

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 The Voices of Eileen Madson Primary School: Leisa O’Sullivan, Teacher

Ms. Morris was pleased to be able to introduce Ms. Carolynne Muncer, Principal of Eileen Madson Primary School, who joined our District last summer from School District 74 (Gold Trail). Ms. Muncer welcomed the opportunity to come to the District and is enjoying life at Eileen Madson. She was pleased to introduce Leisa O’Sullivan and the Voices of Eileen Madson Primary. Mrs. O’Sullivan is an accomplished musician and has done an excellent job with her choir. The group then sang five songs for the audience and Mrs. O’Sullivan thanked the Board for being able to perform. The Board Chair expressed his appreciation to Mrs. O’Sullivan and the Voices of Eileen Madson for their uplifting performance.

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: Nil

7. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

7.1 January 2008 Budget Utilization Summary: Cameron Dow

Mr. Dow that the budget figures in the report have been adjusted to reflect the proposed amended budget for this year. He noted that expenditures are 1.16% less than the estimated amount.

7.2 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2007/2008: Cameron Dow

Mr. Dow advised that the current year’s budget has increased by almost \$586,000 from the preliminary. He provided an overview of the major changes to the Board.

M/S CHRISTENSEN/SMALL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve three readings of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2007/2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M/S CHRISTENSEN/SOLES

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) consider School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2007/2008 for a first time.

CARRIED

M/S SMALL/CHRISTENSEN

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) consider School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2007/2008 for a second time.

CARRIED

M/S SOLES/JENKINSON

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) consider School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2007/2008 for a third and final time and, as adopted, forms part of these minutes.

CARRIED

7.3 2008/2009 Capital Plan:

Cameron Dow

Mr. Dow advised that the District has received confirmation of their 2008/2009 capital plan submission from the Ministry of Education.

7.4 Paperless Board Meetings:

Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere provided information to the Board on this concept earlier in the evening. There is some hesitation on the Board to proceed at this time. Concerns included the need for adequate planning and training, perception of the public, and the possibility of this being distracting. It was suggested that Mr. Carriere contact other districts who have gone this route to gather additional information and report back to the Board next month.

7.5 BCSTA Resolution - Rural Team Travel:

Dan Soles

Trustee Soles discussed the draft motion and the rationale which had been circulated previously.

M/S SMITH/HALL

THAT the Board of Education proceed with the submission of the Rural Team Travel motion, as presented, to the BCSTA for consideration at the Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

7.6 School Calendar:

Barbara Morris

Ms. Morris circulated the request for input for the 2008/2009 school calendar that had been developed by the Staff Development Committee. The form considers two options – the Provincial Calendar and the Local Calendar. Although approval had been given by the Board to set the calendar for up to two years in advance, only one year is being considered at this time due to the 2010 Olympics and the impact it may have on the Provincial Calendar for the 2009/2010 school year.

8. REPORTS

8.1 B.C. Public School Employers' Association:

Sandra Smaill

Trustee Smaill reported on the Association's AGM held at the end of January and Trustee Christensen was acclaimed as Chair for another year. She was impressed by how well run the AGM was as well as the quality of the working sessions and presentation.

8.2 B.C. School Trustees' Association:

Jim Jenkinson

Trustee Jenkinson will be attending the next Provincial Council later this week and outlined the motions that will be considered at the meeting.

8.3 B.C. School Trustees' Association, Kootenay-Boundary Branch: Rhonda Smith

Trustee Smith stated that a teleconference was arranged to allow Trustees to participate in the motion building session last month. Although there were some technical issues, Stephen Hansen did an excellent job in facilitating the session. She then provided an overview of the motions that were developed by the Branch for consideration at the AGM.

8.4 Learning Leadership Report: Barbara Morris

The afterschool webcasts on assessment for learning have had between 30 and 40 participants each time. The webcasts have a good balance between the research underpinnings of assessment for learning and practical examples which can be immediately implemented. Teachers have been encouraged to set goals to try at least one change in their instructional practice and to share their progress during the next session. The positive enthusiasm is contagious. Ms. Morris has noticed that the feedback which is sent into the webcast facilitators is reflected in the next session, which is really helpful.

The District has recently facilitated the gathering of two groups of teachers who haven't had the opportunity to network and share in professional development at the District level for quite awhile - teacher-librarians and kindergarten teachers. The conversation at both sessions was rich, with practices being shared and challenges discussed. Feedback from both sessions was positive with interest in more opportunities to come together.

This Friday a team from our School District will be attending a regional forum on Caring about Children in Care. In order to gain a better understanding of the situation and to begin developing practices which will support these students, each team has invited members from MCFD to join us in the discussion. We are able to start this project through a grant from the BCSSA, and have discovered that it is very timely since the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Children and Family Development have just announced the development of a Framework for Action for Children and Youth with Special Needs and Their Families.

Part two of the Leadership for Learning Academy with Faye Brownlee is on February 26. We have 49 participants from our District, which is definitely more than any of the other districts in the region. Later that day our Network of Performance Based school teams will be having their mid-year planning meeting.

Ms. Morris continues to be impressed by the level of interest in professional development in our District.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Correspondence:

- 9.1.1 Letter of Appreciation to Dr. Emery Dossdall, former Deputy Minister of Education
- 9.1.2 Letter of Welcome to Mr. James Gorman, Deputy Minister of Education
- 9.1.3 Letter to Ministry of Highways re: Road Construction at Dutch Creek

9.2 Calendar of School Board Meetings: Circulated.

9.3 District Learning Leadership Calendar: Circulated.

10. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 2008.02.21-24 B.C. Winter Games, Cranbrook/Kimberley
- 2008.02.25 Board Policy Committee Teleconference Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
- 2008.02.25 Windermere Zone Trustees' Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- 2008.02.27 Golden Zone Trustees' Meeting, 12:15 p.m.
- 2008.03.05-06 District Directions 2013 Collaboration Session, Fairmont Hot Springs Resort
- 2008.03.11 In-Camera Board Meeting, Lady Grey Elementary School, Golden, 6:00 p.m.
- 2008.03.11 Regular Board Meeting, Lady Grey Elementary School, Golden, 7:30 p.m.

11. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** Nil

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

M/S JENKINSON/CHRISTENSEN
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 20:33 hours.

CARRIED

Chair

Secretary Treasurer