

Present:

Tony Cable, Chair
Tim Bennett, Vice-Chair
Trish Bella, Trustee
Bob Harris, Trustee
Brenda Hooker, Trustee
(Skype/Telephone)
Sharel Warrington, Trustee
Bruce Wiebe, Trustee

Marilyn Marquis-Forster, Superintendent of Schools
Allan Reed, Secretary Treasurer
Diane Nygaard, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Amendments under Trustee Reports

- Removal: District Student Advisory Council
- Addition: BCPSEA Symposium (B. Wiebe)

The agenda was approved as amended.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Richard Giroday, representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association expressed thanks and gratitude for the working relationships that exist between the PGDTA and the School District No. 57 (Prince George) staff, management and trustees. He referred to the school district's submission to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services and thanked the trustees for championing public education.

Gillian Burnett, representing the District Parent Advisory Council expressed appreciation to staff and trustees for their involvement and for the recent events hosted by the school district which included an informative session on the changes to the BC Curriculum and an information session on social media that was presented by Jesse Miller. She noted the Ministry has selected Prince George as a community to host a parent engagement meeting on K-9 Student Progress Reporting in February 2017. Ms. Burnett stated parents have requested improved communication from the school district during code yellow and code red situations. Ms. Burnett advised the council is holding a Mini-Conference on November 6th from 1pm to 5pm at the Van Bien Centre.

4. **SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

None.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

5.1 Public Meeting

The minutes of the regular public meeting of September 27, 2016 were adopted as circulated.

5.2 Record of In Camera Meeting Minutes

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the regular in camera meeting of September 13, 2016, and the special in camera meetings held on September 21, September 27, and October 11, 2016 was approved.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

6.1 April 26, 2016 Ad Hoc Committee on Rural Education Recommendation No. 1

Trustee Harris reviewed the recommendation and the rationale included in the agenda package to correct the minutes of the regular public meeting held on April 26, 2016.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 26, 2016 be corrected to reflect that in addition to allowing overnight billeting of School District No. 57 students in the John McInnis Centre, Mackenzie Secondary, and Valemount Secondary Schools on a pilot basis from September 2016 to June 2017, overnight billeting of School District No. 57 students also be allowed in McBride Secondary School on the same basis.

CARRIED.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

7.1 Presentation to Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services

Trustee Bennett reported the school district presented their submission to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Service on October 4, 2016. Mr. Bennett drew attention to the report included in the agenda package and highlighted the recommendations presented to the committee. A press release dated November 1, 2016 was provided for immediate release.

7.2 Long Range Facility Plan – Duchess Park Catchment

Trustee Harris reviewed the recommendation, rationale and appendix provided as a handout. The trustees reviewed and discussed the analysis of restricted and non-restricted projected enrolment of out-of-catchment students for Duchess Park Secondary School for the period 2016-2017 through 2025-2026.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education direct the Superintendent of Schools to enforce the existing catchment area for Duchess Park Secondary School, regular program, on a graduated basis as indicated in the Appendix, beginning with new enrolment for the 2017-2018 school year, until such time as Duchess Park Secondary School, regular program, enrolls catchment area students only.

CARRIED.

Trustee Warrington requested that her negative vote be recorded.

7.3 Long Range Facility Plan – McBride

Trustee Wiebe reviewed and discussed the recommendation and rationale provided as a handout with the trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education discontinue its consideration of the co-location of McBride Centennial Elementary School at McBride Secondary School, and that this matter not be reconsidered until total K-12 enrolment in McBride is less than 150 students.

CARRIED.

7.4 Long Range Facility Plan – Morfee Elementary and Mackenzie Secondary School

Trustee Hooker reviewed and discussed the recommendation and rationale provided as a handout with the trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education direct the Superintendent of Schools to have the principals of Morfee Elementary and Mackenzie Secondary schools work with their students, staff, and parents to consider a middle years education program at Mackenzie Secondary School to include the community's Grade 7 students beginning no earlier than the 2017-2018 school year.

CARRIED.

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

Trustee Bennett reported on the Education Programs and Planning Committee meeting held on October 18, 2016. Agenda items included a Learning Innovations update on early learning, literacy and numeracy, district awards and review of the yearly plan. Mr. Bennett noted the committee held a discussion regarding a middle years program in Mackenzie. The committee will review the information to be collected by the superintendent from the principals of Morfee Elementary and Mackenzie Secondary Schools at a future meeting.

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

Trustee Warrington reported on the Education Services Committee meeting held on October 3, 2016. Agenda items included the review of the feedback received regarding the Board's consideration of the reassignment of Edgewood Elementary School from the Duchess Park Secondary School catchment to the Kelly Road Secondary School catchment for the 2017-2018 and subsequent school years. The committee also reviewed the feedback received regarding the Board's consideration of the co-location of McBride Centennial Elementary School at McBride Secondary School. She noted both of these items have been considered by the Board earlier in this meeting. Other agenda items included bus safety, Lac des Bois Elementary parking lot congestion and purchase orders over \$25,000 to September 30, 2016.

10. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**10.1 Superintendent of Schools**

Marilyn Marquis-Forster drew attention to the recent communications received by the Superintendent from the Ministry of Education, information on the Reconciliation Dialogue Workshop for Community Leaders that she will be participating in on November 8, 2016, the EDIBC (Early Development Instrument) 2016 Provincial Report and a letter from BC Games that were included in the agenda package.

10.2 Secretary-Treasurer

- Student Transportation Plan

Mr. Reed drew attention to the information included in the agenda package confirming the school district's submission plan for student transportation investments has been approved. The school district will be receiving funding in the amount of \$687,663 under the student transportation plan.

11. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

11.1 BC School Trustees' Association

Trustee Warrington provided a review of the BCSTA Provincial Council held on October 28 and 29, 2016. Agenda items included a presentation from the Ministry of Education, BCSTA Reports, reports from the Education Committee, Aboriginal Education Committee, Legislative Committee, Finance Committee, an issues forum and the disposition of motions.

11.2 District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Warrington reported on the District Parent Advisory Council meeting held on October 3, 2016. Agenda items included a presentation on Buddy Benches, partner group presentations, information on the new curriculum information night, November 6th Mini Conference and a discussion regarding MyEd BC. Ms. Warrington noted the District Parent Advisory Council executive have requested a meeting with the Board of Education.

11.3 Ministry of Education/BC School Trustees' Association – Board Chair Meeting

Trustee Wiebe reported on the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association Symposium held on October 13 and 14, 2016. Agenda items included Leadership in Times of Change, Harnessing the Power of Change, The Legal Landscape – Issues, Trends and the Road Ahead, Future-casting – A Provincial Policy Perspective with working sessions held on both days.

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Cable drew the Board's attention to the items of correspondence included in the agenda for information, which were:

- Letter dated October 13, 2016 from Valemount Mayor Townsend regarding Trustee Electoral Area Representation.
- Letter dated October 24, 2016 to Valemount Mayor Townsend regarding Trustee Variation Guidelines.
- Letter dated October 17, 2016 from the Ministry of Education regarding the Vancouver School District.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer