



Open Board Meeting of the Board of Education
School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin)
MINUTES

PUBLIC

Tuesday, March 29, 2016
Board Room

Trustees Present Tanya Guenther, Chair
 Brice O'Neill, Vice-Chair
 Sheila Boehm, Trustee
 Christine Dymont, Trustee
 Linda Nielsen, Trustee
 Chris Pettman, Trustee

Regrets Joyce Cooper, Trustee

Staff Present Mark Thiessen, Superintendent of Schools
 Kevin Futch, Secretary Treasurer
 Harj Manhas, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
 Connee Newberry, Executive Assistant

 Jerome Beauchamp, Director of Instruction
 Members of the Public

1. Opening by Chair

1.1 Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Meeting Held on Traditional Secwepemc (Shuswap) Territory

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting was being held on traditional Secwepemc (Shuswap) territory.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

O2016.03.29-01 **It was duly moved and seconded:**

THAT the agenda of the regular open meeting of the Board of Education be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Unanimously

2. Public Participation (Section 1)

2.1 Public Input/Comment on Items ON the Agenda

The Board Chair provided information on process for public participation. Five members of the public requested to speak in regards to item 5.1 Bridge Lake Elementary School - Potential Closure

Eric DeVries: Treasurer of Bridge Lake Elementary School: Began reading of presentation.

Kenny Julian: requested to defer his time to the previous speaker. The Board Chair ruled that in accordance with Board bylaw this was not allowed. Mr. Julian continued reading the presentation.

Piri DeVries: Chair of BrLES PAC made no comments and played music.

Steve James: declined to speak

Manuela Betschart: requested that the Board focus the decision on the children, bullying incidents on buses. Too long of bus rides - bathroom breaks, food. Don't make it about numbers and dollars - remember the children.

3. Consent Agenda

The Chair gave opportunity for items to be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

O2016.03.29-02 **It was duly moved and seconded:**

THAT the Board of Education adopts and receives all items listed on the Consent Agenda with the exception of 3.2.8 BCSTA Provincial Council Report.

3.1 Items for Approval

3.1.1 Adoption of Minutes

THAT the minutes of the regular open meeting of the Board of Education, dated 23 February 2016, be adopted as circulated.

3.1.2 Correspondence Report

THAT the Board of Education receive the correspondence as listed in the Open Correspondence Report dated 10 March 2016.

3.1.3 2016-2017 School Calendar

THAT the Board of Education, in accordance with the School Act s. 87.01, it adopts the following local school calendars for the 2016-2017 school year, as presented:

1. Alexis Creek and Anahim Lake schools (4.5 day week)
2. Naghtaneqed and Dog Creek Schools (4 day week)
3. Standard Calendar - All other schools

3.1.4 Strategic Plan

THAT the Board of Education, due to timing of community meetings and Spring Break, delay its review of its Strategic Plan until the April meeting of the Board.

3.2 Items for Information

3.2.1 Closed Meeting Report - 2016.02.23

3.2.2 Upcoming Meetings and Conferences List - April 2016

3.2.3 Outstanding Motions and Directions Report - 2016.03.11

3.2.4 Superintendent of Schools Report

The Superintendent's report included the following topics of information:

1. IHA Mock Orange Event: 2016.10.05
2. Community Leadership Presentation at Glen Arbor - 2016.02.23
3. District Science Fair - 2016.03.03
4. PSO Amnesty Concert - 2016.03.03
5. Superintendent's Education Liaison Committee Notes
2016.03.08

3.2.5 Secretary-Treasurer Report

The Secretary Treasurer's report included information regarding the following:

1. 150 Mile Elementary School Well
2. Capital Projects: Bio-Mass Boiler at Cataline
3. Transportation: Bus Routes and District Vehicles
4. Facilities: Current Projects
5. Budget: Update Expected \$1.3 Million Shortfall

3.2.6 Governance Committee - March meeting cancelled

3.2.7 First Nations Education Committee Minutes - 2015.12.14 and 2016.02.01

3.2.9 Other Trustee Liaison/Representative Meeting Reports

Trustees Dymont and Guenther provided reports of meetings and activities attend since the last Board meeting.

CARRIED Unanimously

**3.2.8 BCSTA Provincial Council Update Report - 2016.02.19-20
Summary**

Trustee Boehm provided more information from the BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting. The CSBA 2017 and National Gathering on Aboriginal Education will be held in Whistler July 2017.

The Board received the full report.

4. Action Items

4.1 Bylaw: Disposal of Capital Assets Bylaw No. 16-D003 (Kwaleen)

O2016.03.29-03 **It was duly moved and seconded:**

THAT School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) Disposal of Capital Assets Bylaw No. 16-D003 (Kwaleen School) in the amount of \$270,000.00 be read a third time, passed and adopted this 29th day of March 2016.

CARRIED Unanimously

4.2 Policy 1162 Trustee Conferences

O2016.03.29-04 **It was duly moved and seconded:**

THAT the Board of Education, after considering input from the Governance Committee and the public, adopts revisions to Policy 1162 Trustee Conferences as presented.

CARRIED Unanimously

4.3 Letter of Support - New Crosswalk

O2016.03.29-05 **It was duly moved and seconded:**

THAT the Board of Education write a letter to the City of Williams Lake requesting that the City consider implementing a signalized cross walk at the bottom of Comer Street to increase the safety of children crossing McKenzie Avenue in accessing the Williams Lake River Valley Trail System.

CARRIED Unanimously

5. Discussion Items

5.1 Bridge Lake Elementary School - Potential Closure

The Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer provided information regarding the consideration of Bridge Lake Elementary School closure specifically around:

- 1. Distance between Bridge Lake and Horse Lake Schools:** Ministry of Education has confirmed that sporadic checks regarding distances between schools are done and that they concur that the mileage is 38.5 kms between the two. The Ministry looks at the shortest distance on a paved road. This grant is controlled by the Ministry.
- 2. Home Schooling and FTE:** FTE is not attributed to schools. The School District receives \$250 per registered home school student.
- 3. Correspondence Received:** Correspondence received regarding the potential closure was included. Files dated 2016.02.18 were received at the February closed meeting.
- 4. Public Forum Notes:** 2016.03.02 were shared.
- 5. Other Information Requested by Staff:** by consensus, trustees requested further information regarding the boundaries for Bridge Lake and Horse Lake. Clarification of Zone trustee duties and impacts of stepping aside on voting. A lot of this document is hearsay - how do consider the facts? Would like references from document brought

forward that are mentioned that have been given to the Board and Superintendent previously. Report back on how taxation system works and how schools are funded. What would a deferment of decision look like? 3 mos, 6 mos or 1 year.

5.2 BCSTA - Survey to Review Co-Governance Model with Ministry of Education

The Board of Education provided feedback to a BCSTA survey to review co-governance model with the Ministry of Education. The Board Chair will complete the survey on behalf of the Board prior to the 01 April 2016 deadline for submission.

1. Public Confidence: more information coming from BCSSA, BSASBO, and BCSTA - co-signatures - and willingness to working together. Joint meetings - regional and provincial.
2. Commitment to Action: Staff time and financial support. Negative - took the finance from District budgets. Not enough advertising for parents for Education Plan.
3. Partnership: Minister Bernier visited this District and many others - making rounds - commendable.
4. Consultation and Notification: Challenge - respect for areas of responsibilities - downloading of funding expectations (exempt staff, MSP etc. from existing budgets). Positive: ed plan discussions
5. Flexibility: Did take some consideration when pushed back. But still downloaded alot.

Going Forward - 6 Priorities for 2016: How to move priorities forward?
- would like to hear from other Boards - using ThoughtExchange process as opposed to just receiving the feedback.

- rural education costs vs urban

- continue the conversation - continue partner meetings - no silos - having ability to work together in a manageable way - keeping boards at the forefront.

General Recommendations:

- need to carry on with the intention

5.3 BCSTA AGM Motions

Thirty-one motions are being presented at the BCSTA AGM and were reviewed by the Board.

6. Public Participation (Section 2)

6.1 Public Questions Regarding Items NOT On the Agenda

Questions from the public:

1. Why was the decision made to hold 90 day consultation period from January to April instead of September? Will the Board consider increasing the 90 day consultation period?

2. Shared quote from BCSTA regarding duties of trustee - Why is our zone trustee upset - when she has refused to meet?

3. If community member, parent or student has a complaint with staff member - how is it that we get answers back? How do we further the complaint? Want to trust that the issue is being dealt with. The Superintendent reiterated the communication protocol of the the District and referred the questioner to the communicating effectively brochure.

7. Adjournment

O2016.03.29-06 **It was duly moved and seconded:**

THAT the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 8:49 pm.

CARRIED Unanimously

Kevin Futcher
Secretary Treasurer

Tanya Guenther
Chair