

Present:

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item 11.3 South Fort George Family Resource Centre DVD was moved to item 4.3. The agenda was approved as amended.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Sarah Holland and Jacqui Dockray representing the District Parent's Advisory Council presented a PowerPoint presentation reporting on the April 29 – May 1, 2011 BCCPAC Conference and Annual General Meeting.

Jackqui Dockray representing École College Heights Elementary School PAC commented on the Regional District Report. She commented on the difference in the projected headcounts shown in the Regional District Report between the School District 57 projections and the District Sustainability Report projections. Jackqui Dockray requested an explanation why the two projection numbers are different and what the underlying assumptions are when making the projected head count numbers.

Faellen Brandner representing Giscome Elementary School PAC provided speaking notes, a copy of the June 2011 Giscome Parent Advisory Council Newsletter and signing sheets supporting the need for a proper school/community facility in Giscome, BC. Faellen Brandner made several requests and recommendations to the Board regarding Giscome Elementary School.

Candice Pepin a PAC representative and a parent of Giscome Elementary School commented on a letter she recently received from the School District regarding changes in transportation from service to allowance and indicated that she feels her family is slowly being depleted of School District services.

Gundula Rabien a Giscome parent expressed concern regarding the changes in transportation from service to allowance. She is concerned about the future of rural children and questioned if the goal of the School District may be to close all rural schools.

Denise MacDonald representing Giscome Elementary School PAC/Steering Committee expressed frustration regarding the many challenges and roadblocks the community has faced over the past two years when providing alternative cost saving solutions to the Board and the recent announcement of changes to transportation provided by the School District to the Giscome area.

Michelle Hourie reviewed and provided a copy of an email sent to School District 57 regarding BC rural education: public education accessible by all. The email expressed concerns regarding rural children getting left behind, continued deterioration of public confidence in rural public education; and the effect of changing to transportation allowances will have a negative effect on the area.

Don Sabo representing the District Parent Advisory Council indicated that the previously requested enrollment numbers have not been posted on the School District website. Brian Pepper advised where the enrollment numbers can be viewed on the School District website. Don Sabo also expressed concern regarding the high turnover of Vice Principals and Principals within the school district and requested that the history of the schools be reviewed when considering moves. Lyn Hall advised the district spends a tremendous amount of time reviewing administrative moves and suggested Don Sabo meet with the Superintendent of Schools to have a conversation regarding this matter.

Lorraine Prouse representing CUPE 3742 and 4991 advised both locals are preparing for September 2011. The maintenance department will be completing many projects over the summer and custodians will be doing a deep cleaning over the summer months. Lorraine Prouse reported both locals are in the process of bargaining for new collective agreement; CUPE has identified a number of priority areas for members.

Linda Naess representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association requested the Board of Education continue to stand up for public education, support teachers and requested improved consultation in the district. Linda Naess advised there has been a province wide strike vote and is waiting for the results.

Linda Naess advised tonight is her last School Board meeting as President of the PGDTA and thanked the Trustees and the District for the time she has spent in the district and looks forward to her retirement. Matt Pearce is the new President and Tina Cousins is the new Vice President. Trustees congratulated Linda Naess on her retirement and thanked her for the work she has done in the School District.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Carrier Song – Spruceland Traditional Elementary School

A group of students from Spruceland Traditional Elementary School performed the Beaver Hunting Song (Traditional Dakelh Song) for the Board.

4.2 Giscome (Willow River), Hixon and Nukko Lake Neighbourhood Learning Centre Feasibility Study (Pascal Charest)

The feasibility study created by Consultants Pascal Charest and Ed Chanter was presented to the Board by Pascal Charest with Art Kaehn, Regional District Chair and Kevin Dunphy, Electoral Area Director in attendance.

Pascal Charest presented a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the Giscome (Willow River), Hixon and Nukko Lake Neighbourhood Learning Centre Feasibility Study and the recommendations outlined in the study.

MOTION:

That we receive this report.

CARRIED.

Trustees discussed the feasibility study with Pascal Charest, Art Kaehn and Kevin Dunphy and thanked them for the presentation.

MOTION:

That a letter be sent to the Regional District requesting a meeting with the Board of Education to discuss the three recommendations outlined in the Giscome (Willow River), Hixon and Nukko Lake Neighbourhood Learning Centre Feasibility Study.

CARRIED.

4.3 South Fort George Family Resource DVD – (R. Ricard)

Trustee Ricard presented a DVD on the South Fort George Family Resource Centre brought forward by the Education Services Committee outlining the history, combined resources and users of the facility.

Trustee Bella thanked Bryan Mix for the work he has done with the Family Resource Centre.

5. SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**5.1 Trustee Appointments**

Trustee Chair, Lyn Hall thanked the members of the Board of Education for the work they do on the School Board and the various committees they represent.

Trustee Chair, Lyn Hall thanked Sharon Cairns, Assistant Superintendent for her work on the Senior Administration team and with the Board. Trustee Hall extended the Board's best wishes for her retirement.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**6.1 Regular Public Meeting of May 31, 2011**

The minutes of the regular public meeting of May 31, 2011, were adopted with the following corrections:

- The minutes of the regular public meeting of April 26, 2011, were adopted with corrections as follows:
 - Page 3 – Don Sabo: “full day” kindergarten not whole day.
 - Page 6 – insertion of “the” Centre for Learning Alternatives.
 - Page 7, subsection 10.2 – removal of extra “made.”
 - Page 8, subsection 11.1 – clarification of the motion: “Trustees discussed the need to clarify Policy 5119, subsection 6.1.2 regarding administrative procedures and the lottery system.”

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- The minutes of the regular public meeting of May 31, 2011, were adopted with corrections as follows:
 - Revision under item 9.2 to provide clarity.
 - Revision under item 11.1 to provide clarity.

6.2 Record of Regular In Camera Meeting

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the regular in camera meeting of May 31, 2011, were approved.

6.3 Record of Special In Camera Meeting

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the special in camera meeting of June 14, 2011, were approved.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

8. POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

8.1 Committee Report (V. Crawford)

Trustee Crawford provided an overview of the policies that were reviewed at the June 15, 2011 Policy and Governance Committee meeting. Trustee Crawford acknowledged the receipt of public input from DPAC on Draft Policy 1230 and 1231.

8.2 Draft Policy 1230 (Aboriginal Education)

Trustees reviewed and discussed the minor revision to draft policy 1230. Trustee Hall acknowledged the receipt of the public input on June 28, 2011 from DPAC regarding policies 1230 and 1231.

MOTION:

That draft Policy 1230 (Aboriginal Education) be approved.

CARRIED.

8.3 Draft Policy 1231 (Aboriginal Education)

Trustees reviewed and discussed the minor revisions to draft policy 1231.

Brian Pepper explained the revision to the policy “as determined by the Superintendent of Schools” was added to make the policy congruent with other policies. Brian Pepper advised the Senior Liaison Officer is the senior staff member who oversees all the operations of Aboriginal Education Department who reports to the Assistant Superintendent.

Trustees discussed and recommended the following revisions to regulation 10 and 11 of Policy 1231.

MOTION:

10. The Aboriginal Education Board may appoint one member to the Board of Education’s Education Programs and Planning Committee and one member to the Education Services Committee.

CARRIED.

MOTION:

11. The Aboriginal Education Board may appoint a member to speak on behalf of Aboriginal students and the Aboriginal Education Board at the Board of Education’s public meetings.

CARRIED.

8.4 Minor Revision to Policy 5131 (District Code of Student Conduct), Subsection 7.9 (Cellular Telephones and Other Portable Electronic Devices)

Trustees reviewed and discussed the minor revision to policy 5131, subsection 7.9.

MOTION:

That the proposed minor revision to Policy 5131 (District Code of Student Conduct) be approved.

CARRIED.

Trustees discussed and recommended the addition of regulation 3.8.9.

MOTION:

3.8.9 Assignment to an alternate placement outside the regular school hours.

CARRIED.

8.5 Minor Revisions to Policy 4150 (Leaves of Absence), Definitions and Subsection 2.2.1.2

Trustees reviewed and discussed the minor revision to Policy 4150, subsection 2.2.1.2.

MOTION:

That the proposed minor revision to Policy 4150 (Leaves of Absence) be approved.

CARRIED.

8.6 Minor Revision to Policy 5119 (School Catchment Areas, Registration and Student Transfers), Subsection 6.1.2

Brian Pepper and Trustees reviewed and discussed the minor revision to Policy 5119.

MOTION:

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

CARRIED.

9. **MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

9.1 Committee Report (S. Warrington)

Trustee Warrington reported on the committee meeting of June 14, 2011: She advised the district has received holdback funding from the Ministry of Education for FTE, a portion of the funding was used to cover the added cost to the district for School District property losses.

Trustee Warrington reported on the recent BCSTA meeting; both the BCSTA President Michael McEvoy and Education Minister George Abbott acknowledged Trustees' concerns and supported an opportunity to receive Trustee input in reviewing funding formulas.

10. **EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

10.1 Committee Report (L. Boone)

Trustee Boone reported on the committee meeting of June 21, 2011, and indicated the report is summarized in the following items on the School Board meeting agenda.

10.2 Elementary Intermediate Report Card – Pilot (L. Boone)

Members of the Intermediate Reporting Team (Linda McGraw, Tracy Baldrige and Laurie Bryce) and Trustees reviewed and discussed the pilot elementary intermediate report card.

MOTION:

That the one-year pilot be approved for elementary schools.

The motion was amended as follows:

MOTION:

That the one-year pilot on a new elementary intermediate report card be approved for elementary schools.

CARRIED.

10.3 District Literacy Plan (L. Carson)

Trustees reviewed and discussed the District Literacy Plan.

MOTION:

That the District Literacy Plan be approved.

CARRIED.

10.4 District Plan for Student Success (Achievement Contract) – (S. Cairns)

Sharon Cairns presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the District Plan for Student Success. Sharon Cairns and Trustees reviewed and discussed the updated three-year District Plan for Student Success.

MOTION:

That the updated District Plan for Student Success three-year plan for September 2011 be approved.

CARRIED.

11. EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE**11.1 Committee Report (R. Ricard)**

R. Ricard reported on the committee meeting of June 13, 2011; CORES presented a PowerPoint presentation and provided a report on transportation that has been referred to Senior Administration for review. The committee viewed a DVD on the South Fort George Family Resource Centre that will be shared at a future meeting of the NIB; reviewed the schedule of work to be completed over the summer by the Maintenance Department; items of query from Trustees were reviewed; reviewed the revised Courtesy: Elementary Out-of-Catchment Request application from the Transportation Department.

11.2 Shared Use Agreement with the City of Prince George (R. Ricard)

Trustees reviewed and discussed the Shared Use Agreement.

MOTION:

THAT the Shared Use Agreement between the Board and the City of Prince George be renewed and extended to August 31, 2016.

CARRIED.

11.3 South Fort George Family Resource Centre DVD (R. Ricard)

Item moved to Presentations item 4.3.

11.4 CORES Report (R. Ricard)

Trustees reviewed and discussed the CORES report on transportation.

MOTION:

That the CORES report be forwarded to Senior Staff for examination.

CARRIED.

12. TRUSTEES REPORTS**12.1 Literacy Now Committee Report (S. Warrington)**

Trustee Warrington reported on the progress and future plans of the Literacy Now Committee. She advised the budget has been set for 2011/12 year; the committee continues to research and develop programs to address problems for adult learners as well as providing tools for parents to tutor their own children. The committee is continuing to look for ways to work with other agencies to benefit individuals with mental and physical disabilities in the community. Trustee Warrington advised literacy has moved into Decoda literacy.

12.2 Springboard to Success (R. Ricard)

Trustee Ricard provided and reviewed the press release issued June 28, 2011, reporting on the Springboard to Success Scholarship Endowment Fund.

13. **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer

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