeting | 1:30 p.m. | Board Room |
| April 12 | Regional Science Fair | | NPSS |
| April 13 | BCSTA Virtual Orientation Session (Relations with First Nations) | 5:00 p.m. | Virtual |
| April 17 | BCPSEA Regional Meeting | 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Prince George |
| April 21 | NID Day (Pro-D) | | |
| April 24 | Board Regular Meeting | 5:30 p.m. | Board Room |

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| April 25 | SUP-PAC Meetings (<i>Gilbert/Lehmann</i>) | 12:00 p.m. | Board Room |
| April 27-30 | BCSTA AGM | | |
| May 1 | Framework Presentations | 3:30 p.m. | Board Room |
| May 5 | NID Day (Indigenous Learning) | | |
| May 8 | Audit Committee (Trustees) | 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. | Board Room |
| May 8 | COTW Regular Meeting | 1:30 p.m. | Board Room |
| May 9 | Budget Public Meeting | 5:30 p.m. | Board Room |
| May 22 | Victoria Day | | |
| May 23 (Tues) | Board Regular Meeting | | Board Room |
| May 25 | Doig Days | | DRFN |
| May 30 | SUP-PAC Meetings (<i>Gilbert/TBD</i>) | 12:00 p.m. | Board Room |
| June 2 | Elementary Track Meet | 8:30 a.m. | |
| June 5 | COTW Regular Meeting | 1:30 p.m. | Board Room |
| June 9 | Clearview Slo-Pitch Tournament | | Clearview |
| June 19 | Board Regular Meeting | 5:30 p.m. | Board Room |
| June 23 | NPSS Graduation | 1:30 p.m. | NPSS |
| June 29 | Last Day for Students | | |
| June 30 | Hudson's Hope Graduation | | Hudson's Hope |
| June 30 | Administrative Day – Schools Close | | |
| July 3-5 | CSBA Congress | | Banff |
| June 7 | District Long-Service & Retirement Dinner | 6:00 p.m. | Northern Grand |

Senior Staff Reports

Superintendent's Report

A written and electronic report was presented. Topics discussed and reported included:

Human Resources Summary for Teachers & AO's

- For information purposes

Superintendent's Report

<https://togetherwelearn.prn.bc.ca/2023/04/20/superintendents-report-april-2023/>

Substance Abuse Prevention & Education

- Information from middle & secondary schools support themes around substance abuse prevention and education

Out of District Field Trips

- See motion below

Community Coaches

- See motion below

Motion #56-23

Snow/Whitton

THAT the Board accept the Superintendent's Report with the exception of Out of District Field Trips and Community Coaches

CARRIED.

Motion #57-23

Snow/Lehmann

That the Board of Education adopt the Out of District Field Trips as presented

CARRIED.

Motion #58-23

Scott-Moncrieff/Snow

That the Board of Education adopt the following Community Coaches as presented

CARRIED.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

A written report was presented. Topics discussed and reported included:

Finance Update to March 31, 2023

- LEA Revenue – invoiced in December based on number of students from the 1701. Invoiced out 50 or 75 percent, depending on the First Nation band. The remainder is invoiced on March 15, 2023. This document reflects seven months
- Discussion around post-Covid costs that are remaining in other districts and do we need to look at it for our district.

ACTION: The Secretary-Treasurer will look into the details and see if we should include in the Finance Standing Committee presentation

Food Security Grant

- Replacing the current Affordability Funding
- Ministry has released Feeding Futures School Food Programs Fund that allows more flexibility around the use of the money...we can use funds to hire a Food Coordinator, upgrade equipment (ie. fridge, stove), etc.
- It ensures students come to school with a stigma free access to food
- Right now the funding is for three years but Ministry has indicated that it may continue after that
- Allows pivoting with other operational money or special purpose funds (ie. Community Links)
- Our district is receiving \$806,483 for the 2023-2024 school year
- Our Leadership team will be meeting to come up with a plan moving forward for allotment of funds
- Discussion took place around Ministry reporting requirements

ACTION: Bring forward an update for allotment of the funds to a future Board Meeting

Board Office Closure – Summer Shutdown

- For information purposes

Human Resources Summary Report

- For information purposes
- Resignations – higher pay in different occupations, wanting to stay home, etc.

Motion #59-23

Lehmann/Whitton

THAT the Board accept the Secretary-Treasurer's Report.

CARRIED.

Reports of Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting

Approval of the Minutes – April 11, 2023

Motion #60-23

Whitton/Snow

THAT the Board accept the Regular Committee of the Whole minutes of April 11, 2023 and its recommendations

CARRIED.

Business Arising from the Minutes

The following business arose from the above noted Minutes:

None

Policy Committee

- Next Meeting Date – June 5, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m. (*Note: earlier start time*)

Other Reports

BCSTA

- Nothing to report

BCPSEA

BCPSEA Regional Meeting

Topics discussed:

- BCPSEA has experienced 80-85% staff turnover in the last two years
- Introduced the new Strategic Plan
- Bargaining trends
- Make a Future: Recruitment – Northern Pilot Project
- Discussed “exit” and “stay” interviews
- Exempt Staff Compensation
- Policies
- There will be an 8th meeting in May that will be available “virtually”, as requested by some districts. Date and time is forthcoming

Board Pro-D Committee

- CSBA Conference (July 3-5)
ACTION: Bring forward to the May 8, 2023 COTW for discussion around attendance
- The focus for the BCSTA AGM coming up will be “Student Voice at the Board Table”

Correspondence

Kindergarten Vision Screening – Letter from Margaret Little

- Superintendent is looking into the details as this type of screening was not being done by the school district
- Screening clinics took place up until 2018
- Will reach out to health colleagues to see if there are plans going forward and if so, what that will look at

ACTION: Bring forward more information to a future board meeting

Indigenous Education Carry-Forward – Ministry Letter

- For information purposes

Unfinished Business

The following unfinished business arose from the previous meeting minutes:

NE Roundtable Update

- Provincial and Federal government have signed off on the TLE's
- Implementation phase could take a considerable amount of time and are at different stages
- We will continue to monitor these meetings in regards to our Cameron Lake site and the TLE
- Trustee Whitton offered to sit in on the NE Roundtable meetings going forward if Helen can't attend

New Business

50/30 Challenge Meeting Report

- Northern Lights College is one of four groups receiving a federal grant to work on this initiative
- Involves increasing female representation at board tables. When looking at our school district and municipality, there currently is a lot of female representation
- There has been an increase in visible minorities and percentage of Indigenous people in our communities
- Looking to the Board and District Staff for feedback of getting involved
- Report shows the change in demographics in our own community, which helps with our own Strategic Plan

PRNTA Update – Michele Wiebe, President

- You are invited to the May 5 Indigenous Learning Day. Use the QR code to register as lunch is provided. It will be a great day
 - Thank you to Pat Jansen for her work and the team at the Indigenous Education Centre as well as Carleen Andrews, Charmaine Chretien and our Pro-D Executive. We've been planning since January
- Margaret Little also contacted me around the vision screening. I appreciate that the Superintendent is looking into it as it is important that the district is involved as it is a very valuable service

CUPE Local #4653 Update – Jennie Copeland, President

Absent – nothing to report

District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Report – President

Absent – nothing to report

Questions from Press/Public

At this time, opportunity was given for questions from the press

Wayne Bell – where are we at with the safe injection site and whether it's been moved? Board Chair – we don't have any feedback around that at this time...we're continuing to gather information to write our letter to Northern Health around communication.

Suspension & Move into In-Camera Meeting

Motion #61-23

Snow/Scott-Moncrieff

THAT the Board suspend the Regular Meeting and move into the In-Camera Meeting.

CARRIED.

Motion #62-23

Gilliss/Scott-Moncrieff

THAT the Board resume the Regular Meeting and those Motions made In Camera be brought forward for implementation.

CARRIED.

Adjournment

Motion #63-23

Whitton/Lehmann

THAT the meeting be adjourned. (9:15 p.m.)

HELEN GILBERT, CHAIR,
BOARD OF EDUCATION

ANGELA TELFORD,
SECRETARY-TREASURER