



Personnel Matters: The Personnel Approval Report was approved as circulated. The Personnel Information Report was received and filed as circulated. The Board received a report on the settlement of the Early Retirement Incentive Plan grievances as well as a number of other labour relations matters.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

4.1 Body Break: Ed Main, Vice-Principal, McKim Middle School

Mrs. Miller advised that the Ministry now requires specified daily minimum time allotments for physical activities for students. She introduced Ed Main, who provided a video presentation prepared by students displaying the activities that McKim students are involved with in order to meet these new requirements. Cynthia Lindell, Principal, outlined the challenges of the new requirements and stated that the weekly requirement was not an issue, the problem was insuring 30 minutes of activity per day. After responding to questions the Chair thanked Ms. Lindell and Mr. Main for their 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. 5120: Healthy Schools:

Mrs. Miller advised that the changes to the policy were as a result of new legislation and were of a housekeeping nature.

**M/S SOLES/SMITH**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve Policy No. 5120: Healthy Schools for first reading as presented.

CARRIED

**M/S SOLES/HALL**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve Policy No. 5120: Healthy Schools for second reading as presented.

CARRIED

**M/S SOLES/SMITH**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve Policy No. 5120: Healthy Schools for third and final reading as presented.

CARRIED

6.1.3.2 Policy No. 5180: Non-Use of Tobacco Products:

Mrs. Miller indicated that the revisions to this policy were similar in nature to those of the previous item.

**M/S HALL/GILLEN**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve Policy No. 5180: Non-Use of Tobacco Products for first reading as presented.

CARRIED

**M/S GILLEN/HALL**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve Policy No. 5180: Non-Use of Tobacco Products for second reading as presented.

CARRIED

**M/S SOLES/HALL**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve Policy No. 5180: Non-Use of Tobacco Products for third and final reading as presented.

CARRIED

6.1.4 Rescind Policy:

6.1.4.1 Policy 4990: Mandatory Retirement:

Mrs. Miller stated that based on new legislation and legal advice the Board should no longer have a mandatory retirement policy.

**M/S CHRISTENSEN/HALL**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) rescind Policy No. 4990: Mandatory Retirement effective January 1, 2008.

CARRIED

6.1.5 Housekeeping

6.1.5.1 Change all references from “Board of School Trustees” to Board of Education”:

Bendina Miller

Mrs. Miller advised that as a result of new legislation there is a need to change all such references.

**M/S CHRISTENSEN/SOLES**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the change in reference from “Board of School Trustees” to “Board of Education” in all policies, as required.

CARRIED

**7. OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

7.1 September 2007 Budget Utilization Summary:

Cameron Dow

Mr. Dow pointed out that the 2007/08 expenditures are higher than the projection which is not unusual for this time of year, but are 0.4% less than the same period in 2006/07.

7.2 2007-2008 Enrolment:

Bendina Miller

Mrs. Miller provided a summary of enrolment based on the September data collection process. At present it appears that the District has a decline of 76.375 FTE’s from last year which is well below the projected decline of 150 FTE’s.

7.3 2007-2008 Class-Size Report:

Bendina Miller

Mrs. Miller indicated that this report is a legislative requirement. She advised that all classes in the District meet the maximum averages for Kindergarten, Grades 1-3 and Grades 4-7. Although there is no maximum average for Grades 8-12, the District average is well below the allowable maximum of 30 students.

**M/S GILLEN/BARRETT**

**THAT** the Board of School Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the 2007-2008 Class Size Report as presented.

CARRIED

7.4 Bill 33 Report to the Board:

Mrs. Miller then reviewed the Bill 33 Class-Size and Composition Report and the legislative requirements. She summarized the classes that exceeded the requirements and indicated that in her opinion, and those of the respective school principals, the best educational setting possible has been established for these students.

**M/S BARRETT/HALL**

**THAT** the Board of School Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the Bill 33: Class-Size and Composition Report for 2007-2008 as presented.

CARRIED

7.5 School District No. 6 Academy Fees:

Bendina Miller

Mrs. Miller indicated that Bill 20 now requires the Board to approve Academy fees on an annual basis once they have been approved by School Planning Councils. This year there are three such situations relating to hockey programs in each zone.

**M/S CHRISTENSEN/GILLEN**

**THAT** the Board of School Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the fee schedule for specialty academies as presented.

CARRIED

7.6 Adult Access to Tuition Free Courses:

Bendina Miller

Mrs. Miller reported that in last month's throne speech the Education Guarantee was announced where by all students can take courses free of charge through the Province's virtual school. Effective January 2008, all students will have access to tuition-free adult basic education courses at 18 public post-secondary institutions, and as of September 2008, students will be allowed to take free adult basic education courses through school districts.

Since offering educational services to graduated adults is discretionary, there is a need to indicate to the Ministry that a Board wishes to exercise its discretion in this regard. By doing so, the Ministry anticipates that the District would not be charging fees for these courses.

**M/S CHRISTENSEN/GILLEN**

**THAT** the Board of School Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) would like to provide a tuition-free educational program to graduated adults, according to the stages announced in September 2007.

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. Three motions will be debated pertaining to District Literacy Plans, Summer and Night School Fees, and working together with the Superintendents of Achievement. The Finance Committee has also put forward a motion seeking input on the 2008/09 draft budget.

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

Trustee Hall reported on the Fall AGM held in Radium Hot Springs on September 21 to 23, 2007. The weekend began with the Spirit Dancers, as well as greetings from Mayor Greg Deck and MLA Norm McDonald.

Saturday included updates from the PEBT, BCPSEA, BCSTA and the Education Committee. In the AGM portion of the meeting it was agreed to raise fees for next year to \$0.15 per FTE and elections were held with Mel Joy, S.D. 8, continuing as President, Quinn Decourcy, S.D. 10, Vice-President, and Pattie Adam, S.D. 10, Education Representative. Each District also shared their successes and challenges.

The Pro-D portion of the meeting included a Brain Gym session led by Joanne Bragg, Creative Leadership by Rob Goodall of BCSTA, and Public Speaking headed by Jacquie Schnider. Saturday evening there was an inspiring presentation by Dan Griffiths on his "Seven in Seven" achievement.

On Sunday the Trustees had table topic discussions about concerns, best practices and other topics of interest. Trustee Hall thanked those who were able to attend and commended Trustee Jenkinson for helping organize this event.

She advised that a motion building session will be held in Nelson on January 11, 2008 and also announced that Trustee Smith has agreed to be a member at large representative for the District for the forthcoming year. Trustee Smith thanked Trustee Hall for the time and effort she has put into the Branch over the past number of years.

8.4 Canadian School Boards' Association Conference: Maureen Gillen/Rhonda Smith

Trustees Smith and Gillen provided a summary of the speakers and workshops that were offered at the CSBA conference held in Calgary last July, and were very impressed with the caliber of this event. They recommended attendance by other Trustees in the future if at all possible.

8.4 Learning Leadership Update: Barbara Morris

Ms. Morris reported that on September 25<sup>th</sup> the District had a good representation at the Network of Performance Based Schools launch in Cranbrook. This year we have action research teams from Alexander Park, Eileen Madson, J.Alfred Laird, and Lindsay Park schools. The Network of Performance Based Schools is a Provincial action research network which provides \$1,000.00 grants to schools which complete projects using the BC Performance Standards to measure the results of a change in practice. The Staff Development Committee is also awarding grants of up to \$1,000.00 to school teams to acquire skills and/or knowledge that would allow them to build capacity and enhance learning for staff and students. The committee believes this support is very important as research indicates that the most valuable professional development occurs through team-based learning communities who share a common focus.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup> thirty-three teachers and principals attended the regional secondary conference on assessment. It was a very interactive presentation by Damian Cooper, who has authored an excellent resource titled “Talk about Assessment”, which includes a DVD of video clips of teachers using various assessment strategies as well as a CD of strategies and tools to improve learning. Most people stayed for the second day during which they had opportunities to co-plan with others who teach the same subjects. This was a great networking opportunity. The discussion was rich and the feedback indicates that the majority wish to have Damian back next year in order to share the triumphs and challenges of changing assessment practice.

There were many other great Pro-D opportunities on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, but Ms. Morris highlighted the conference because the District Staff Development Committee supported three teachers per secondary school and one per alternate school site, as well as a Principal per site.

A six member School District team is headed to Richmond for the Rural Education Conference this Thursday and Friday. As well, Bendina Miller, Ron Christensen, and Lori Tedrick will be presenting at the conference, so this District will be well represented.

She then reminded the Board members to be watching for an e-mail which will be giving details on the first Community-District Literacy Plan meetings to be held in Kimberley on November 6; Invermere on November 7; and Golden on November 8. It is hoped that Board members will be available to participate in this process.

#### 8.5 District Technology Update:

Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere began by reporting on the Lindsay Park Carbon-Neutral Lab project and thanked Trustees Barrett and Smaill for taking time to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony on September 24. He and Mrs. Miller are both grateful for the time and effort of Dave Hlady in bringing this project to completion, and to Elva Keiver for her work in organizing the program and reception. They are also appreciative of Dale Anderson, Lynne Cox, Marlene Driscoll and all the school’s staff whose dedication to environmental issues and projects made them a natural fit for this opportunity. It goes without saying that the generosity of Blue Curl, nComputing and Hewlett-Packard Canada made the whole thing possible: 25 computer workstations in the lab operated by 4 computers; 5 in the learning assistance room operated by 1 computer; 5 in the library operated by 1 computer; and 100 trees planted. This project cost the District less than \$3,000 and has significantly reduced the environmental impact of computing at this school. We hope to do more of this work as more labs come up for replacement.

Regarding technology integration for Elementary teachers, Raydene Good-May planned a workshop across the District on the October 3 Pro-D day. The workshop introduced the new features of MS Word 07 and gave an overview of practical tools for using the web in the classroom. These were hands on, practical activities for classroom teachers, and each participant received a copy of the book “Web in the Classroom” published by School District No. 44. The workshop was funded by ERAC and presented by Janet Gregory (ERAC), along with Leslie Edwards and Karen Keys (Teacher Librarians/Tech. Support Teachers – S.D. 44).

Also on October 3, Rhonda Sage of “Sage Advice” and Martyn Bampton of our Technology Department provided a session to twenty-six staff members on the new version of MS Word, and a brief introduction to Powerpoint. Again this was a “hands on” workshop and participants received a number of resource materials to assist them in understanding the many improved features of this version.

David Levine has been working on supporting the data entry process for 1701’s at all our schools using BCeSIS, and continuing with training and troubleshooting. All teachers at Selkirk and David Thompson, and the majority at Golden Secondary, are using the BCeSIS Gradebook for marks data. With David’s support, all secondary teachers will be entering/uploading assessment information into BCeSIS, and report cards for students will be generated by the system across the District. David is also supporting a number of teachers who are piloting the newly developed Special Education module.

Martyn Bampton has designed a database which allows staff to update school websites without using webpage design software, which can be time consuming and complicated to learn. This is operational in all schools. There is now a functional webpage at each one of our sites with individual and over the phone training occurring so that staff members become functional with this new approach. Improvements continue to be made to the District website based on the feedback Martyn receives.

He has also designed a database for managing District Write and Numeracy data, such that the data can be easily entered by schools, and can generate presentation graphs and charts for communication purposes. As well, he has developed a summary table for data so that it can be easily imported into achievement contract documents.

The network technicians have also had a particularly busy startup with the new technology that is being implemented including teacher laptops at Golden Secondary, the carbon neutral lab at Lindsay Park, all the regular lab replacements, and the pressing needs at schools.

**9. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 9.1 Correspondence: Nil
- 9.2 Calendar of School Board Meetings: Circulated.
- 9.3 District Learning Leadership Calendar: Circulated.

**10. FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- 2007.10.29 Board Policy Committee Teleconference Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
- 2007.10.29 Windermere Zone Trustees' Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- 2007.10.30 Golden Zone Trustees' Meeting, 12:15 p.m.
- 2007.11.13 In-Camera Board Meeting, Kimberley, Windermere Elementary School, 6:45 p.m.
- 2007.11.13 Regular Board Meeting, Kimberley, Windermere School, 7:30 p.m.
- 2007.12.6-8 BCSTA Action Academy & Learning in Action Showcase, Vancouver
- 2008.01.11-12 BCSTA Kootenay-Boundary Branch Meeting, Nelson

**11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Jerry McMahon, President of the Kimberley Teachers' Association sought clarification on the rescinding of Policy 4990, Mandatory Retirement, and the availability of training for teachers on BCeSIS.

Anne Jardine, President of the Windermere Teachers' Association requested a moment of silence in recognition of John Tilley, retired teacher and Mayor of Canal Flats, who passed away recently.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S CHRISTENSEN/HALL**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 20:38 hours.

CARRIED

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Chair

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Secretary Treasurer