

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (ROCKY MOUNTAIN)

MINUTES of a **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held at Lady Grey Elementary School, Golden, B.C., **08-03-11**.

Present: Greg Anderson Chair
Dan Soles Vice-Chair
Maureen Gillen Trustee
Roberta Hall Trustee
Jim Jenkinson Trustee
Rhonda Smith Trustee

Bendina Miller Superintendent of Schools
Cameron Dow Secretary Treasurer

Members of Senior Management
General Public

Apologies: Sandra Smail Vice-Chair
Betty Lou Barrett Trustee
Ron Christensen Trustee

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 19:41 hours.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

M/S SMITH/JENKINSON

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the agenda with the following revisions:

Delete item 8.4 due to numbering error, and renumber the remainder of item 8; and
Add 8.7 BC Education Leadership Council Report – Dan Soles.

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETINGS

3.1 Regular Meeting: 2008.02.12

M/S GILLEN/HALL

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain), held on 08-02-12 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2008.02.12

Personnel Matters: The Board denied a request to rescind a leave of absence for a support staff member, denied a leave request for one teacher, and approved another. The Personnel Information Report was received and filed as circulated. The Board received reports on the Remote Recruitment/Retention allowance for teachers, the 2007/08 Labour Market Adjustment submission, and the Performance Based Incentive Plan for Superintendents and Secretary Treasurers.

Student Matters:

The Board was advised of two student suspensions from the Windermere zone.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Storyboard Project:

Lisa-Marie Putney, Teacher
Shary McTigue, Vice-Principal
Raydene Good-May, DRC Coordinator

Ms. Morris introduced the team of educators who have been involved in this project which began in February. Ms. Good-May indicated that the school had volunteered to participate in the project as a result of a request that she had seen in the rural network news. It involves students in Grades 5 and 6 who use power point software and illuminate live to participate in six weekly interactive sessions with about 150 other students throughout the province. She displayed the website that contained the lessons and provided an example of the recorded sessions for the Board.

Ms. McTigue pointed out that the teachers have a training session in advance of each lesson where they develop a “mission of the week”. There is a great deal of planning before hand for both the teachers and students. She felt that the benefits of this approach included seeing how students from other schools work, and it is a valuable tool that others will have the opportunity to utilize.

After responding to questions the Chair thanked the three individuals for their presentation.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Paperless Board Meetings:

Greg Anderson

Mr. Anderson reminded the Board that this matter was raised at the February meeting. Mr. Carriere, with the assistance of Martyn Bampton, has developed a template for this evening’s agenda. The Board members were excited about this concept but felt that a decision should not be made until they have had an opportunity to discuss this further with other Boards at the upcoming School Trustees’ Annual General Meeting next month.

6. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

6.1 Policy Development:

6.1.1 First Reading:

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

Mrs. Miller advised that changes to the policy have been necessitated by the advancement of technology which has resulted in inappropriate behavior in such areas as bullying and harassment. She summarized the proposed revisions to the policy.

M/S JENKINSON/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 amended.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Second Reading:

Nil

6.1.3 Third Reading:

Nil

7. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

7.1 February 2008 Budget Utilization Summary:

Cameron Dow

Mr. Dow advised that expenditures continue to be less than the projected level for this time of year.

7.2 Projected Enrolment for 2008/2009: Bendina Miller

Mrs. Miller referred the Board to the preliminary enrolment report for next year which is estimating a decline of 180 students. She pointed out that it is very difficult to get accurate Kindergarten figures as the schools have not had their enrolment sessions at this point in time.

7.3 School Calendar 2008/2009: Barbara Morris

Ms. Morris referred the Board to the report that was included with the agenda and the committee's recommendations.

M/S SOLES/HALL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) accept the recommendation of the Staff Development Committee to adopt Option 2, as presented in the 2008/09 School Calendar Report, as the local school calendar for 2008/09, **AND THAT** August 27th, 2008 be scheduled as a District Day to be held in Invermere.

CARRIED

7.4 Bill 33 Report to the Board: Bendina Miller

Mrs. Miller reviewed the report for the Board and responded to questions.

M/S JENKINSON/HALL

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

CARRIED

7.5 Wildsight Request – Sale of Alcohol at Wildsite Film Festival, McKim Middle School:

Mrs. Miller indicated that this was the fourth year for this request and there have been no issues with this event in the past.

M/S SOLES/HALL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the Wildsight Kimberley/Cranbrook request to serve alcohol at their film festival fundraiser to be held at McKim Middle School on the evening of Saturday, April 12, 2008, subject to meeting all legal requirements.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS

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

Trustee Smail was not in attendance.

8.2 B.C. School Trustees' Association: Jim Jenkinson

Trustee Jenkinson attended the Provincial Council meeting on February 15/16 and Trustees should have received a synopsis of the meeting. There was a presentation by the new Deputy, James Gorman, outlining the government's priorities for education.

He reminded Board members of the upcoming AGM scheduled for the first weekend of April which will focus on engaging the public.

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

Trustee Smith indicated that she will be seeking information on District successes and challenges to share at the next Branch meeting to be held in conjunction with the AGM.

8.4 B.C. Winter Games Report: Sandra Smaill

Trustee Jenkinson attended portions of the Winter Games and was pleased to present the Board Chair with a commemorative plaque from the Winter Games Society recognizing the District's contribution to this event.

8.5 District Technology Update: Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere reported that the Network Systems Specialists in the three zones have been very busy with WTS technicians troubleshooting our internet connectivity issues. We have a number of new connections at various sites available but they are not operating efficiently. This work is ongoing.

Wireless digital projectors and an audio system have been set up in the conference room in Invermere and there are plans to put the same type of system in place in the Zone Offices in Golden and in Kimberley to facilitate meetings.

Progress has been made in improving our infrastructure across the District this year. We are up to date on servers, and our school labs are in good shape. In 2008/09 we will focus on putting a more high-end lab into each secondary school. We will need to invest in improving our wireless infrastructure as the demands for this technology continue to increase.

Martyn Bampton has been responsible for building the template for putting Board meetings online. This technology will allow Trustees better access to current and archived information. In addition to his other duties, Martyn has been serving as a backup Network Specialist and spends some time in each zone working with the other Network System Specialists.

Secondary students will soon have SD6 mail accounts which will be for use between staff and students to facilitate transfer of assignments.

David Levine continues to support the schools which are piloting the BCeSIS report card module, is working with Pegg Davidson on the training necessary for the implementation of the special education module, and is now supporting the course selection process in BCeSIS at Selkirk Secondary.

Raydene Good-May is investigating the possibility of the School District being involved in a pilot project to utilize SMART Board technology in 8 classrooms across the District. He will arrange for Raydene to demonstrate the power of this technology at a future meeting.

The Technology Leadership Team has been formed and has begun meeting to shape direction in the use of educational technology in our District. The group has established a draft vision statement and will be meeting again on April 8 to begin setting goals for 2008/09. This team is comprised of 14 members representing Teachers, CUPE and Administration staff.

8.6 Learning Leadership Report: Barbara Morris

Ms. Morris indicated in last month's report that a regional forum would occur on February 15th. The meeting was very productive with all participants developing an action plan which begins with gathering our own data around the Dogwood completion rates of children in care in our School District, as well as identifying possible resources, supports and structures which made a difference for the students who were successful. The MCFD Team Leaders have been very co-operative in obtaining this information for us.

Our second sessions with Faye Brownlee and Leyton Schnellert have occurred and participants have the remainder of the year to implement some of the inclusionary practices which have proven to make a

difference to student success. In May Pegg Davidson and Ms. Morris plan to visit the teams which attended the Schnellert sessions to hear from them about inclusionary practices which they think have made a difference to struggling students.

Interactive Innovations was once again a smashing success. To quote a teacher's note of appreciation – "It was great to be part of it all, to collaborate with colleagues and to learn new strategies. The whole experience was terrific."

8.7 B.C. Education Leadership Council Report:

Dan Soles

Trustee Soles reported on a meeting he attended on behalf of the District on February 28 pertaining to leadership training for teachers and best practices. Lee Southern, who recently retired as the BCSTA's Executive Director, has been engaged to coordinate this initiative with universities in the province.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Correspondence:

9.1.1 Letter from Honorable Kevin Falcon, Minister of Transportation re: Road Construction at Dutch Creek

9.1.2 Letter from Mr. James Gorman, Deputy Minister of Education

9.2 Calendar of School Board Meetings: Circulated.

9.3 District Learning Leadership Calendar: Circulated.

10. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2008.03.17-29 Spring Break

2008.03.31 Golden Zone Trustees' Meeting, 12:15 p.m.

2008.03.31 Board Policy Committee Teleconference Meeting, 4:00 p.m.

2008.04.03-05 BCSTA AGM, Vancouver

2008.03.11 In-Camera Board Meeting, Marysville Elementary School, Kimberley, 6:00 p.m.

2008.03.11 Regular Board Meeting, Marysville Elementary School, Kimberley, 7:30 p.m.

2008.03.31 Windermere Zone Trustees' Meeting, 5:00 p.m.

TBD Kimberley Zone Trustees' Meeting

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC Nil

12. ADJOURNMENT

M/S SOLES/HALL

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 21:00 hours.

CARRIED

Chair

Secretary Treasurer