

Present:

Lyn Hall, Chairperson	Brian Pepper, Superintendent of Schools
Lois Boone, Vice-Chairperson	Bryan Mix, Secretary-Treasurer
Bill Christie, Trustee	Wendy De Marsh, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Naomi Manning, Trustee	
Michelle Marrelli, Trustee	
Roxanne Ricard, Trustee	
Sharel Warrington, Trustee	

The meeting was held in the library at McBride Secondary School.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

One item was added to the agenda – item 5.3, McLeod Lake Elementary School Lands. The agenda was approved as amended.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Frank Kiyooka expressed concerns about the implementation of the “Corren Agreement” in B.C. Schools.

Marion Cousineau, speaking on behalf of McBride Elementary School’s parent advisory council, explained that the Village of McBride would be celebrating its 75th anniversary on the August long weekend, and requested that the school be made available for use during this celebration.

Mr. Mix asked Ms. Cousineau to contact him at his office to discuss the issue.

Carol Hammer, a teacher at McBride Secondary School, spoke about the shortage of replacement staff and how difficult it was for teachers, principals and support staff to take time off for illness or professional development. She suggested that the appointment of a vice-principal to the Robson Valley zone would be one way of helping to address this issue.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

4.1 Public Meeting

The minutes of the regular public meeting held May 1, 2007 were adopted as circulated.

4.2 Record of In Camera Meeting Minutes

The reports on the items discussed and decisions made at the in camera meetings of May 1 and May 15, 2007, were approved.

5. **MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

5.1 Committee Report

Ms. Warrington reported that, in addition to the items being brought forward to the Board, at its last meeting the committee had reviewed trustee budgets and expenditures for the current year, received updates on property matters and a personnel matter.

5.2 District Parent Advisory Council Funding

Ms. Warrington reported that committee had reviewed the letter from DPAC, which had been included in the agenda package, and had agreed with the council's concerns about the funding provided to it by the district. She explained that the formula used to determine the allocation was outdated and as noted in the letter, DPAC's responsibilities and expenses were not reduced by declining student enrolment in the district.

Ms. Warrington also noted that the district had traditionally shared with DPAC the cost of its parent advocacy phone line and that the district's share of this expense was approximately \$400 per year.

MOVED:

That, beginning in 2007/08, the District Parent Advisory Council be allocated \$8,500 per year and that the district continue to pay half the cost of the parent advocacy phone line.

CARRIED.

5.3 McLeod Lake Elementary School Lands

Ms. Warrington reported that the land on which McLeod Lake Elementary School was located had been obtained from the Crown and, as it was no longer required by the district, it should be returned to the Crown in order that it may be used or sold for alternative purposes.

MOVED:

That, in accordance with Section 99 (3) of the *School Act*, the Minister of Education be notified that the land on which the closed McLeod Lake Elementary School is located is no longer required by the Board for educational purposes.

CARRIED.

6. EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

6.1 Committee Report

Ms. Ricard reported that at its last meeting the committee had received updates on the StrongStart program, the Ministry of Education's schedule for curriculum revision and changes being made to the provincial graduation program requirements.

6.2 Schedule of Fees and Deposits for 2007/08

Ms. Ricard reported that the schedule was unchanged from the current year's.

MOVED:

That, in accordance with section 82 (6) of the *School Act*, and Ministerial Order 125/90, the Schedule of Fees and Deposits for 2007/08 be approved and published.

CARRIED.

7. EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE

7.1 Committee Report

Ms. Boone reported that in addition to the items being brought to the Board, at its last meeting the committee had received an update on the ongoing restoration of the school grounds from which pine beetle-infested trees had been removed.

7.2 Westgate Busing

Ms. Boone noted that district policy allowed the Board to establish bus routes for students who lived within the 4-km walk limit when the walk route to and from school represented an unacceptable safety risk. She explained that there was no safe pedestrian route between the Westgate Subdivision and Vanway Elementary School, that there were currently 22 students living in Westgate who attended Vanway and the cost to extend a route to provide service to them would be \$4,000 per year.

MOVED:

That, in accordance with the provisions of Policy 3541 (Student Transportation – Home and School), an existing bus route to Vanway Elementary School be extended to include the Westgate Subdivision beginning in September 2007.

CARRIED.

7.3 Mountain View Elementary School – Demolition

Ms. Boone reported that this school had been closed in 2002 and the building had deteriorated to the point that it was no longer inhabitable. She noted that the building was a liability to the district and the land would be more marketable without it.

MOVED:

That the building at Mountain View Elementary School in Mackenzie be demolished and removed from the site.

CARRIED.

8. **POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

8.1 Committee Report

Ms. Marrelli reported that, in addition to the items being brought to the board, at its last meeting the committee had discussed Bill 10 (Tobacco Ban for Schools) and Bill 31 (Mandatory Retirement Elimination). In addition, the committee had discussed Policy 5131.4 (Student Attendance – Secondary Schools), as requested by the Education Programs and Planning Committee following a presentation by the administration of Prince George Secondary School. She explained that a full review of the policy would be undertaken once PGSS had completed and reported on its one-year pilot of a new attendance management program.

8.2 Draft Policy 1100 (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy)

Ms. Marrelli noted that on January 30, 2007, the Board had approved this draft policy for distribution to reference groups for input. She reported that partner groups had been invited to the committee meeting for this agenda item and that Dale Laluk, representing the District Parent Advisory Council, had been in attendance; Tony Sweet, Assistant Superintendent, and Anne Christensen, FOIPOP Officer, were also in attendance. She reported that all of the input received, which had been forwarded to trustees for information, had been reviewed at the meeting and that some minor changes had been made to the policy as a result.

MOVED:
That Draft Policy 1100 (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy) be approved.
CARRIED.

8.3 Minor Revisions to Policy 4144.1 (Damage to Employees' Vehicles)

Ms. Marrelli explained that the revisions were being proposed in order to make the policy more clear.

MOVED:
That the proposed minor revisions to Policy 4144.1 (Damage to Employees' Vehicles) be approved.
CARRIED.

8.4 Minor Revisions to Policy 5131 (District Code of Student Conduct)

Ms. Marrelli explained that the proposed revisions included the addition of a regulation to address plagiarism and some minor revisions to other regulations for clarity.

MOVED:
That the proposed minor revisions to Policy 5131 (District Code of Student Conduct) be approved.
CARRIED.

9. **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

9.1 Superintendent's Report on Class Size

Mr. Pepper reviewed his report dated April 30, 2007.

MOVED:
That the Superintendent's report on the organization of classes in School District No. 57, as of April 30, 2007, as required under Section 76 (3) of the *School Act*, be accepted.
CARRIED.

10. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

10.1 BC School Trustees' Association

Ms. Ricard reported that some trustees would be traveling to Calgary in July to attend a Canadian School Boards Association conference.

10.2 District Parent Advisory Council

Ms. Warrington reported on the last meeting, noting that DPAC had established objectives for the next school year that focused on improving communication with school parent advisory councils and increasing parental involvement at the district level.

10.3 Springboard to Success Scholarship Committee

Ms. Ricard noted that liaison trustees would be participating in the presentation of scholarship awards at secondary school graduation ceremonies. She reported that the second annual golf tournament had raised just over \$4,000 for the scholarship fund.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.