



School District No. 59 (Peace River South)

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 59

11600 – 7TH Street, Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4R8

Open Board Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: June 19, 2024 – 1:00 PM

PLACE: School Board Office, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Trustees:
C. Anderson (Chair)
C. Hillton (Vice-Chair) via zoom
R. Gulick
S. Mounsey
A. Schurmann via zoom
C. Wards

C. Fennell, Superintendent
K. Morris, Secretary-Treasurer
R. Schwartz, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: T. Jones

Called to Order – 1:05 PM

The Board Chair acknowledged that we share this territory with the people of Treaty 8.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions: Nil

Deletions: R4.2 International Student Trip to Europe – DCSS Central

(2024-06-006)

MOVED/SECONDED – Wards/Gulick

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 59 (Peace River South) approve the June 19, 2024 Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

CARRIED

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2024

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2024-06-007)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting of May 15, 2024 approved as presented.

R1.2 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting – May 15, 2024

(2024-06-008)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed Board meeting of May 15, 2024 approved as presented.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

3.0 ESSENTIAL ITEMS

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

R4.1 Gwillim Flag Design Contest Winner

School District No. 59 recently held a contest inviting students from across the district to submit a flag design for the outdoor recreation site at Gwillim Lake. Students were asked to submit a design that was a colourful representation of all the Gwillim site has to offer. In addition, students were required to provide a written description outlining why they chose the images and colours they used for their design. In total, sixty-four submissions were received.

Congratulations to Chloe Park for the winning design that truly represents so many aspects of the outdoor recreation site. All sixty-four submissions are currently hanging in the Young Building at the Pat O'Reilly Outdoor Education Site. Chloe was presented with a framed picture of her design.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

R6.1 School/Student News

The Superintendent reported school/student news:

- School spirit is evident at Canalta Elementary with themed spirit days, house team challenges, a spring concert, and mural painting. The school library is the hub of the school hosting 70 library club meetings, 24 maker space sessions and 6545 books have been circulated over the year. Canalta has also started an after-school art club.
- Intermediate students at Pouce Coupe Elementary School completed a legacy project in collaboration with the Village of Pouce Coupe and the Art Gallery. Each year, students submit mural designs to the Village Council to select one design to be painted on the Boards around the hockey rink.
- Don Titus Elementary students had fun during Spirit Week which included Twin Day, Western Day, Wacky Wednesday, Backwards Day, and Construction Day. Don Titus

also supports multi-age learning teams that allow the students to work together from different grades. The teams had fun participating in hiking, cooking, archery, drama, cheer, STEM activities, art, dance, card making, and visits to the local recreation centre and public library.

- The Career Life Exploration 10 class at Tumbler Ridge Senior Secondary went to Gwillim Lake for a day of team building. The TRSS K.A.R.T.S. project was a tremendous success! The students maneuverer their go-karts through an obstacle course on race day, including a pit stop that had students completing a safety check on the kart before it went back out on the racecourse. At the end of the project, the go-karts were auctioned off with proceeds going to charity.
- Devereaux Elementary intermediate students spent a day at Northern Lights College. The students toured the college in the morning and spent the afternoon in the wood shop building beading loom frames. The students then learned how to bead bracelets, wampum belts, and backpack charms. Students also had fun riding their bikes in and around the school during their annual Bike Week. The week started with an assembly on World Bike Day.
- Crescent Park Elementary has been focusing on Caring for Community. Students participated in community clean-ups and Ms. Bouchard's grade 6/7 class used recycled materials to create a bulletin Board display with the message to reduce, reuse, and recycle. The school held a door decorating contest and invited Mayor Dober to judge the event. The winning class received a pizza party! Students are also excited about the new Gaga pit!
- Kindergarten to Grade 3 students at Moberly Lake Elementary made ribbon skirts to wear for National Indigenous Peoples Day.
- Ms. Waddell's class at Tremblay Elementary created a Kindness Wall that started at the beginning of the year. The kindness wall allowed students to write kind things about one another! Everyone in the class had their own paper that had kind words all about them. The Kindness Wall was posted outside their classroom during Pride Week.
- Ecole Frank Ross held a summer concert where students sang, danced, and played instruments. Students are also having fun with the gymnastics circuit in their PE class.
- Dawson Creek Secondary School – South Peace Campus musical theatre program presented the musical Mamma Mia.
- The following principal announcements were made:
 - Matthew Fox – Vice-Principal at Tumbler Ridge Senior Secondary
 - Adam Barron – Vice Principal at Dawson Creek Senior Secondary - Central Campus (new position)
 - Sue Wakeham – Tremblay Elementary

R6.2 2024-2028 Strategic Plan

The final draft of the 2024-2028 Strategic Plan was presented to the Board for approval. The plan outlines the top three priorities established by the Board of Education themed from the environmental scans and stakeholder engagement and consultations.

An operational plan will be developed that identifies initiatives to meet the goals in each priority.

(2024-06-009)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Schurmann

THAT the Board approve the 2024-2028 Strategic Plan as presented.

CARRIED

R6.3 Access Zones Around Schools

On May 31st, 2024, the Province enacted access zones around schools to protect B.C.'s K-12 students and staff. The Safe Access to Schools Act gives the Province the legal authority to prohibit people from interfering with safe access to school grounds. This includes behaviour such as yelling that causes disruption to school programs and activities or holding signs with slogans that cause concern for the safety of students and staff. The current enactment will expire on June 30, 2024.

R6.4 Principal Retreat

The District and Principal and Vice-Principal Association will be hosting an administration retreat at the Gwillim Lake Educational site from August 25-26, 2024. The retreat is a great way to build connections and relationships among all the principals and district staff.

As per policy 5190, the use of alcohol at school district facilities is only permitted by Board approval. The Superintendent requested the Board to approve serving alcohol with dinner on August 25, 2024.

(2024-06-010)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Hillton

THAT the Board of Education of School District No.59 (Peace River South) approve for alcohol to be served at the principal retreat at the Gwillim Lake Educational Site on August 25, 2024.

CARRIED

7.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R7.1 Finance Reports

The Secretary Treasurer presented the monthly finance reports for April and May 2024.

R7.2 2025-2026 Five-Year Annual Capital Plan

The Secretary Treasurer presented the major and minor capital projects. The Minor Capital submission includes Carbon Neutral Capital Projects, Playground Enhancements and School Enhancements projects.

The Major Capital Plan includes a gym addition request for Moberly Lake Elementary and a replacement of Chetwynd Secondary/Windrem Elementary and Canalta Elementary schools.

The district will receive confirmation in Spring 2025 upon receipt of the Ministry's capital response letter.

(2024-06-011)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Wards

In accordance with provisions under section 142 (4) of the School Act, the Board of Education of School District No.59 (Peace River South) hereby approves the proposed Five-Year Capital Plan (Minor Capital Programs) for 2025/26, as provided on the Five-Year Capital Plan Summary for 2025/26 submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

CARRIED

(2024-06-012)

MOVED/SECONDED – Wards/Gulick

In accordance with provisions under section 142 (4) of the School Act, the Board of Education of School District No. 59 (Peace River South) hereby approves the proposed Five-Year Capital Plan (Major Capital Programs) for 2025/26 as provided on the Five-Year Capital Plan Summary for 2025/26 submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

CARRIED

R7.3 BCSTA Survey Results

Trustees reviewed the BCSTA provincial Trustee Compensation survey results, including stipend and travel and meal allowances and the analysis provided by the Secretary-Treasurer.

R7.4 Board Meeting Dates

The Board meeting dates for the 2024-25 school were presented. The dates will be posted on the district website.

R7.5 Secretary Treasurer Report – June 2024

The Secretary Treasurer's report for June was provided for information.

8.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R8.1 BCSTA Update – R. Gulick

Trustee Gulick presented the latest news and events from the BCSTA.

Professional Learning Committee is planning for the Trustee Academy to be held in November 2024.

BCSTA has announced the Provincial Council meetings held annually in February will permanently be offered by Zoom. The October meeting will remain as an in-person meeting.

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

R9.1 Indigenous Education Councils

The Dawson Creek Indigenous Council is preparing to host celebrations for National Indigenous Peoples Day. The celebrations will be held on June 25th to not coincide with high school graduation events. The event is public and will include a barbeque, cultural activities, and student achievement awards.

Celebrations in Chetwynd also include the event organized by Tansi Friendship Centre to be hosted at Spirit Park on June 21st.

R9.2 Policy Committee

The Policy Committee recommended the following policies and regulations:

(2024-06-013)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Wards

THAT the Board approve Policy and Regulation 5190 Use of School Facilities as presented.

CARRIED

Regulation 4370 District Code of Conduct was revised to meet the amended *Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order* that came into effect on April 12, 2024.

The amended order states that Boards must ensure codes of conduct include one or more statements about restricting the use of personal digital devices (any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate or to access the internet, such as a cell phone or a tablet) at school. Boards of Education must ensure codes of conduct include statements about restricting the use of personal digital devices to:

- Reduce distractions in classrooms and support focused learning environments
- Foster online safety, and
- Promote provincial consistency.

School Districts must submit their Code of Conduct to the Ministry by July 1, 2024 to comply with the Order.

10.0 DIARY

11.0 QUESTION PERIOD

A question-and-answer period was provided.

12.0 FUTURE BUSINESS

R12.1 – Regular Board Meeting – September 25, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

(2024-06-014)

MOVED – Wards

THAT the Regular Meeting of June 19, 2024 be adjourned. (2:25 PM)

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Original Signed by
C. Anderson, Board Chair

Original Signed by
K. Morris, Secretary Treasurer