



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.54 (Bulkley Valley)
MARCH 22, 2022
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, SMITHERS BC**

PRESENT: Trustees: F. Farrell, L. Kearns, F. Krishan, J. Williams,
Trustee Regrets: J. Krauskopf, P. Michell
Trustee Absence: E. Quinlan
Staff: M. McDiarmid – Superintendent
M. Monkman – Assistant Superintendent
D. Margerm – Secretary Treasurer
B. Kingsmill – Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

2. TRADITIONAL WELCOME / OPENING REMARKS

- Chairperson Williams acknowledged that we are gathered on the home of the Wit'suwit'en Nation, traditional territories of the Gidmt'en – Bear Wolf Clan.
- Chairperson Williams welcomed all guests present. Chairperson Williams commented that she felt happy looking through the board package, noticed "normal things" being announced again ie: Sports Banners, overnight field trips, SSS musical theatre production.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee Krishan and seconded by Trustee Farrell.*

"That the agenda be accepted as presented."

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- The Chairperson asked if there were any corrections to the regular meeting minutes of the February 22, 2022 or the synopsis of the in-camera meeting minutes of February 22, 2022. There being none, the regular meeting minutes of February 22, 2022 and the synopsis of the in-camera meeting minutes of February 22, 2022 were declared approved as presented.

5. LEARNING PORTION: SD54 Student Physical Literacy initiative presented by teachers Mr. Fehr and Ms. von Seydlitz.

6. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Superintendent McDiarmid presented a district update to the Board: 17 District / Authority Scholarships will be available for our graduating student to apply for this year. Presentations will take place the week of May 16th. Some COVID restrictions have been modified / removed.

- Superintendent McDiarmid presented the district-based initiatives to the Board. Student led conferences will be held in person on March 30 and 31st.
- Superintendent McDiarmid presented the school-based initiatives report to the Board. School Basketball has wrapped up for the year. The SSS wrestling team is headed to Nationals in April after winning their zones. The SSS Ski and Snowboard team traveled to Golden BC to take part in the BC High School Provincials and brought home three provincial banners. SSS Grad/ Staff Hockey game will make its return this year. The SSS Musical Theatre is perform a musical adaptation of Twelfth Night "*What you Will*" on April 8-10th, 2022.

Field Trip Proposals

- The following field trips have been approved by the Assistant Superintendent:
- **SSS** – Senior Outdoor Education students from Smithers Secondary to take part in the following field trips:

| Excursion Date | Destination | Purpose | # of Students |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Feb 21-25, 2022 | Lake Kathlyn | Ice Rescue Skills | 24 |
| March 10, 2022 | Hankin Backcountry | Ski/Snowshoe Trip | 16 |
| March 31-April 2 | Silver King Basin | Hiking Trip | 16 |
| May 18-19, 2022 | Dennis Lake | Overnight Survival Campout | 16 |
| May 23 -June 3, 2022 | Lake Kathlyn | Canoe Skills | 24 |
| June 8-10, 2022 | Nanika Kidprice | Multi-Day Canoe Trip | 16 |

All Board requirements were met for these trips.

Operations

- **2022-2023 Budget and Staffing** – The staffing process for the 2022-2023 has begun. The District's strategic plan has been guiding senior administration through this process.

7.a) OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- Operations Committee Chairperson Kearns presented the Operations Committee's Report from the March 8th, 2022 committee meeting.
- Next meeting date Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 @ 3:00pm

7.b) POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

- Policy Committee Chairperson Krishan presented the Policy Committee's Report from the March 8th, 2022 committee meeting.
- **Trustee Orientation** - The committee recommended that Mr. Margerm draft a policy based on the previous committee discussions and will bring it to the April committee meeting for review.
- **Board Self Evaluation** – Chairperson Williams, or designate will organize a package for distribution to trustees for the upcoming retreat meeting.
- **Board Reading File** - Mr. Margerm will research whether there are any policies on board reading files in other districts and report to the committee in April.
- Next meeting date Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 @ 3:00pm

7.c) TRUSTEE REPORTS

- No Trustee Reports this month

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No unfinished business

9. NEW BUSINESS

- **9.1) 2022 Trustee Stipends** – The Committee makes no recommendations to the Board in regards to a trustee stipend increase. This allows for a 2.8% increase to the trustee stipend as of July 1, 2022.

MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee Kearns and seconded by Trustee Krishan.*

“That the Board NOT accept the 2.8% increase stipend as of July 1, 2022.”

*Two for (Krishan / Farrell)
Two Opposed (Kearns & Williams)*

Motion defeated

-
- The Board had a robust discussion on the Trustee stipend increases past and present.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- The Trustees received the March 31, 2022 expenditure report in their package.

11. READING FILE

MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Krishan.*

“That the information contained in the Trustee Reading File be received and filed.”

CARRIED

12. CLOSING REMARKS

- Closing Remarks – Next regular Board Meeting will be held on April 26, 2022, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Wiset Multi-Plex in Witset , BC.

14. ADJOURNED

- The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Approved by:



Approved by Les Kearns, Vice Chairperson on behalf of Jennifer Williams, Chairperson of the Board of Education



Dave Margem
Secretary Treasurer

DRAFT