



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.54 (Bulkley Valley)
OCTOBER 22, 2024
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, SMITHERS B.C.**

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

Trustee Regrets: K Graham

Staff: M. McDiarmid – Superintendent
J. Fox – Assistant Superintendent
D. Margerm – Secretary Treasurer
B. Kingsmill – Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm.

2. TRADITIONAL WELCOME / OPENING REMARKS

- Chairperson Williams acknowledged that we are gathered on the home of the Witsuwit'en Nation, traditional territory of the Gidmt'en – Bear Wolf Clan. Assistant Superintendent Fox suggested to Chairperson Williams to connect her acknowledgement back to the land. Chairperson Williams then spoke of a hike she was recently on with her dog at the Pine Trail hit by wild fire a couple of years ago. She was amazed by the beauty and stillness of the forest, the ducks that returned and was so proud that the community came together to rebuild the boardwalk that was destroyed by the fire.
- Chairperson Williams welcomed everyone to present, Trustee Graham has sent her regrets. There are number of student's events happening this month. The new Strategic Plan has now been released. The Chairperson is so pleased with the growth of the plan and the unprecedented community engagement in the new plan. She extended a thank you to Superintendent McDiarmid, Assistant Superintendent Fox and Communications Officer Mrs. McDiarmid for their help in gathering and producing the final strategic plan document.

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 the September 24, 2024 or the synopsis of the in-camera meeting minutes of September 24, 2024. There being none, the regular meeting minutes of September 24, 2024 and the synopsis of the in-camera meeting minutes of September 24, 2024 were declared approved as presented.

5) Learning Portion – Traditional Land Acknowledgement - Assistant Superintendent Fox facilitated a conversation with the Board on how to acknowledge a traditional territory as a board as a whole and individually.

Key Questions to Consider:

- 1) Why acknowledge Witsuwit'en Territory?

- 2) What do we know about Witsuwit'en Territory
- 3) What does it look like to acknowledge Witsuwit'en Territory?
 - o How will this be done as an individual and as a Board?

After a thought provoking and engaging session, the Board will continue their professional learning on Traditional Land Acknowledgements in December.

6) ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Superintendent McDiarmid presented the district-based initiatives to the Board. Class sizes have remained relatively the same as past years. There are and will be a lot of professional learning sessions being offered for SD54 staff this year. The PLC will be starting up again and inquiry/innovation grants will be offered once again to teachers this year. School administration are working on their school improvement plans. Friday, October 25 is the Provincial Professional Development day there are a number of local professional development activities for SD54 teachers. Parent Teacher interviews will take place on October 23 & 24. Students from HSS and SSS took part in Forest Discovery Day on Hudson Bay Mountain
- Superintendent McDiarmid presented the school-based initiatives report to the Board. District elementary cross country run took place on October 10th. The district soccer tournament took place on October 4th. Secondary schools' extra-curricular sports have all started up. HSS hosted Safe Teen for their grade 8-10's recently.

Field Trip Proposal

- The following field trips have been approved by the Assistant Superintendent:
 - **SSS** – 11 Grade 9-11 Leadership students from SSS are travelling to Abbotsford during the period of October 23-28, 2024 to take part in the Provincial Leadership Conference. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.

7.a) OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- Operations Committee Chairperson Kearns presented the Operations Committee's Report from the October 8, 2024 committee meeting. One (1) item was moved to the New Business portion of the meeting.
- Next meeting date Tuesday, November 12, 2024 @ 5:00pm

7.b) POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

- There was no Policy meeting this month.
- Next meeting date Tuesday, November 12, 2024 @ 4:00pm

7.c) TRUSTEE REPORTS

- There was no trustee reports this month.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- There was no unfinished business this month.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- **9.1) Surplus Management:** Secretary Treasurer Margerm presented the Surplus Management Plan and framework to the Board for review.

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

"That the Board resolves to approve the Surplus Management plan as outlined by Secretary Treasurer Margerm as presented.

CARRIED

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- October expenditure summary was provided to the Trustees in their board packages.

11. READING FILE

- No reading file this month.

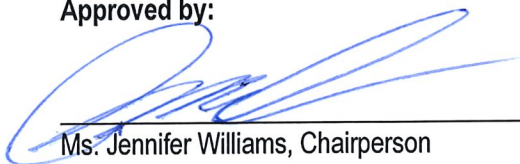
12. CLOSING REMARKS

- The next regular Board Meeting will be held on November 26, 2024, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at The School Board Office in Smithers, BC.


13. ADJOURNED

- The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm.

Approved by:



Ms. Jennifer Williams, Chairperson
of the Board of Education



Mr. Dave Margem
Secretary Treasurer