

Present:

Bill Christie, Chairperson  
Lois Boone, Vice-Chairperson  
Lyn Hall, Trustee  
Naomi Manning, Trustee  
Michelle Marrelli, Trustee  
Roxanne Ricard, Trustee  
Sharel Warrington, Trustee

Brian Pepper, Superintendent of Schools  
Bryan Mix, Secretary-Treasurer  
Wendy De Marsh, Executive Assistant  
(Recorder)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Three items were added to the agenda:

- 6.2 South Fort George Property
- 8.2 B.C. Public School Employers' Association Update
- 8.3 Springboard to Success Scholarship

The agenda was approved as amended.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Karen MacKay, representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association, spoke about the class size and composition reporting requirements of Bill 33, noted that her association would like to see more information provided than was required under the bill and reported that while the implementation process was mostly positive, there had been some negative experiences on the part of teachers.

Lorraine Prouse, representing CUPE Local 3742, reported that, for the first time in memory, the Superintendent of Schools had visited the union office for a meeting with the executive and that this had been much appreciated.

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

4.1 Public Meeting

The minutes of the regular public meeting held October 10, 2006 were adopted as circulated.

4.2 Record of In Camera Meeting Minutes

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the in camera meeting of October 10, 2006 and the Bylaw No. 4 hearing held October 11, 2006 were approved.

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

5.1 School District Report on Safe Schools

Tony Sweet, Assistant Superintendent, gave a presentation on student safety, reviewing programs, policies and protocols that were in place in the district related to the prevention of and response to violence in schools. He presented results of the latest Ministry of Education satisfaction surveys, which showed a positive trend in the number of students who had reported feeling safe at school all or most of the time

**6. MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

6.1 Committee Report

Mr. Hall reported that all of the items on the agenda of the last meeting had been in camera issues and would not be reported publicly.

6.2 South Fort George Property

Mr. Hall reported that at the in camera meeting held earlier in the evening, the following motion had been adopted:

That the Secretary Treasurer be authorized to advertise for an expression of interest from those who may wish to purchase a 2.226-hectare (5.5-acre) portion of the land, i.e. the playing field, at South Fort George Elementary School.

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**7. EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**7.1 Committee Report**

Ms. Warrington reported on the items of business at the last meeting, which had included an update on literacy, an update on a research request and a letter from the Mayor's Committee on Youth, which had been forwarded to the District Student Advisory Council.

**7.2 Board Authorized Course: Language for Travel 11**

Andrew MaFayden, a teacher at Prince George Secondary School, gave an overview of the course and answered questions from trustees.

MOVED:

That Language for Travel 11 be approved as a Board authorized course.

CARRIED.

**7.3 District Plan for Student Success 2006-207**

Bonnie Chappell, Director of School Services, gave a brief overview of the plan and answered questions from trustees.

MOVED:

That the District Plan for Student Success 2006-2007 be approved.

CARRIED.

**8. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

**8.1 B.C. School Trustees' Association**

Ms. Ricard reported on her attendance at the Provincial Council meeting held October 19-21 in Vancouver.

**8.2 B.C. Public School Employers' Association**

Ms Warrington reported on her attendance at a BCPSEA labour symposium.

**8.3 Springboard to Success Scholarship**

Ms Ricard reported that a dance was being held on October 28 as a fundraiser for the scholarship fund and that the second annual golf tournament would be held on May 26, 2007.

She also reported that an agreement had been reached with the College of New Caledonia to have the college match the \$1,000 award for any student who wins this scholarship and then goes on to attend CNC.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Christie drew the Board's attention to the item of correspondence included in the agenda for information, which was:

- Letter dated October 6, 2006 to the Prime Minister of Canada, regarding child care.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.