

Present:

Tim Bennett, Chair  
Tony Cable, 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)

Absent:

Trish Bella, Vice-Chair

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as published.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Sarah Dowling, School District No. 57 Speech Language Pathologist spoke in response to the recent announcement of the replacement of Kelly Road Secondary School. Ms. Dowling requested that the Student Support Services team is directly consulted to ensure that the special needs of all students are met.

Alexis Jefferies, parent of two students living in Salmon Valley and currently enrolled at Glenview Elementary School expressed concerns regarding the consideration before the Board this evening to re-open Springwood Elementary School. Mr. Jefferies asked for the Trustees to consider the implications of day care and asked questions regarding consultation, facilities, and the development of a Parent Advisory Council.

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Cindy White, parent of two students currently attending Heather Park Elementary School expressed concerns with the consideration to re-open Springwood Elementary. Ms. White stated the proposed recommendation would allow her son to remain at Heather Park Elementary for his grade 7 year, however her daughter would be enrolled at Springwood Elementary. She asked if there was any consideration for families finding themselves in this situation.

Gordon Tennant, parent of students attending Heather Park Elementary School and residing in the proposed catchment area of Springwood Elementary School expressed his support for the re-opening of the school.

Terry Teegee, Carrier Sekani Tribal Council (CSTC) Tribal Chief stated that the tribal council has a mandate to address the education for their students. Mr. Teegee stated the existing Aboriginal Education Committee does not have a mandate to address the education for Carrier Sekani children and asked for a clear process that can involve the council. He requested a meeting between himself, CSTC education representatives and the Board.

Katherine Trepanier representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association (PGDTA) presented a challenge to the Board to lobby the government to provide incentives for the recruitment and retention of teachers and to ensure there is sufficient funding to support our students.

Gillian Burnett representing the District Parent Advisory Council recommended the establishment of a standing committee with full partner group representation to meet annually to review enrollment, capacity and projections, challenges and emergent issues. She requested that partner groups be engaged in providing input on proposed solutions and implementation plans.

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

##### 4.1 Kelly Road Secondary School

Trustee Bennett drew attention to the information included in the agenda package regarding the March 17, 2017 announcement to replace Kelly Road Secondary School.

##### 4.2 Beverly Elementary School – Spread the Net

Trustee Wiebe congratulated Beverly Elementary on being awarded Canada's first place winner in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Rick Mercer Spread the Net Student Challenge. Mr. Wiebe stated the school raised \$26,900 to purchase malaria-preventing bed nets in Africa.

##### 4.3 Heather Park Elementary School – Science Fair

Trustee Warrington commented on the success of the first Science Fair held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Heather Park Elementary School.

**4.4 Central Interior Science – UNBC**

Superintendent Marilyn Marquis-Forster advised students from across the region participated in the Central Interior Science Fair held at UNBC on April 1, 2017. She stated some of those students will have an opportunity to move on and present at a national level.

**4.5 Giscome Elementary School**

Trustee Harris commended Giscome Elementary on the success of the recent machine markets event held at Giscome Elementary School. He reported that students had an opportunity to build a mechanical device and prepare a marketing strategy for the device.

**4.6 Westwood Elementary School – Pancake Breakfast**

Trustee Harris commented on the success of the community breakfast held by Westwood Elementary on March 30, 2017. Mr. Bennett stated the event was well attended and well received.

**4.7 RCMP Youth Academy**

Trustee Bennett reported on the RCMP Youth Academy graduation held at Kelly Road Secondary School on March 18, 2017. Mr. Bennett advised the academy was coordinated through the school district's Career Program Department. He congratulated the academy graduates.

**5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS****5.1 Regular Public Meeting**

The minutes of the regular public meeting of February 28, 2017 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 February 28, 2017 and the special in camera meeting of March 7, 2017 was approved.

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

6.1 Motion to Record Votes

MOVED and SECONDED

That the votes in the positive, negative and abstentions be recorded on all motions considered at this meeting.

CARRIED

All Trustees that were present voted in favour of the motion.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 Springwood Elementary School

Trustee Warrington reviewed the recommendations and background to re-open Springwood Elementary School effective September 1, 2017 that were included in the agenda.

Nino Maletta, General Manager Facility Services and Barry Beppe, Energy and Sustainable Conservation Coordinator presented a PowerPoint presentation that provided an overview of the existing Springwood Elementary facility. Mr. Maletta and Mr. Beppe responded to questions from the Trustees.

Marilyn Marquis-Forster, Superintendent and Allan Reed, Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Springwood Elementary School, Facility Number 57089, located at 4600 Zral Road, Prince George, B.C., be reopened effective September 1, 2017 as an elementary school enrolling students in Grades Kindergarten to 7.

CARRIED

All Trustees that were present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the catchment area for Springwood Elementary School, and the revised catchment areas for Heather Park Elementary School, and Glenview Elementary School, attached as Appendix A, B, and C, be approved.

CARRIED

All Trustees that were present voted in favour of the motion.

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MOVED and SECONDED

THAT students currently enrolled in Grade 6 in the proposed new catchment area for Springwood Elementary School be permitted to remain at their current school for Grade 7.

CARRIED

All Trustees that were present voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT a Student Transfer Process specific to the reopening of Springwood Elementary, in accordance with Policy 5119 School Catchment Areas, Registration and Student Transfer, be set from April 10 to 21, 2017.

CARRIED

All Trustees that were present voted in favour of the motion.

## 7.2 Notice of Motions

Trustee Bennett drew attention to the five notices of motion being brought forward by Trustee Bella to be presented at the April 25, 2017 regular public meeting and that were included in the agenda package.

The Chair called a recess at 8:48 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

## 8. **EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE**

### 8.1 Committee Report

Trustee Wiebe reported on the Education Services Committee meeting held on March 6, 2017. Agenda items included an update on Energy and Sustainable Conservation for the period September to December 2016, review of the Annual Facility Grant five year plan and the review of the summary of radon screening results completed by Central Interior Building Consultants Inc. between August and December 2016 in 46 school district facilities.

Marilyn Marquis-Forster advised when school ventilation systems are in use the school district does not have radon levels exceeding Heath Canada levels. She advised that some results of the screening results require further investigation. She stated a communication will be provided on the school district's website following the completion of the investigation.

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**9. POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**9.1 Committee Report**

Trustee Bennett reported on the Policy and Governance Committee meeting held on March 28, 2017. Agenda items included the review of proposed revisions to Policy 5123 Student Promotion, Communicating Student Learning and Reporting to align with the Ministry of Education's Interim Student Reporting Guidelines, an update on the progress of the review of draft Policy 5131 Student Code of Student Conduct by senior administration. Mr. Bennett advised the committee has referred the feedback on Draft Policy 5144 Physical Restraint and Seclusion in School Settings to senior administration for further review.

**9.2 Draft Policy 6145 Student Transportation and Travel**

Trustee Bennett reviewed the recommendation and rationale to approve the revisions to draft Policy 6145 Student Transportation and Travel that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the draft Policy 6145 Student Transportation and Travel be approved.

CARRIED

All Trustees that were present voted in favour of the motion.

**10. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

**10.1 2017/18 and 2018/19 District Calendars**

John McLay, Assistant Superintendent reviewed and discussed the recommendation and rationale for the 2017/18 and 2018/19 district calendars with the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the proposed local school calendars for the 2017-2018 be received as amended and 2018-2019 school years be adopted.

CARRIED

Trustee Bennett expressed concerns regarding the school district having a two week spring break.

Trustees Cable, Harris, Hooker, Warrington, and Wiebe voted in favour of the motion.

Trustee Bennet was opposed to the motion.

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10.2 Superintendent of Schools

No report provided.

11. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

11.1 BC School Trustees' Association

Trustee Warrington reported that the BC School Trustees' Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting on April 20 to 22<sup>nd</sup> in Richmond, BC.

11.2 District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Harris reported on the District Parent Advisory Council meeting held on March 6, 2017. Items of discussion included the advisory council's participation in the upcoming Expanded Committee of the Whole meeting to consult on the 2017/18 school district budget, review and request for input for the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting with Trustees and a reminder of the 60 day consultation period of draft Policy 4112.5 Administrative Appointments. Mr. Harris stated an overview of the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was provided by the District Parent Advisory Council during the public input portion of this evening's meeting.

11.3 District Student Advisory Council

Trustee Wiebe reported on the District Student Advisory Council meetings of April 3, 2017. Agenda items included updates on the school district's Calendar Committee and a student meeting with City of Prince George councilors and senior City staff, UNBC, and CNC to investigate ways to improve education for students. The committee also received a presentation by Student Recruitment Advisors from the College of New Caledonia providing an overview of post-secondary programs and services available at the college.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Trustee Bennett drew the Board's attention to the letter dated February 20, 2017 from the Ministry of Education regarding additional information pertaining to the recent Student Learning Grant announcement that was included in the agenda.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary Treasurer