



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.54 (*Bulkley Valley*)
MARCH 17, 2026
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, SMITHERS B.C.**

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

Staff: M. McDiarmid – Superintendent of Schools
F. Fox – Assistant Superintendent of Schools
D. Margerm – Secretary Treasurer
L. Smaha- Muir – Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

2. TRADITIONAL WELCOME / OPENING REMARKS

- Chairperson Williams acknowledged that we are gathered here today on the unceded traditional territory of the Gidmt'en – Bear Wolf Clan, home of the Witsuwit'en Nation.
- Chairperson Williams acknowledges the Smithers Ski and Snowboard who brought home two provincial banners, two weekends ago (Grade 8-12). She also acknowledges the SSS Drama team who is headed to Provincials at the end of April.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee Krauskopf 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 February 24, 2026 or the synopsis of the in-camera meeting minutes of February 24, 2026. There being none, the regular meeting minutes of February 24, 2026 and the synopsis of the in-camera meeting minutes of February 24, 2026 were declared approved as presented.

5 . ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Superintendent McDiarmid presented the District update to the Board. 16 District Authority Scholarships have been allocated to SD54 this year. Scholarship presentations will take place on May 12-14, 2026.
- Superintendent McDiarmid presented the district-based initiatives to the Board. Student Led Conferences will be held on April 22 and 23. Please contact your child's school to arrange an interview time.
- Superintendent McDiarmid presented the school-based initiatives to the Board. SSS Ski and Snowboard team won 2 out of 6 provincial banners. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Field Trip Proposals

- There were no field trips approved by the Assistant Superintendent.

6.a) OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- There was no Operations Committee meeting this month.
- Next meeting date Tuesday, April 14, 2026 @ 3:30pm.

6.b) POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

- There was no Policy Committee meeting this month.
- Next meeting date Tuesday, April 14, 2026 @ 5:00pm.

6.c) TRUSTEE REPORTS

- Trustee Farrell submitted a trustee report on the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting which he attended on behalf of the Board of Education.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- No Unfinished business this month.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- **8.1) Trustee Stipends** – Trustees were provided a written report in their March board packages on Policy 1.170-Trustee Annual Stipends.
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- Following current policy, this allows for an 2% increase to the trustee stipend as of July 1, 2026.
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9. OTHER BUSINESS

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

10. READING FILE

- No reading files this month


11. CLOSING REMARKS

- The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, commencing at 5:30 p.m. at the Witset Multi-Plex Boardroom, Witset, BC.

12. ADJOURNED

- The Board meeting was adjourned at 5:42pm.

Approved by:


Ms. Jennifer Williams, Chairperson
of the Board of Education


Mr. Dave Margern
Secretary Treasurer