

Present:

Lyn Hall, Chairperson	Brian Pepper, Superintendent of Schools
Trish Bella, Vice-Chairperson	Bryan Mix, Secretary-Treasurer
Lois Boone, Trustee	Wendy De Marsh, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Valentine Crawford, Trustee	
Roxanne Ricard, Trustee	
Sharel Warrington, Trustee	
Rhonda White, Trustee	

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item 6 was withdrawn from the agenda. – Item 11.6 – CTC advisory meeting was added to the agenda. The agenda was approved as amended.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Denise MacDonald representing the Giscome Parent Advisory Council, indicated that she has received a letter from Minister George Abbott stating the next step to replace Giscome School is to submit a Joint Use/Pilot Project Proposal to the Ministry. Giscome PAC is requesting the Regional District and the Board of Education to work together to formulate the needed proposal.

**MOVED:**

That the letter from Minister George Abbott be referred to the Education Services Committee.

**CARRIED.**

Don Sabo representing the District Parent Advisory Council, commented on Christy Clark announcing an increase in funding per student on a provincial level.

Matt Pearce representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association addressed the controversy of a two week spring break. He congratulated the Board on staying with a one week break.

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#### 4. **SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

Lyn Hall, congratulated a CHSS student, Jesmeen Deo, on winning first place in this district in a contest sponsored by ICBC "Your Ad Here" – road safety message.

Trustees attended the RCMP Youth Academy, which provides students with an opportunity to learn a great deal about a policing career.

Sharel Warrington, paid accolades to the Northern Interior Science Exhibition and thanked Anjula Corbin for the hard work provided in the organization of this event.

Sharel Warrington commented on the success of the Northern Zone Professional Development Day held earlier in the month and thanked the PGDTA Pro D committee.

#### 5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

##### 5.1 Public Meeting

The minutes of the regular public meeting of February 22, 2011, were adopted with the following corrections:

- In Item 9.2, the date should be March 29 not March 22.

##### 5.2 Record of In Camera Meeting Minutes

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the in camera meeting of February 22, 2011, was approved.

##### 5.3 Record of In Camera Meeting Minutes

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the in camera meeting of March 8, 2011, was approved.

#### 6. **PRESENTATIONS**

##### 6.1 Provincial Outreach Program for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Withdrawn

**7. MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE****7.1 Committee Report**

Ms. Warrington reported on items from March 14, 2011 meeting; the schedule related to budget process, funding announcement information on the ministry website, and enrolment projections for next year. A transportation and trustee expense analysis was also provided.

**8. EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE****8.1 Committee Report**

Ms. Boone reported on meeting of March 15, 2011; three presentations – Career Prep, CTC and an update on Aboriginal programs:

Bruce Northrop reviewed career programs including the RCMP Youth Academy. One of interest is Heavy Metal Rocks which takes place April 30, 2011. There has been a struggle to sign up students for the secondary school apprenticeship program due to a change in the rules around credentials of supervisors.

Tim Powers is having some difficulty recruiting students for the CTC program. He is recommending changes which may rectify this reality.

Shelly Niemi gave a presentation on the five foci of Aboriginal education in the district: Culture and language, rediscovery, elders and indigenous knowledge, restitution and restorative practices, and youth leadership.

**9. EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE****9.1 Committee Report**

Ms. Ricard reported on meeting of March 7, 2011 which included a discussion about the Heather Park playground situation and an issue brought to her attention regarding the access road to Edgewood Elementary. The District Principal Transportation will take this issue to the city's traffic safety committee.

The District has applied for two modular units available through the province with the intent to put them at Glenview and Malaspina. This was a Ministry of Education initiative to address the space required for the implementation of full-day Kindergarten;

The Highglen Montessori Elementary School Parent Advisory Council, with the cooperation of the maintenance department, has made an application through Solar BC to support the electrical system of the school by installing rooftop solar panels. Solar BC is a program of the BC Sustainable Energy Association, sponsored by the Ministry of Energy;

The committee was provided information regarding the City of Prince George's official community plan which was also presented to the Board at the last public meeting.

## 10. **POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

### 10.1 Committee Report

Mr. Crawford reported the main focus was on Policy 5119 (School Catchment Areas and Student Transfers). He also spoke about the need to update the District's attendance policy, as directed by the Board after the PGSS presentation; proposed changes to the DSAC policy were also shared.

### 10.2 Minor Revisions to Policy 5119 (School Catchment Areas and Student Transfers)

MOVED:

That the proposed minor revisions to Policy 5119 (School Catchment Areas and Student Transfers) be approved.

MOVE AN AMENDMENT:

That the policy be further amended by changing the title to "School Catchment Areas, Registration and Student Transfers".

CARRIED.

There was some discussion about the clarity of policy changes recently completed with respect to siblings and the definition of in catchment student to including students previously attending private schools.

CARRIED.

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10.3 Revisions to Bylaw No. 1

MOVED:

That the proposed revisions to Bylaw No. 1 be approved.

Trustee discussion included changes to the policy that have not been brought forward in this amendment as well as considerable discussion regarding Trustees attending any standing committees as observers.

MOVED AN AMENDMENT:

That 3.11 be amended by the addition of the words “and may ask questions and provide input to the committee members on the topics being considered.”

CARRIED

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11. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

11.1 BC School Trustees' Association

Mr. Crawford reported on the Northern Interior Branch – MLA forum; and spoke about Provincial Council and the motions going forward to AGM. Trustee Crawford explained that NIB new constitution is going forward as well. AGM is next month.

11.2 District Parent Advisory Council

Ms. Boone shared information regarding upcoming workshops of BCCPAC. Chair Don Sabo talked about the PG Urban Aboriginal Strategy aimed at decreasing the number of aboriginal dropouts.

11.3 District Student Advisory Council

Mr. Crawford reported on presentation delivered by Morris Scarpino. He explained DSAC had worked on the DSAC policy, and had a discussion regarding their ongoing outreach activities.

11.4 Graduation Ceremonies – Baldy Hughes Addiction Treatment Centre and Therapeutic Community

Ms. White attended the graduation ceremony at the centre. There was a total of eight graduates this year with a grand total of 26 graduates to date.

11.5 Environmental Sustainability Committee

Ms. Bella reported on initiatives in the district, looking at our carbon offsets, our aging buildings and looking at our environmental responsibility. Ms. Bella met with key members of senior administration. They are planning to send our invitations to participants and would like to develop some comprehensive plans.

11.6 CTC Advisory Meeting

Ms. Boone reported on the March 17, 2011 meeting with the School District and CNC. They looked at a proposal for an alternate model for delivering the CTC program. Enrollment has been dropping. There is a suggestion to move the program to a one year, grade 12 only program. Proposal is to be discussed further.

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Warrington reported on the CORES meeting and the discussion that took place about transportation. Parents now have a much better understanding of how transportation works. Also discussed the "Wells Model" and how it might look in various communities. They are developing proposals in hopes of increasing opportunities for rural students.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9.20 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary Treasurer