



School District No. 54 (BULKLEY VALLEY)

AGENDA REGULAR BOARD MEETING JUNE 21, 2016 SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE , SMITHERS, B.C. 7:00PM

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Tradional Welcome / Opening Remarks
- 3) Adoption of Agenda
- 4) Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2016
Synopsis In-Camera Meeting – May 17, 2016
- 5) Administration Report C. van der Mark Report Attached
- 6) Committee Reports
 - a) Community Relations / Education Forum Committee D. Hanson Report Attached
 - b) Operations Committee J. Williams Report Attached
 - c) Policy Committee L. Collingwood Report Attached
 - d) Trustee Report J. Williams Report Attached
- 7) Unfinished Business
 - 7.1) 2016-2017 Annual Budget Bylaw
- 8) New Business
 - 8.1) Achievement Contract
 - 8.2) Rural Education Enhancement Fund
- 9) Other Business
 - 9.1) Expenditure Summary – May 31, 2016
- 10) Reading File

Ltr. Frm. P. Rath re: LGBT2Q+ Thank you	May 2016 Enrolment
Ltr. Frm. Minister of Health & Education to T. Rezansoff re: Refugee Students & Special Need Funding	
Ltr. Frm. Northern Health Community Consultation re: Stakeholder Invite to Growing up Healthy in Northern BC	
Ltr. Frm. R. Cuell re: Thank you	Ltr. Frm. E. Schuffert re: Thank you
Ltr. Frm. SD05 to M. Bernier & deJong re: SD05 Replacement Objective	
Ltr. Frm. SD05 to M. Bernier re: Minister's Interview with CBC's Early Edition	
Ltr. Frm. SD05 to SD69 Trustees re: SD69 letter regarding the Ministers Interview with CBC's Early Edition	
Ltr. Frm. SD08 to M. Bernier re: Visit and New Curriculum	Ltr. Frm. SD20 to M. Bernier re: Needs Budget Items
Ltr. Frm. SD28 News Release re: Budget Pressures	Ltr. Frm. SD48 to M. Bernier re: 2016-17 Funding
Ltr. Frm. SD57 to M. Bernier re: 2015-2016 Admin Savings	Ltr. Frm. SD57 to M. Bernier re: AFG 2016-2017
Ltr. Frm. SD61 to M. Bernier re: Budget Needs	

- 11) Closing Remarks - Next Board Meeting will be held on Septmeber 20, 2016 at the School Board Office in Smithers, commencing at 7:00 p.m.
- 12) Adjournment
- 13) Public Remarks**

NOTES:

Delegations: This item is intended to provide an opportunity to members of the public to make a presentation to the Board. Individuals wishing to be included on the agenda must submit a written request to the Secretary Treasurer at least one week prior to the meeting stating the subject of their presentation and including any background information to be considered by the Board.

****Public Remarks:** this item is intended to provide an opportunity to members of the public to make comments to the Board.



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 54 (BULKLEY VALLEY)
MAY 17, 2016
TWIN SULLIVAN ELEMENTARY, HOUSTON, B.C.**

PRESENT: Trustees: L. Kearns, B.J. Beaubien, F. Farrell, J. Williams, D. Hanson, P. Michell, 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 7:02pm

2. TRADITIONAL WELCOME / OPENING REMARKS

- Chairperson Kearns acknowledged that we gathered on the home of the Wit'suwit'en Nation, traditional territory of the Likhsilya and welcomed all guests present.
- Chairperson Kearns took part in the 19 District Scholarship Presentations. He thanked the trustees who participated and Assistant Superintendent McDiarmid for setting up the presentations. He said they were absolutely wonderful and found there is getting to be more variety in the presentations every year.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee F. Farrell and seconded by Trustee J. 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 April 19, 2016 or the synopsis of the in-camera meeting minutes of April 19, 2016. There being none, the minutes of April 19, 2016 and the synopsis of the in-camera meeting minutes of April 19, 2016 were declared approved as presented.

5. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Superintendent van der Mark presented the student achievement report to the Board. A Lake Kathlyn transition committee was established to ensure transition of students and artifacts goes smoothly. Teacher staffing for 2016-2017 had begun. Trent Monkman has committed to Thompson River University for next year. SSS Band traveled to Edmonton to participate in an international music festival. District Scholarship presentations have wrapped up. 19 SD54 students will receive \$1,250 towards their post-secondary education. Five female SSS students participated in a regional basketball camp in PG and two participated in the U15 Team BC SuperCamp in Langley. May Education forum will take place in Houston on May 24th. Topic will be social media and internet safety.
- Superintendent van der Mark presented the district based initiatives report to the Board. SD54 will be holding their annual year end celebration on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 to celebrate retirees and award long service pins to employees. Logan Lush, Brad Wellington and Jack de Rooy were the winners of the Grizzly Den with their "Frozen North" project. District Track meet will take place on June 3rd at SSS. Ready Set Learn will be held in Houston and

Smithers area schools from May 11-18th. NOII participants gathered in Vancouver on May 13-14 to attend a seminar led by Dr.'s Halbert and Kaser. Twain Elementary was visited by the HR McMillan Space Centre, and author Rebecca Bender. The Minerals North Conference will be taking place May 18-20 in Smithers and SD54 students will have the chance to participate. Teachers participated in collaboration days, co-planning and co-teaching in Houston at the end of April.

- Superintendent van der Mark presented the school based initiatives report to the Board. HSS graduation will be held on June 10th and SSS will hold theirs on June 25th. MME held their annual Concours - French speaking contest in April and Matthias DeGisi, Hannah Buchanan and Emily Hopley McCosker will travel to Vancouver to participate in the provincial competition. HSS and SSS Rugby girls teams are heading to the Provincials later in the month.

Field Trip Proposals

- **SIL** – 163 +/- Grade K-7 Students from Silverthorne Elementary School to travel to Rough Acres Bible Camp on June 24, 2016 to take part in the year-end school celebration. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
- **SIL** – 80 +/- Grade 4-7 Students from Silverthorne Elementary School to travel to Rough Acres Bible Camp on June 16, 2016 to take part in their year-end class celebration. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
- **SIL** – 23 +/- Grade 4 Students from Silverthorne Elementary School to travel to Ft. St. James June 13 - June 15, 2016. The purpose of this trip is to support student curriculum. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
- **WPS** – 51 +/- Grade 7 Students from Walnut Park Elementary School to travel to Camp Ness in Prince George on May 25-27, 2016 to take part in their year-end class celebration. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
- **WPS** – 47 +/- Grade 4 & 5 Students from Walnut Park Elementary School to travel to Ft. St. James June 16 - June 17, 2016. The purpose of this trip is to support student curriculum. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
- **SSS** - 3 Grade 11-12 students from Smithers Secondary School to travel to UNBC in Prince George to attend UNBC'S " Spring into Transition Program" from May 15 to May 21, 2016. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
- The following field trip requires approval in principle by the Board of Education:
 - **SSS** – 60 +/- Grade 10-12 SSS Sr. Concert Band and SSS Sr. Jazz Band Students travelling to Cuba to take part in the "Performance Tour of Cuba" for the during the period of April 21st – April 29, 2017. Departure date is subject to pending flight schedule from/to Smithers. Board approval will be subject to the required travel documentation being supplied to the board office including the finalized list of students travelling.

MOTION: It was moved by Trustee L. Collingwood and seconded by Trustee BJ Beaubien.

"The Board approves the proposed field trip to the CUBA in principal as outlined."

CARRIED

6.a) COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ EDUCATION FORUM COMMITTEE

- Trustee Hanson provided an overview on the April education forum which was on the new curriculum and invited everyone to the May 24th Education Forum in Houston. The topic will be on social media and internet safety. The forum will start at 7pm in the Houston Secondary School Library.
 - Next Meeting Tuesday, June 7, 2016 @ 4:00pm.

6.b) OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- Operations Chairperson Williams presented the Operations Committee's Report from the May 3, 2016 committee meeting.
 - Next Meeting Tuesday, June 7, 2016 @ 5:00pm.

6.c) POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

- Policy Committee Chairperson Collingwood presented the Policy Committee Report from the May 3, 2016 committee meeting. The committee recommended that Policy# 6.340 – Purchasing be approved as amended.

MOTION: It was moved by Trustee L. Collingwood and seconded by Trustee F. Farrell.

"The Board approve the amended Policy # 6.340 – Purchasing as outlined."

CARRIED

- Next Meeting Tuesday, June 7, 2016 @ 3:00pm.

6.d) TRUSTEE REPORTS

- Trustees Kearns, Farrell and Trustee Michell submitted trustee reports this month.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No unfinished business this month.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1) 2016-2017 Annual Budget Bylaw: The operations committee recommended that the 2016-2017 Annual Budget be approved in three readings.

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

"The Board proceed with the three readings for the 2016- 2017 Budget Bylaw."

- Chairperson Kearns asked for unanimous consent to do all three reading tonight for 2016 – 2017 Annual Budget Bylaw. Unanimous consent was not given.

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

"The Board proceed with the two readings for the 2016- 2017 Budget Bylaw."

CARRIED

ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW

A Bylaw of THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 54 (BULKLEY VALLEY) (called the "Board") to adopt the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2016/2017 pursuant to section 113 of the School Act, R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the "Act").

1. Board has complied with the provisions of the Act respecting the Annual Budget adopted by this bylaw.
2. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. 54 (Bulkley Valley) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2016/2017.
3. The attached Statement 2 showing the estimated revenue and expense for the

2016/2017 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$25,003,414 for the 2016/2017 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the Act.

4. Statement 2, 4 and Schedules 2 to 4 are adopted as the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2016/2017.

READ A FIRST TIME THE 17th DAY OF MAY, 2016;
READ A SECOND TIME THE 17th DAY OF MAY, 2016;
READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED AND ADOPTED THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2016;

(Corporate Seal)

NO SIGNATURE REQUIRED
Chairperson of the Board

NO SIGNATURE REQUIRED
Secretary Treasurer

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true original of School District No. 54 (Bulkley Valley) Annual Budget Bylaw 2016/2017 adopted by the Board the _____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

NO SIGNATURE REQUIRED
Secretary Treasurer

9. EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

- The April 30, 2016 expenditure summary was included in the Trustee Board packages.

10. READING FILE

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

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

CARRIED

11. CLOSING REMARKS

- The next regularly scheduled School Board meeting will be held on June 21, 2016 commencing at 7:00 pm at the School Board Office in Smithers.

12. ADJORNED

- The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm .

Approved by Les Kearns, Chairperson
of the Board of Education

Dave Margerm
Secretary Treasurer



SYNOPSIS
OF
IN-CAMERA MEETING
SCHOOL DISTRICT #54 (Bulkley Valley)
MAY 17, 2016
TWIN SULLIVAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HOUSTON B.C.

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:07pm and the Board resolved to go in-camera.

- The Chair asked if there were any corrections to the In-Camera meeting minutes of April 19, 2016. There being none, the In-Camera meeting minutes of April 19, 2016 declared approved as presented by the Chairperson.
- Administration reported on routine staffing issues.
- The Operations Committee reported on: personnel items; labour relations matters and real property issues.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:52pm.

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REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

to the
Board of Education
June 21, 2016

- **Administration Changes**— We are pleased to announce the arrival of Ms. Kirsten Froese as Principal of Telkwa Elementary, effective August 1, 2016. Ms. Forster will be assuming her new role at Muheim, Mr. Bond will be moving to Walnut Park, and Ms. Krall will be taking over Silverthorne.

We are also saying farewell to some of our administration. Mr. Cameron and Mr. Lockwood are retiring after a lengthy career in the Bulkley Valley and we wish them the very best on their next journey. Mr. Fehr will be relocating with his family to Indonesia for a couple of years, and though envious of the weather, we wish him and his family safe travels and a wonderful experience.

Student Achievement

- **Canada Wide Science Festival** : Two SSS students traveled to McGill University in Montreal to attend the National Science Fair sponsored in part by Youth Science Canada. Grade 12 Student Ellena Schuffert investigated the potential for running aircraft on biofuels and Grade 9 Student Rachel Cuell on silver by studying the possible impacts of climate change on lichen communities that grow on pine trees with her project "*Climate Change: Time to be Enlichended*".
- **District Scholarships**: Last week at the HSS commencement ceremony, five (5) Grade 12 students from Houston Secondary were each awarded a \$1,250 District scholarship respectively. Next weekend at the Smithers Secondary commencement ceremony, fourteen (14) Grade 12 students will each be awarded a \$1,250 District scholarship. Congratulations to all the award winners.
- **Education Forum** – The May education forum was held in Houston on May 24th. The top was on social media and internet safety. This same forum was held in February in Smithers.

INNOVATION / INITIATIVES

District Based Initiatives

- **National Aboriginal Day** - Today is National Aboriginal Day. It has been celebrated across the district at all of our schools starting last week. The many activities to celebrate Aboriginal culture and people, have been much appreciated by the staff and students alike. Thanks to all of the schools for their thoughtful and support to celebrate this special occasion.

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- **Year End Celebration** – On Wednesday, June 22, 2016 we will be recognizing retirees and employees who will be awarded long service pins. This event will take place at Smithers Golf Course from 5pm – 7:00pm. We encourage everyone to attend to recognize honoured staff members.
- **District Elementary Track**-- On Friday, June 3rd the Annual Elementary Track Meet was held at SSS. St. Joseph's won the small school trophy and Muheim wrestled back the large school trophy after a long run from Walnut Park! Thanks to all for making this event possible.
- **Frozen North Ice Cream**—As referenced last month, the winners of the Grizzly Den (hosted by the Chamber of Commerce) has begun to operate. Congratulations to these young entrepreneurs.
- **PLC/ Network of Inquiry and Innovation:** Educators from across SD#54 met last week to wrap up their year of learning. This year the work focused on their inquiry work and was guided by the visit of Yong Zhao and a review of his book, "World Class Learners".
- **District Initiatives (2016-17)** – As noted in Mr. Margerm's Budget, we are pleased to continue offering rich learning for our students and teachers next year. The Innovation program will continue and we are working towards finalizing the learning series for 2016-17.

School Based Initiatives

- **Graduation Ceremonies** – Graduation dates for Houston Secondary and Smithers Secondary are June 10th and June 25th, respectively.
- **Smithers Secondary Girls' Soccer**—Recently competed at the BC's and place 14th! The girls won their first ever game and Chantal Gammie scored 5 goals in their 6-1 victory!
- **Provincial Track and Field Results** – SD#54 had a number of athletes participate in the Provincial competition recently. Most events had 32 competitors. In no particular order here are the results:
 - Journey Fehr (Grade 8 Girls Invitational): 14th in 400m (personal best 66.74), 16th in 800m (2:43.40)
 - Seton Kriese (Senior Boys) - PB (and school record) of 7:17.67 for 6th place in 1500m racewalk, and 15th overall and 3rd in his flight with a PB of 6:35.22 in 2000m steeplechase
 - Trent Monkman (Senior Boys) - 11th in High Jump (1.80m), 27th in Long Jump with 5.20m
 - Chad Saville (Senior Boys) - 30th in 400m with personal best (PB) of 56.47
 - Ryan Williams (Senior Boys) - PB of 4:16.89 in 1500m (16th), and PB of 2:03.29 to finish 3rd in his heat and 17th overall in 800m
 - Noel Kossman (Senior Boys) - 22nd in 110m Hurdles (20.29), PB of 11.63 in 100m for 26th of 37, 24.42 into -3.1m/s headwind for 22nd overall, and 3rd in his heat
 - Haley Hanchard (Junior Girls) - 13.77 in 80m Hurdles (15th), 12th in pole vault with 1.90 equaling PB, 24th in 300m Hurdles in 53.57 (after she tripped and fell hard on the track immediately before racing)
 - Abby Anderson (Junior Girls) - PB of 14.78 in 80m Hurdles (23rd), 13th in pole vault with PB of 1.75m, 19th in 300m Hurdles with a PB of 52.10
 - Hannah Pow (Junior Girls) - 2nd in 800m with PB and another school record of 2:17.14 (which would have been second in Senior Girls too), after easily winning her heat in 2:26.73
 - Jaydin Haskins (Senior Boys) - 28th in 3000m in 10:20.43 in 3000m (was injured a month ago and hasn't really been able to run since)

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- Braelyn Berarducci (Junior Girls) - 17th in shot put with a PB of 8.96m, 23rd in Discus with 19.70m, 14th in Hammer with 27.97m
- Grace Allen (Junior Girls) - 4th in Pole Vault with 2.50m (though sprained an ankle 3 weeks ago playing soccer and hadn't been able to train since)
- Evan Doyle (Junior Boys) - 20th in Javelin with 34.41m, 7th in Pole Vault with PB of 2.90m
- **SSS Athletics Banquet**— Superintendent van der Mark had the chance to attend the re-vamped banquet and was really impressed with the energy and structure of the event and it appeared very much enjoyed by student athletes.

Field Trip Proposals

- The following field trips have been approved by the Assistant Superintendent:
 - **TES** – 100 +/- Grade K-7 Students from Telkwa Elementary School to travel to Tyhee Lake on June 27, 2016 to take part in the year-end school celebration. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
 - **TSE** – 48 +/- Grade 5-7 Students from Twain Sullivan to travel to Rough Acres Bible Camp on June 21, 2016 to take part in their year-end class celebration. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
 - **TSE** – 48 +/- Grade K-3 Students from Twain Sullivan to travel to Rough Acres Bible Camp on June 23, 2016 to take part in their year-end class celebration. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
 - **TSE** – 46 +/- Grade 3-5 Students from Twain Sullivan to travel to Rough Acres Bible Camp on June 20, 2016 to take part in their year-end class celebration. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
 - **SIL** – 30 +/- Grade 5-6 Students from Silverthorne Elementary to travel to Rough Acres Bible Camp on June 23-24, 2016 to take part in their year-end class celebration. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
 - **LKS** – 44 +/- Grade 4-7 Students from Lake Kathlyn Elementary to travel to Rough Acres Bible Camp on June 15, 2016 to take part in their year-end class celebration. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
 - **LKS** – 41 +/- Grade 4-7 Students from Lake Kathlyn Elementary to travel to Rough Acres Bible Camp on June 14, 2016 to take part in their year-end class celebration. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
 - **WPS** – 110 +/- Grade K-3 Students from Walnut Park Elementary School to travel to Tyhee Lake on June 17, 2016 to take part in the year-end school celebration. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.



AGENDA
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
June 7th, 2016 4:00 PM School Board Office

Voting Members	Administration
D. Hanson, Chair L. Collingwood, Alternate F. Farrell L. Kearns (ex officio)	C. van der Mark, Superintendent D. Margerm, Secretary Treasurer M. McDiarmid, Assistant Superintendent
Regrets:	

The meeting was conducted from 3:39 - 4:15 pm

Welcome: *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 Gidmt'en - Bear Wolf Clan."*

REPORT

1. IAP2's Public Participation System

Ms. Hanson spoke to the IAP2 framework she had found as a tool for Board use. The Committee discussed whether there was a need for the framework given current practice. It was suggested that the framework could be used as a tool at a trustee retreat. It was decided to have Ms. Hanson email IAP2 framework to other trustees for consideration.

2. Education Forum Update

Ms. Hanson reported that the Internet Safety Education Forum was delivered in Houston and well received. Mr. van der Mark reported that there will be no education forum in June and that the achievement report would be presented at the June Board meeting.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: September 13th, 2016 @ 4:00pm



OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
Regular

June 7th, 2016

5:00PM

School Board Office

Voting Members	Administration
J. Williams, Chair B. Beaubien, Alternate P. Michell L. Kearns (ex officio)	C. van der Mark, Superintendent D. Margerm, Secretary Treasurer M. McDiarmid, Assistant Superintendent E. Hildebrandt, Director, Facilities and Maintenance
Regrets:	

Meeting was conducted from 5:02-5:28 pm

Welcome: *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 Gidmt'en - Bear Wolf Clan."*

Agenda

1. 2016-2017 Draft Budget Bylaw

Mr. Margerm advised that the 3rd Reading for the draft 2016-2017 Budget should be read at the Board meeting and the bylaw approved. No additional input from public has been received at the board office in regards to the budget.

2. AFG Update

Mr. Margerm provided an informational spreadsheet concerning the allocation and plan for the \$654,140 in AFG funding. A portion of the AFG, \$265,000, allocated for a boiler system is currently under Ministry consideration for approval for funding from restricted surplus.

3. Capital Plan Bylaw

Mr. Margerm outlined the new process for capital planning. The Ministry has changed the process for capital funding for district projects. A letter will be sent to districts in the spring approving special projects. The boards will be asked to approve all projects through a single bylaw. This year SD54 was approved for a new water system at Twain Sullivan, \$257,460, through a School Enhancement Program grant, \$110,000 Carbon Neutral grant for one third of a new boiler for Twain Sullivan, and a capital grant for \$519,420 for the purchase of four new buses.

It is resolved that the Board approve the Capital Bylaw 15/16-CP-SD54-01 in three readings for all three capital grants.



4. Redirection of Administrative Savings to School Districts

Mr. Margerm advised that the Ministry has redirected \$25 million dollars in 2016-2017 administrative savings back to school districts. This will result in an extra \$110,553 for the SD54 budget for the 2016-2017 year. The savings will be budgeted for in the fall and accounted for in the 2016-2017 amended budget.

5. Surplus Planning

Mr. Margerm advised that the Board and senior administration should meet in the fall to discuss the appropriation of any cumulative surplus, administration savings and any AFG gained back if the Twain Sullivan boiler can be funded through restricted capital.

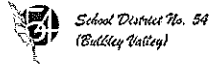
6. Post and fill and PVP update

Mr. van der Mark advised that Kirsten Froese has been hired as the new Principal Telkwa Elementary.

7. Lake Kathlyn Transition

Mr. McDiarmid advised that the transition planning for Lake Kathlyn students to enter Walnut Park is going well. The transition committee has been arranging for the movement of the Lake Kathlyn artifacts to Walnut and planning for activities with both school's students.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: September 13th, 2016 @5:00pm



POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 7th, 2016

3:00 PM

School Board Office

Voting Members	Administration
L. Collingwood, Chair F. Farrell, Alternate D. Hanson L. Kearns (ex officio)	C. van der Mark, Superintendent D. Margerm, Secretary Treasurer M. McDiarmid, Assistant Superintendent
Regrets:	

The meeting was conducted from 3:09 - 3:35 pm

Welcome: *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 Gidmt'en - Bear Wolf Clan."*

REPORT

PREVIOUS MEETING OF May 3rd, 2016

Policy	Description	Type	Status
6.340	Student Trustee Purchasing	New Revision	In-Committee Approved

NEW BUSINESS:

6.130 Emergency School Closure

Revisions to policy are attached.

6.140 Fire Drills

No revisions to this policy.

6.150 General Safety

Revisions to policy are attached. Alternatively, policy 6.520 may suffice instead of 6.150 and policy 6.150 could be deleted.

6.190 District Assessment

Recommendation to delete policy.

6.210 Vandalism of School Board Property

Recommendation to leave policy as it is.

Next Meeting: September 13th, 2016 at 3 pm

Type: New, Revision, Deletion
 Status: In-committee, on-going, approved
 Consultation Yes, Not required, Complete, Rejected



School District No. 54 (BULKLEY VALLEY)

"To empower all learners to live the challenges of a diverse and changing world."

Trustee Report

BCSTA, AGM

April 14 – 17, 2016

Making the Connections for Student Success: Aligning vision, governance and finance.

On April 14, I travel to Vancouver and attended the BCSTA AGM. While I was there I attended the following sessions:

Pre-conference work shop for Board Chairs and Vice-chairs: Questions asked and discussed were, What is working and What's not? and What's next?

The World is changing, Schools should too: Larry Rosenstock spoke about how as the world changes and grows the Education system needs to grow and change with it. I enjoyed the topic and how to view education in alternate ways, although I feel our school district is already doing most of what was suggested.

Keynote speaker: Dr. Samantha Nutt, her speech was centered around war torn countries and the hardships the children experience. This was a very heart wrenching speech and made everyone in the room think about what they take for granted every day.

Residential school Experience and reconciliation: The speakers designed an inquiry project the invited participants to explore the residential school with a lens of compassion. This presentation was very interactive and moving. I would like to see something similar happen in SD54.

Financial Decision making for student success: I enjoyed this workshop but it highlighted to me that within SD54 we are already at the forefront in this topic. There wasn't much that they talked about that we aren't already doing. The items that were different didn't really apply to us.

AGM session: This was an all-day event. The motions were once again all over the place in thoughts and process. I feel the biggest gain in the voting process is to find out how other districts feel about topics and their way of thinking. After the AGM I was very thankful that I am in a school district that works well together. Many others do not put students first but make decisions based on political gain.

Respectfully submitted by:
Trustee J. Williams