

3.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2007.06.12

Personnel Matters: The Personnel Approval Report was approved as amended. The Personnel Information Report was received and filed as circulated.

Student Matters: The Board was advised of three student suspensions, two from the Windermere zone and one from Golden.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Golden Secondary Video Production Students: “Know Safety – No Pain”

Mrs. Miller introduced Souhail Soujah, Vice-Principal, who showed one of two award winning videos for the Board. He then introduced two students, Jadine McTaggart and Marin Trask, who received a \$500 cash prize for their WorkSafe B.C. presentation. They discussed the process and played their video for the Board. They then responded to questions and the Chair thanked them for their presentation.

4.2 2006/07 Auditors’ Report and Financial Statements: Gordon Green, Smith Green Andruschuk

Mr. Dow introduced Mr. Green who is the Partner-in-Charge of the District’s annual audit.

Mr. Green reviewed the draft audit report which is a standard unqualified report. He indicated that the report is dated July 27th, which is the last day of substantive field work. Mr. Green then commented on the fact that these are consolidated financial statements and highlighted a number of items in the statements, related schedules, and notes to the consolidated financial statements.

He also expressed concern with the potential risk surrounding school generated funds. He anticipates that moving to a standard accounting system at the school level, and training for the staff at these sites will improve this situation. He was pleased to hear that the District will be doing this shortly.

Mr. Green thanked Mr. Dow and his staff for their assistance during the course of the audit, and offered to address any questions.

M/S CHRISTENSEN/JENKINSON

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) accept the Auditors’ Report and approve the School District Audited Consolidated Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2006/2007 as presented.

CARRIED

4.3 Alexander Park StrongStart Centre and Early Learning Programs:

Laura Partyka, StrongStart Facilitator
Brenda Managh, Early Childhood Coordinator
Vicci Nelson, Principal

Mrs. Miller introduced the three guests and outlined their involvement with these programs. She also introduced Connie Barlow, Executive Director of the Golden Community Resource Society and former School Trustee, as well as Renee Balango of the Childhood Coalition Resource and Referral Service, who were also in attendance. Ms. Managh thanked the Board for the opportunity to discuss these programs with them. She began by providing her history as an educator and relevant information about the evolution of education as we see it today. She stressed that different students have to learn differently, particularly those with special needs. She felt that there is a need for interaction of concepts and curriculum which is new, but this is both demanding and exciting. The global world is where we are headed, which has created a need to redefine learning and results in a need to meet the challenges of the new system.

She then circulated copies of the mandate for the Early Childhood Development Coalition and commented on its relevance to existing School District program and initiatives. She also provided the Board with the initial report of the Coalition to the Golden Community Resource Society.

Ms. Partyka advised that this is the second week of StrongStart. They had 35 attendances the first week and have had 22 this week after only two days. She is very pleased with the response this program is receiving to date. She also indicated that the Early Learning Program is almost full at this point. After responding to questions the Chair thanked the delegation for the presentation.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES Nil

6. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

6.1 Policy Development:

6.1.1 Third Reading: Nil

6.1.2 Second Reading: Nil

6.1.3 First Reading:

6.1.3.1 Policy No. 5800: District Code of Conduct for Students:

Mrs. Miller advised that regulation 4.3 has been added to reflect the Board's legal requirement with respect to students under the age of 16. She felt this was a housekeeping issue and the Board could give the policy three readings this evening if they wished to do so.

M/S CHRISTENSEN/GILLEN

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve Policy No. 5800: District Code of Conduct for Students for first reading as presented.

CARRIED

M/S SOLES/JENKINSON

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve Policy No. 5800: District Code of Conduct for Students for second reading as presented.

CARRIED

M/S CHRISTENSEN/SOLES

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve Policy No. 5800: District Code of Conduct for Students for third and final reading as presented.

CARRIED

7. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

7.1 Government Reporting Entity, June 2007: Cameron Dow

Mr. Dow advised that this report was submitted to the Ministry in mid-July and has been approved for consolidation purposes.

M/S CHRISTENSEN/SOLES

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the Government Reporting Entity Submission for the year ended June 30, 2007.

CARRIED

7.2 August 2007 Budget Utilization Summary: Cameron Dow

Mr. Dow pointed out that the 2007/08 expenditures are 0.21% less than the same period in 2006/07.

7.3 McKim-Lindsay Park Bussing: Ron Christensen

Mr. Christensen advised the Board that things have been working well since the implementation of this non-conforming route.

M/S CHRISTENSEN/BARRETT

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the non-conforming after school route between McKim Middle School and Lindsay Park Elementary for the 2007/08 school year.

CARRIED

7.4 Local Education Agreement Between The -akis'nuk First Nation and the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain): Jim Jenkinson

Trustee Jenkinson reported that the Board and the -akis'nuk First Nation have been reviewing and updating this Local Education Agreement. It is his understanding that the -akis'nuk First Nation will be taking this agreement to their Band Council for their approval this evening as well.

M/S JENKINSON/CHRISTENSEN

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the Local Education Agreement with the -akis'nuk First Nation as presented.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS

8.1 B.C. Public School Employers' Association: Sandra Smail

No report.

8.2 B.C. School Trustees' Association: Roberta Hall

Trustee Hall advised that the first Provincial Council meeting for this year will be held on October 11 and 12 in Vancouver.

8.3 B.C. School Trustees' Association, Kootenay-Boundary Branch: Roberta Hall

Trustee Hall reminded the Board of the Fall AGM that they are hosting in Radium Hot Springs on September 21 to 23, 2007. On Saturday evening mountain climber Dan Griffith will be giving his "Seven in Seven" presentation and the public is welcome to attend.

8.4 Learning Leadership Update: Barbara Morris

Ms. Morris advised that during August the Regional Planning Team continued to sustain development in the SMART Learning framework with the 4th Summer Institute. Our District supported attendees through reimbursement of \$125.00 towards the \$200.00 registration. Approximately fifty-three of the eighty to eighty-five participants were from the Rocky Mountain School District.

The three August Non-Instructional Days immediately followed these sessions. A new approach to our District Welcome was used this year, with Senior Staff travelling to each zone, and local trustees and representatives joining in the proceedings. The common portions of each session were Mrs. Miller's message and the DVD by DeWitt Jones titled "Celebrate What's Right with the World". Both were inspirational and the Committee has

received so many positive comments about the DVD that we have ordered one for circulation through the District Resource Center.

Today we held our first Staff Development meeting and looked at the feedback received to date. So far, every response has been in favour of this year's format, with acknowledgement of the extra travel time for Senior Staff. Because the response time has been so short, we will have a closer look and provide some numbers for the next Board meeting.

On the whole the feedback about the Professional Development opportunities at the school and zone level has been very positive with some groups taking advantage of the October 3 day to continue where they left off in August.

Ms. Morris will be meeting with the new learning coaches next week to plan their year. Through the literacy innovation grant the District is providing six teachers, who are committed to supporting other teachers, with 0.1 FTE each to provide support in this area.

Attached to the Board meeting agenda is a one page annual overview of District, Regional, and Provincial staff development opportunities. This is just a preliminary preview which will be updated each month. These opportunities can also be found in the School District Calendar on our website.

In closing Ms. Morris indicated that she is looking forward to a positive, productive year.

8.5 District Technology Update: Bendina Miller

Mrs. Miller was pleased to report that one of our schools, Lindsay Park Elementary, will be the first school in Canada to have a carbon neutral computer lab. The school has received a donation of 33 computers from BlueCurl and there will be a grand opening at the school on Monday, September 24th at 1:00 p.m.

A number of new labs have been installed over the summer, and hiring the new Information & Communications Technology Services Assistant, Martyn Bampton, has assisted in these installations being completed.

Microsoft Office 2007 has been installed throughout the District and it is anticipated that there will be a need for training in some areas.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Correspondence:

9.1.1 Columbia Valley Learning Centre Society

9.2 Calendar of School Board Meetings: Circulated.

9.3 District Learning Leadership Calendar: Circulated.

10. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2007.09.15 Board/Senior Staff Working Session, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

2007.09.19 Golden Zone Trustees' Meeting, 12:30 p.m.

2007.09.21-23 Kootenay-boundary Branch BCSTA Meeting, Radium Hot Springs

2007.09.24 Board Policy Committee Teleconference Meeting, 4:00 p.m.

2007.10.02 Windermere Zone Trustees' Meeting, 5:00 p.m.

2007.10.09 In-Camera Board Meeting, Kimberley, McKim Middle School, 6:00 p.m.

2007.09.11 Regular Board Meeting, Kimberley, McKim Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC Nil

12. ADJOURNMENT

M/S CHRISTENSEN/SOLES
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 20:47 hours.

CARRIED

Chair

Secretary Treasurer