

**SCHOOL DISTRICT #60 (PEACE RIVER NORTH)
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
“REGULAR” MEETING MINUTES**

APRIL 7, 2026
2:01 P.M.

Present: Helen Gilbert, Chair, Board of Education
Nicole Gilliss, Vice Chair
Madeleine Lehmann, Trustee
Bill Snow, Trustee

Stephen Petrucci, Superintendent
Angela Telford, Secretary Treasurer
Londa Livingstone, Executive Assistant

Media/Guests: Kelly Snow – PRNTA
Jarrod Bell – Director of Instruction
Wade Hart – Assistant Superintendent
Jaclyn Gieni – Wonowon Principal
Kamal Sraw – Director of Facilities

Regrets: Ida Campbell, Trustee
Thomas Whitton, Trustee
David Scott-Moncrieff, Trustee

Education

Education Update

Stephen Petrucci, Superintendent

Framework Presentation

a. Wonowon Elementary School
*Jaclyn Gieni, Administrator, Mr. Cota – Teacher, Student
Get Updated Attachment*

Program performance:

- Attendance concerns persist among grades 7– 9; but there is improvement due to the portable and program availability in Wonowon

- Mondays are designated for students to complete school assignments from home for Grades 7-9; the program operates on a four-day week.
- Enrollment: 80 students currently enrolled.
 - Staffing is assessed continuously based on enrollment and program demands.
- ELL support for the first five years provides a solid foundation in English; gaps remain, particularly in writing.
- The major challenge for those attending schools in town is the long bus commute; students often depart home two hours before school to reach town.

b. Facilities Department Presentation

Kamal Sraw, Director of Facilities

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- Annual Facilities Grant:
 - Funding far below actual needs.
 - Critical to understand the funding gap for advocacy purposes.
- Facility Condition Assessments (FCI) are scheduled for July.
- Aging buildings are costly to maintain.
- Priorities: safety, reliable heating, operational efficiency.
- HVAC and Plumbing are significant contributors to building operational costs.
- Labour costs are highest in HVAC and plumbing.
- Board discussion emphasized that assessments from the Facilities Director provide the most accurate reflection of building needs, not solely FCI reports.

Governance

Board Meeting Follow-Up Questions/Discussion

Helen Gilbert, Board Chair

None

Operations

Operations Report (Attachment)

Angela Telford, Secretary-Treasurer

- Discussion around VOIP Implementation:
 - Traditional landlines may be removed; VOIP cannot operate if the internet and cellular networks are down.
 - Concerns raised about emergency calls (911) during outages.
 - EFAP survey scheduled for the near future.

- Discussion around Cybersecurity:
- External consultant completed assessment; the team is working on recommendations.
- Cybersecurity is ongoing, not one-time.
- Ministry does not mandate vulnerability testing; the district maintains a retainer for continuous support in the event of a cybersecurity issue.
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Adjourned at 3:14 PM