



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 54 (BULKLEY VALLEY)
OCTOBER 27, 2020
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, SMITHERS, BC**

PRESENT: Trustees: F. Farrell, L. Kearns, F. Krishan, J. Williams, J. Krauskopf, P. Michell

Trustee Absence: E. Quinlan

Staff Regrets: T. Bancroft – Director Facilities & Maintenance

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 7:01pm.

2. TRADITIONAL WELCOME / OPENING REMARKS

- Chairperson Williams acknowledged that we are gathered on the home of the Wit'suwit'en Nation, traditional territory of the Gidmt'en – Bear Wolf Clan.
- Chairperson Williams started off the meeting by commenting on the new Walnut Park build and how much it has changed in only one year. By all accounts the contract is only staying within the time allotment but also staying within budget. Ms. Williams also thanked the hard work of the board office staff for putting implementing the District's new Atrieve computer system. Ms. Williams thanked Ms. Perreault and Ms. Kingsmill for spearheading this initiative.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee Michell and seconded by Trustee Krauskopf.*

"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 September 29, 2020, the synopsis of the In-Camera meeting of September 29, 2020. There being none, the regular meeting minutes of September 29, 2020 the synopsis of the In-Camera meeting of September 29, 2020 were declared approved as presented.

5. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Superintendent McDiarmid presented District updates to the Board. Mr. McDiarmid outlined the current staffing in place. Due to COVID some operational items have been reduced i.e.: student athletic events. The Draft Strategic Plan has been sent out for community feedback. This District has been receiving a lot of positive feedback on our new District logo. On Thursday, Oct 29th the staff at the Houston schools are invited to participate in a discussion about grade reconfigurations at the Houston elementary schools.

- Superintendent McDiarmid presented the Student Achievement report to the Board. SD54 employees participated in a number of professional development activities on the professional development day last week. Seven teacher applicants were awarded Innovation grants. Check the Northern Health website for information on being safe through the upcoming flu season.
- Superintendent McDiarmid presented the district and school-based initiatives report to the Board. The PLC/ NOII cohort will be kicking off their meetings later in the year. The District Soccer Tournament and Cross-Country Run have both been cancelled due to COVID. Remembrance Day Ceremonies will take place this year in each school. They will look a bit different this year but the meaning will be the same.

Field Trip Proposals

- The following field trips have been approved by the Assistant Superintendent:
 - **SSS – 17 +/-** Grade 10-12 students from Smithers Secondary School to travel up to Dennis Lake Forest Recreation Site on two separate occasions. (October 29-30, 2020 and November 5-6, 2020). The purpose of this trip is to support the Outdoor Ed Curriculum. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.

6.a) OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- Operations Committee Chairperson Kearns presented the Operations Committee's Report from the October 13th, 2020 committee meeting.
- **Rainbow Sidewalk at SSS** - The committee recommended the Board respond to the Gender-Sexuality Alliance group at SSS and support the painting of a Rainbow Sidewalk at Smithers Secondary.

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

"That the Board approve and support the painting of a Rainbow Sidewalk at Smithers Secondary. "

CARRIED

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- Next meeting date Tuesday, November 10th, 2020 @ 5:00pm

6.b) POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

- Policy Committee Chairperson Farrell presented the Policy Committee's Report from the October 13th, 2020 committee meeting.

Next Meeting Tuesday, November 10th, 2020 @ 3:00pm

6.c) TRUSTEE REPORTS

- There were no trustee reports this month.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- There were no trustee reports this month.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- **8.1) Surplus Management** – The committee recommended that the Board approve a resolution to allocate up to \$700,000 from the District surplus towards a new SSS food and apprenticeship preparation facility.

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

"That the Board approve to allocate up to \$700,000 from the District Surplus towards a new SSS foods and apprenticeship preparation facility."

CARRIED

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- **8.2) Enrolment Figures for the 2020 – 2021 School Year** - Secretary Treasurer Margerm provided a over view of the September 30, 2020, 1701 report that is required by Ministry. Original budget indicated 1,943 students but the actual total came in at 1,932 students down – 11. Which equates to a funding reduction of approx. \$89k. Another enrolment calculation will be captured in February 2021.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- There is no other Business this month

10. READING FILE

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

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

CARRIED

11. CLOSING REMARKS

- Closing Remarks –Next regular Board Meeting will be held on November 24, 2020, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the School Board Office in Smithers, B.C.

12. ADJOURNED

- The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

Approved by:


Jennifer Williams, Chairperson
of the Board of Education


Dave Margerm
Secretary Treasurer