

Present:

Tim Bennett, Chair
Sharel Warrington, Vice-Chair
Betty Bekkering, Trustee
Trent Derrick, Trustee
Ron Polillo, Trustee
Bob Thompson, Trustee
Shuirose Valimohamed, Trustee

Rod Allen, Superintendent of Schools
Darleen Patterson, Secretary Treasurer
Diane Nygaard, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as published.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Chief Clayton Pountney, Lheidli T'enneh First Nation acknowledged the recent passing of Elder Robert Frederick. Chief Pountney provided an overview of the history National Indigenous Leaders call to government leaders to implement improvements in the way Indigenous students are seen and supported in the education system and the recent Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action Report and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People. The Chief requested that the Board of Education supports their efforts to have one of the seven Trustee positions filled by a Lheidli T'enneh member to ensure that all Indigenous students are supported properly. A written copy of the presentation was provided to the Board of Education as a handout.

Daryl Beauregard representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association commented on the positive new proposals for programs and activities for students and teachers that have been supported by the Board. Mr. Beauregard also commented on the collective bargaining proposal brought forward by the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association and requested that the Board speak against the proposal.

Karen Wong representing CUPE 3742 commented on the National CUPE campaign regarding violence in the workplace "*It's Not Part of the Job*". Ms. Wong recited a number of submissions of CUPE 3742 members being injured by a student in the workplace. She advised that this concern was brought forward to the District Health Advisory Committee where most of the issues have been resolved. Ms. Wong also drew attention to the CUPE 3742 submission included in the report of the Report of the Expanded Committee of the Whole 2019-2020 Budget Consultation that was published in the agenda package.

Andrea Beckett representing the District Parent Advisory Council stated that catchment and capacity and the use of portables in the school district is a common concern heard from parents. Ms. Beckett stated that the advisory council would like to work with the school district in the development of a plan to address these concerns.

4. **SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

The Board Chair stated that the Board of Education has appointed Rod Allen as Interim Superintendent and welcomed Rod Allen to the school district.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

5.1 Regular Public Meeting of April 30, 2019

The minutes of the regular public meeting of April 30, 2019 were adopted as published.

5.2 Record of In Camera Meeting Minutes

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the regular in camera meeting of April 29, 2019 and the special in camera meetings of May 6, May 13, May 14 at 4 p.m. and May 14, 2019 at 6 p.m. was approved.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Ad Hoc Committee on BC Poverty Reduction Strategy Food Security – Terms of Reference

Trustee Derrick reviewed and discussed the recommendation, background and draft Terms of Reference that was included in the agenda package with Trustees.

Trustees requested that the membership of the Ad Hoc Committee on BC Poverty Reduction Strategy Food Security be revised to include representatives from the Aboriginal Education Committee and District Student Advisory Council.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Terms of Reference of the Ad Hoc Committee on BC Poverty Reduction Strategy Food Security be approved as amended.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7.1 Ad Hoc Committee – Truth and Reconciliation and United Nations

Trustee Derrick discussed a recommendation and the rationale regarding the Notice of Motion with Trustees that was brought forward at the April 30, 2019 regular public meeting.

Moved and Seconded

That School District No. 57 (Prince George) form an Ad Hoc Committee to review how the school district can implement calls to action for the Truth and Reconciliation Report as well as the United Nations declaration for the rights of Indigenous people.

Carried

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

8. **EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE**

8.1 Committee Report

Trustee Polillo reviewed the May 2019 Education Services Committee Report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Education Services Committee meeting held on May 6, 2019 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

8.2 Prince George Secondary School - Smokehouse

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

Conrad Turner, Vice Principal Prince George Secondary School provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed installation of a Smokehouse at Prince George Secondary School.

Mr. Turner responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the installation of an 8' x 10' Smokehouse to be located behind the existing Aboriginal Education Outdoor Learning Space at Prince George Secondary School be approved.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

9. **MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

9.1 Committee Report

Trustee Warrington reviewed and discussed the May 2019 Management and Finance Committee of the Whole Report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Management and Finance Committee of the Whole meeting held on May 13, 2019 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

9.2 Report of the Budget Consultation – Expanded Committee of the Whole

Trustee Warrington reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was included in the agenda package. Ms. Warrington drew attention to the Report of the Expanded Committee of the Whole 2019-2020 Budget Consultation was also included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Report of the Expanded Committee of the Whole 2019-2020 Budget Consultation be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

9.3 Annual Budget Bylaw

Trustee Warrington noted that under Section 113 (1) of the *School Act*, the Board was required to adopt, by bylaw, an annual budget on or before June 30 each year for the next fiscal year. She noted that the Act also required a bylaw to be given three distinct readings and that all three readings could be given at one meeting if the trustees present at the meeting agree unanimously to do so.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Annual Budget Bylaw 2019-2020 be given first reading.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Annual Budget Bylaw 2019-2020 be given second reading.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

The Secretary Treasurer provided a PowerPoint presentation “*2019/2020 Annual Public Board Meeting Budget Briefing*” related to the budget document that was included in the agenda package. A copy of the presentation was available to the gallery as a handout.

Ms. Patterson responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That, in accordance with Section 68 (4) of the School Act, all three readings of Annual Budget Bylaw 2019-2020 be given at tonight’s meeting.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Annual Budget Bylaw 2019-2020 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

10. EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

10.1 Committee Report

Trustee Derrick reviewed the May 2019 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 May 21, 2019 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

10.2 Senior Secondary Night School Program Pilot

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

The Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the proposed senior secondary night school program pilot be approved.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

10.3 Schedule of Fees and Deposits

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

Assistant Superintendent Heitman drew attention to the reference to Policy 5101 Financial Hardship included in the schedule of fees and deposits.

Assistant Superintendent Heitman responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That, in accordance with section 82(6) of the School Act and Ministerial Order 236/07, the Schedule of Fees and Deposits for 2019 - 2020 be approved and published.

CARRIED

The Superintendent responded to questions from the Trustees.

All Trustees in attendance voted in favour of the motion.

11. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

11.1 Aboriginal Education Committee

Trustee Warrington reviewed the report of the Aboriginal Education Committee meeting held on May 11, 2019 that was included in the agenda package.

11.2 BCPSEA Update

Trustee Bekkering reviewed the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association Communications Advisory dated May 24, 2019 regarding key issues and questions regarding collective bargaining.

11.3 BC School Trustees' Association

Trustee Polillo drew attention to correspondence included in the agenda package.

- Letter of Congratulations to Stephanie Higginson, President British Columbia School Trustees Association and Board of Directors dated May 15, 2019
- Letter of Appreciation to Gordon Swan, Past President British Columbia School Trustees Association dated May 20, 2019

11.4 District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Thompson reviewed the report on the District Student Advisory Council meeting held on May 6, 2019 that was included in the agenda package.

11.5 District Student Advisory Council

Trustee Polillo reviewed the report on the District Student Advisory Council meeting held on May 6, 2019 that was included in the agenda package.

11.6 Liaison Updates

11.6.1 Trustee Bekkering

Trustee Bekkering reviewed the report of Trustee Liaison update that was included in the agenda package.

11.6.2 Trustee Derrick

Trustee Derrick reviewed the report of Trustee Liaison update that was included in the agenda package.

11.6.3 Trustee Polillo

Trustee Polillo reviewed the report of Trustee Liaison update that was included in the agenda package.

11.6.4 Trustee Warrington

Trustee Warrington reviewed the report of Trustee Liaison update that was included in the agenda package.

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- Letter of Congratulations to Stephanie Higginson, President British Columbia School Trustees Association and Board of Directors dated May 15, 2019
- Letter of Appreciation to Gordon Swan, Past President British Columbia School Trustees Association dated May 20, 2019
- Letter of Appreciation to Dominic Frederick, Lheidli T'enneh First Nation dated May 20, 2019
- Letter of Congratulations to Chief Clayton Pountney, Lheidli T'enneh First Nation dated May 21, 2019

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer