



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 54 (BULKLEY VALLEY)
MARCH 15, 2016
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, SMITHERS, B.C.

PRESENT: Trustees: L. Kearns, B.J. Beaubien, F. Farrell, J. Williams, D. Hanson, P. Michell
Regrets: L. Collingwood
Staff: C. van der Mark – Superintendent of Schools
M. McDiarmid – Assistant Superintendent of Schools
D. Margerm – Secretary Treasurer
B. Kingsmill – Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm

2. OPENING REMARKS

- Chairperson Kearns acknowledged that we are conducting our meeting on the traditional territory of the Witsuwit'en'.
- Chairperson Kearns welcomed all the guests present. Trustee Collingwood sent her regrets. Chairperson Kearns spoke of his experience in Mexico where he saw a young child with shoe box with plastic dinosaurs inside. It was an Operation Christmas Child – Samaritan's Purse shoebox. He found it very touching to see this shoebox as he knows staff and students of SD54 participate filling these shoeboxes at Christmas time.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

"That the agenda be accepted as presented."

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- The Chair asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of February 16, 2016 or the synopsis of the in-camera meeting minutes of February 16, 2016. There being none, the minutes of February 16, 2016 and the synopsis of the in-camera meeting minutes of February 16, 2016 were declared approved as presented.

5. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Superintendent van der Mark presented the student achievement report to the Board. HSS student Denae Grange represented BC at the Las Vegas Invitational Rugby Tournament with the BC Elite Girls 7s – U 18 team. SSS Student Adam Kingsmill was invited by Hockey Canada to fly out to Toronto to participate in National Sledge Hockey Prospect and Development camp this past week. A very cool accomplishment for Mr. Kingsmill. March 17th is the Districts next early dismissal day for the New Curriculum training for our teachers. PVP= Enhancing student learning – reporting cycle reviewed and changed. Does the reporting timeline make sense? Ministry is becoming more flexible on timelines and what they look like.

- Superintendent van der Mark presented the district based initiatives report to the Board. Ms. Brownlie and Ms. Rutley lead SD4 primary teachers through an assessment workshop recently. On March 10 & 11 teachers from WPS and TES demonstrated lessons that were co-developed and co-presented. The February Education Forum topic was on Social Media and Internet Safety. SD54 had a number of students that participated in the annual NWCC Skills Canada Competition in Terrace. Ms. Veronica Portsch won Gold in the culinary division and will be heading to Abbotsford in April to participate in the Provincial Skills Canada Competition. The District Dogwood Scholarships have been increased to \$1,250 and SD54 has 19 scholarships to award this year. On March 9th the Grade 4's participated in the annual Learning Feast in Moricetown. Schools and district staff have begun working on potential staffing levels for the 2016-17 school year.
- Superintendent van der Mark presented the school based initiatives report to the Board. Anti-Bullying Day was held on Feb 24. Schools across the district participated in initiatives focused on bringing awareness and an end to bullying. SSS theatre and music program performed an amazing production of "*Beauty and the Beast*" to 5 sold out crowds. SSS Jr. Girls & Sr. Boys Basketball won their respective North West Zone Championships and just returned from Provincial Championships. Trent Monkman – averaged 46 points a game and got a second team all-star. Mr. Monkman also received one of five Basketball BC Scholarships. The SSS Curling team placed third in the Winter Games and second at the BC School Sports High School Curling Championships.

Field Trip Proposals

- The following field trips have been approved by the Assistant Superintendent:
 - TSE – Grade 4-7 Students from Twain Sullivan Elementary School to travel to Hudson Bay Mountain on March 7th and March 14th, 2016 for a day of skiing and snowboarding. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
 - SSS - One (1) Grade 9 student to travel to Burnaby to take part in a seminar during period of April 4-10th, 2016. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
- The following field trip requires approval by the Board of Education:
 - TES – 17 Grade 6/7 Students to travel to Bear Claw Lodge for their year-end celebrations on June 23-26, 2016. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.

MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Hanson.*

"The Board approves the proposed field trip to the Bear Claw Lodge as outlined."

CARRIED

6.a) COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ EDUCATION FORUM COMMITTEE

- Trustee Hanson provided a review of the February Education Forum on the Impact of Social Media – Implications for parents and teachers as young people "live their lives online". This forum will also be held in Houston. The date, time and location will be announced shortly. The next Education Forum will be held on Monday, April 25th at 5:00 pm at the School Board Office. The topic will be on the new curriculum.
 - Next Meeting Tuesday, April 5, 2016 @ 4:00pm.

6.b) OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- Trustee Williams presented the Operations Committee's Report from the March 1, 2016 committee meeting.
 - **Trustee stipend:** The Committee recommended that the trustee stipend not be increased for the 2016-2017 year.

MOTION: It was moved by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Beaubien.

"The Board approve that the Trustee stipend not be increased for the 2016 -2017 year."

CARRIED

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- Next Meeting Tuesday, April 5, 2016 @ 5:00pm.

6.c) POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

- On behalf of Policy Committee Chairperson Collingwood, Trustee Farrell presented the Policy Committee Report from the March 1, 2016 committee meeting.
 - **Traditional welcome:** The committee recommended that the Board approved the following language for the Board's First Nations Acknowledgement

MOTION: It was moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Hanson.

"The Board approved the following First Nations Acknowledgement to be given at all Board of Education meetings:

"Before we begin, I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered here today on the home of the Wit'suwit'en Nation, traditional territory of the _____."

Smithers opening: Gidmt'en - Bear Wolf Clan

Houston opening: Likhsilyu - Small Frog Clan

Moricetown opening: Likhsilyu - Small Frog Clan "

CARRIED

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- **Policy 1.185 - Trustee Professional Development:** The committee recommended that amended Policy 1.185 be sent out for public consultation.

MOTION: It was moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Beaubien.

"The Board approve that Policy 1.185- Trustee Professional Development be sent out for public consultation."

CARRIED

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- **Trustee School Visits – New:** The committee concluded there was no basis for making a recommendation to the Board for this new policy.
 - Next Meeting Tuesday, April 5, 2016 @ 3:00pm.

6.d) TRUSTEE REPORTS

- Trustee Hanson reported on her attendance at the Northern Aboriginal Education Symposium held on Feb 25th & 26th in Prince George.
- Trustee Farrell reported on his trip to the BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting on Feb 20th & 21st in Vancouver.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No unfinished business was submitted this month.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- **8.1) 2016-2017 Draft Calendar:** The operations committee recommended the approval of the 2016-2017 Draft Calendar.

MOTION: It was moved by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Michell.

"The Board approves the 2016- 2017 School Calendar. "

CARRIED

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- **8.2) Lake Kathlyn Consultation Update –** The Trustees had a discussion about the second consultation meeting, asked questions about the format for the third consultation meeting and asked questions to the senior administration that they needed clarification or answers to. Senior administration will answer the new "38 sticky" questions that came up from the Moricetown meeting and have them posted on the District website within the week.

9. EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

- The February 29th, 2016 expenditure summary was included in the Trustee Board packages.

10. READING FILE

MOTION: It was moved by Trustee Beaubien and seconded by Trustee Farrell.

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

CARRIED

11. CLOSING REMARKS

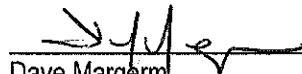
- The next Special School Board meeting will be held on April 12th, 2016 commencing at 6:30 pm at the Lake Kathlyn Elementary School.
- The next regularly scheduled School Board meeting will be held on April 19th, 2016 commencing at 7:00 pm at the Moricetown Multi-Plex.

12. ADJORNED

- The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.



Approved by Les Kearns, Chairperson
of the Board of Education



Dave Margem
Secretary Treasurer