

Present:

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

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

Absent:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Additions to the agenda:

- Management and Finance Committee
  - Funding Model Review Update

The agenda was approved as amended.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Trudy Klassen spoke to her experience and the concerns heard from some community members while campaigning for the position of School Board Trustee.

Don Sabo spoke in support of the new trustee electoral areas for the school district and the election of Trustees from each of those areas. Mr. Sabo noted that the school district will now have additional support when advocating for vulnerable students.

Joanne Hapke representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association extended congratulation to the Trustees Elect and thanked those Trustees leaving their role of Trustee.

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4. **SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

4.1 Teacher Librarian of the Year Award

The Board Chair congratulated Leisbet Beaudry, Teacher Librarian at Lac des Bois Elementary on being named a BC Teacher Librarian Association Teacher Librarian of the Year.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

5.1 Public Meeting

Corrections:

- 6.2.2 French Immersion Programming

The record of the amended motion was corrected as follows:

Trustees Hooker, Perrin and Warrington voted in favour of the amended motion.

Trustees Bennett, Cable and Harris were opposed to the amended motion.

The discussion returned to the original motion, and it was DEFEATED.

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

Trustees Bennett, Hooker and Perrin were opposed to the motion.

The minutes of the regular public meeting of September 25, 2018 were adopted as amended.

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 25, 2018 and special in camera meetings of October 3 and October 9, 2018 was approved.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

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**7. MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**7.1 Committee Report**

Trustee Warrington reviewed and discussed the October 2018 Management and Finance Committee Report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Management and Finance Committee meeting held on October 22, 2018 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

**7.2 Funding Model Review Update**

Trustee Warrington reported that the Trustees received a copy of the Deputy Minister's Bulletin dated October 19, 2018 regarding a funding model review update at a meeting earlier this evening. Ms. Warrington reviewed the information included in the bulletin and noted the motion that the Board of Education brought forward to the BCSTA Annual General Meeting to delay the implementation of the new funding formula.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education write a letter to the Minister of Education, BCSTA and the Ministry of Finance copied to partner groups reaffirming our motion passed at the BCSTA Annual General Meeting to delay the implementation of a new funding formula to September 2020.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

**8. EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**8.1 Committee Report**

Trustee Cable reviewed and discussed the October 2018 Education Programs and Planning Committee Report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Education Programs and Planning Committee meeting held on October 23, 2018 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

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8.2 Official Crest for Certified SD57 Therapy Dogs

The Superintendent reviewed the recommendation and background that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education approves the crest as presented as the official crest for certified School District No. 57 (Prince George) therapy dogs.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

9. **EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE**

9.1 Committee Report

Trustee Wiebe noted that the September 2018 Education Services Committee Report was included in the agenda package in error and referred to the handout provided for October 2018.

Trustee Wiebe reviewed the October 2018 Education Services Committee Report .

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Education Services Committee meeting held on October 15, 2018 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

9.2 Duchess Park Secondary Capacity Status and Initiatives Report

Trustee Wiebe reviewed the Report to the Board titled *Current Student Capacity Status at Duchess Park Secondary School and Initiatives* prepared by the Superintendent that was included in the agenda package.

Trustee Warrington noted the need for a short and long-term plan to address catchment and capacity.

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9.3 Vanway Elementary School – Outdoor Learning Space

Trustee Wiebe reviewed the recommendation and rationale for the installation of an Open Learning Space at Vanway Elementary School that was included in the agenda package. Mr. Wiebe drew attention to the graphic of the outdoor learning space that was also included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the installation of an Open Learning Space, as proposed by the school and funded by a \$20,000 donation in memory of a former teacher of the District, be approved.

CARRIED

10. **POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

10.1 Committee Report

Trustee Perrin drew attention to the October 2018 Policy and Governance Committee Report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Policy and Governance Committee meeting held on October 16, 2018 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

10.2 Draft Policy 3514.5 Global Positioning System Equipment in District Owned Vehicles

Trustee Perrin reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the proposed new Policy 3514.5 Global Positioning System (GPS) in School District Owned Vehicles be approved for distribution to reference groups for input.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

**11. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS****11.1 Superintendent of Schools**

The Superintendent stated that at the regular public meeting held on September 25, 2018 the Board of Education provided approval for the school district to enter into an agreement as a participating district of the educational agreements between British Columbia and France for the purpose of education collaboration.

Ms. Marquis-Forster drew attention to the Master of Educational Cooperation Agreement between the Academy of Martinique and the School District No. 57 (Prince George) Board of Education that was included in the agenda package. Ms. Marquis-Forster reported that she attended the signing ceremony held in Vancouver on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Superintendent reported that Scott MacDonald, Deputy Minister of Education visited the school district on October 9<sup>th</sup>. She drew attention to the meeting and visitation schedule that was included in the agenda package.

**12. TRUSTEE REPORTS****12.1 BC School Trustees' Association**

Trustee Warrington provided a reminder to the Trustees Elect of the BCSTA Trustee Academy being held in Vancouver on November 29 to December 1, 2018.

**12.2 District Student Advisory Council**

Trustee Wiebe reported on the District Student Advisory Council meeting held on October 1, 2018. Agenda items included the review of the council's mission statement, 2018/19 agenda planning, Policy 1160 Role of the Board, and standing committee meeting of the Board.

**13. TRUSTEE RECOGNITION**

The Board Chair and Superintendent, on behalf of School District No. 57 (Prince George) made a presentation and thanked departing Trustees Cable, Harris, Hooker, Perrin and Wiebe for their hard work and dedication over the past years.

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14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- Letter dated September 24, 2018 from Rob Fleming, Minister of Education regarding the school district's request for funding to support the transition to the new Trustee Electoral Areas.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary Treasurer