

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (ROCKY MOUNTAIN)

MINUTES of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held at Lady Grey Elementary School, Golden, B.C., - **May 10, 2016.**

Present:	Amber Byklum	Chairperson
	Jane Fearing	Vice-Chairperson
	Denny Neider	Trustee
	Mac Campbell	Trustee
	Shannon Hood	Trustee
	Rosemary Oaks	Trustee
	Rhonda Smith	Trustee
	Paul Carriere	Superintendent of Schools
	Dale Culler	Secretary Treasurer
	Members of Senior Management	

Apologies:	Betty Lou Barrett	Trustee
	Sandra Smaill	Vice-Chairperson

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 19:09 hours.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S OAKS/FEARING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETINGS

3.1 Regular Meeting: 2016.4.12

M/S NEIDER/HOOD

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on April 12, 2016 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2016.4.12

3.2.1 Personnel Matters:

The Personnel Report – Pending Board Approval was approved as presented. The Personnel Information Report was received and filed as circulated. The Labour Relations Information Report was received and filed as circulated.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 LGES Student Presentation: Beyond Recycling Program Janne Arlt, Principal

Mr. Carriere introduced Janne Arlt, Principal of Lady Grey Elementary School. Ms. Arlt introduced a presentation by students who have been participating in the Beyond Recycling Program. The students presented works of art that they created describing them as “trash to treasure”. The students explained that they took items directly from the landfill and repurposed them into art projects, helping to reduce the ecological footprint at the landfill. The Chairperson thanked the students for their presentations and also recognized Ms. Arlt on her upcoming retirement and thanked her for her years of service to the district.

4.2 RMISP Japan Trip Mark Davies

Mr. Carriere introduced Mark Davies, International Student Program Coordinator. Mr. Davies gave a presentation on an International Program Trip to Japan in which students from our district recently participated. Mr. Davies indicated that the trip was a very positive and impactful experience and several students reflected on what the trip meant to them. The students described cultural ceremonies and school classes that they attended. The students stayed with Japanese families for a portion of the trip and it is expected that a number Japanese students will come back to stay in our district at a later date. Mr. Davies responded to questions from the Board and the Chairperson thanked him and the students 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

6.1.2.1 Policy No. 1210 Parents Advisory Council Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere explained that the policy provides for how parents engage with schools in the School Plan for Student Success and that no further input had been received regarding the proposed amendment. The Policy Committee is recommending the Board consider second reading.

M/S NEIDER/HOOD

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading to amend Policy No. 1210, Parents’ Advisory Council at this meeting.

CARRIED

6.1.3 First Reading: Nil

7. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

7.1 April 2016 Budget Utilization Summary: Dale Culler

Mr. Culler reported on the April budget utilization summary. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Culler for his report.

7.2 2016/17 Annual Budget

Dale Culler

Mr. Culler presented to the Board the process and philosophy currently being used to prepare the annual budget. He explained that the process being used is known as Student Centered Leadership (SCL) where the determination for programming needs within the district is decentralized allowing the schools to make decisions about how best to allocate resources. Mr. Culler then explained that the schools receive their share of the per pupil grant allocation based on the SCL formula that was established some years ago that takes into consideration such things as the maximum class sizes at the various grade levels as well as overall enrolment at the school. This basic formula reflects the increase in per pupil grant allocation over time but otherwise has not changed. This year's per pupil grant allocation from the Ministry has been set at \$7,166 which is up \$8 from \$7,158 in the prior year. The total grant from the Ministry this year is \$32,666,057. Mr. Carriere added that in order to consistency and equity across the district, certain holdbacks have been applied to the school funding allocations to reflect some centralization of Learning Services and beginning this year, for Technology services. Mr. Culler has met with the Senior Management team to discuss the needs of Administrative, and Operations and Transportation departments to form an overall budget that is then presented at three scheduled meetings with the Finance and Audit Committee. The Finance and Audit Committee will then make a recommendation to the Board for approval of the budget at the June 14th meeting to ensure that the budget can be submitted to the Ministry by the June 30, 2016 deadline. Mr. Culler then responded to questions from the Board.

7.3 Board of Education Schedule of Meetings, 2016-2017

Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere presented the schedule for the ten (10) Board of Education meetings for the 2016-2017 school year and responded to questions.

7.4 School Fees, 2016-2017

Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere presented the 2016-2017 schedule of school fees for approval by the Board and provided examples of student fees that can be charged under the School Act. Mr. Carriere then responded to questions from the Board.

M/S OAKS/HOOD

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the 2016-2017 schedule of school fees at this meeting.

CARRIED

7.5 Memorandum of Understanding, Yuexiu School District, Guangzhou, China

Paul Carriere
Duncan Macleod

Mr. Carriere introduced Mr. Macleod, International Education Manager who discussed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that the District is preparing to sign with Yuexiu School District, Guangzhou, China. Mr. Macleod explained that signing the MOU in person is a matter of protocol when developing partnerships with the Chinese. Guangdong province has a population of 110 million people and is the economic engine of China. Primarily for this reason the Yuexiu School District wants its international students to have an English immersion experience. This agreement is not the same as a traditional agent relationship; they are seeking a sister School District relationship and we would be the first School District to establish this in Guangzhou. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Macleod for his presentation.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Learning Leadership Report: Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon reported that she continues to have many requests to include items in the report each month with no indications that it is slowing down. She is also pleased to report that we have great work happening across the District Directions. The Chairperson thanked Ms. Lenardon for her report.

Trustee Hood left the meeting at 20:12; then rejoined the meeting at 20:13

8.2 BC School Trustees Association Jane Fearing

Trustee Fearing reported that she had attended the BCSTA AGM on April 14 – 16th in Vancouver along with several other Trustees and members of Administration. She reported on the keynote addresses and concurrent sessions that were part of the AGM itinerary. She also reported on the business session held on the last day of the meeting.

8.3 BC School Trustees Association, Kootenay-Boundary Branch Rosemary Oaks

Trustee Oaks reported that they had distributed the results from the questionnaire and it was presented at the BCSTA AGM.

8.4 Public School Employers Association Mac Campbell

Trustee Campbell indicated that there was nothing to report from the last meeting.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Correspondence

9.1.1 SD6 request to use Golden Horseshoe Club property Steve Jackson

Mr. Jackson reported that the Council of the Town of Golden denied the request to enter into an occupancy agreement to use the Golden Horseshoe Club property as an outdoor learning classroom. He was told however, that the property can still be accessed because it is a public space.

9.2 May and June 2016 Calendar Circulated

10. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2016.05.18 BCPSEA Event, Cranbrook, SD5 Board Room, 12:30 – 3:30 pm
2016.05.28 Board Working Session, Invermere Conference Room, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
2016.05.31 Policy Committee Meeting, Teleconference 4:00 pm
2016.05.31 Windermere Zone Trustee Meeting, Board Office, 5:00 pm
2016.06.03 Retirement and Service Recognition Event, Kimberley Zone, Trickle Creek Lodge, 4:00 pm
2016.06.07 Golden Zone Trustee Meeting, Golden Board Office, 12:15 – 1:15 pm
2016.06.07 Celebration of Student Success, Golden Zone, Board Room 4:00 – 6:00 pm
2016.06.08 Celebration of Student Success, Windermere Zone, Conference Room 4:00 – 7:00 pm
2016.06.09 Celebration of Student Success, Kimberley Zone, Board Room 4:00 – 6:00 pm
2016.06.10 Retirement and Service Recognition Event, Windermere Zone, Copper Point Resort, 6:00 pm
2016.06.11 Retirement and Service Recognition Event, Golden Zone, Kicking Horse River Lodge, 5:00pm
2016.06.14 Board Meeting, Selkirk Secondary School, In Camera, 6:00 pm
2016.06.14 Board Meeting, Selkirk Secondary School, Information Exchange, 6:30 pm
2016.06.14 Board Meeting, Selkirk Secondary School, Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Sally Struthers asked if the draft budget was available to the public. The Board Chairperson indicated that the draft budget has not been prepared as of this meeting because there are still budget deliberation meetings scheduled in May and June. The draft budget will be presented at the June meeting for approval by the Board.

Doug Murray asked a question about why there are two (2) sports busses in Kimberley and Golden and only one (1) in Windermere. Mr. Jackson responded that when the busses were purchased, Kimberley and Golden wanted busses available for use by both the elementary and secondary schools, whereas in Windermere they only wanted a bus available for use by the secondary school.

Doug Murray asked why busses are no longer allowed to travel on gravel roads. Mr. Jackson responded that busses are still occasionally required to travel on gravel roads, however road conditions must be evaluated and deemed safe for travel by the Operations Department. Recently the department did not allow the use of an MFAB on a remote forest service road because of the design of that vehicle and the poor quality of the road.

Doug Murray asked a question about budget allocations and how the Board is going to address the underfunding issue that it is facing. The Chairperson replied that they are still in budget deliberations and are currently having those discussions.

12. ADJOURNMENT

M/S FEARING/OAKS

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 20:49 pm.

CARRIED

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer