

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 Eileen Madson Primary School, Invermere, B.C., - **MAY 9, 2017.**

Present:	Amber Byklum	Chairperson
	Sandra Smaill	Vice-Chairperson
	Jane Fearing	Vice-Chairperson
	Denny Neider	Trustee
	Rosemary Oaks	Trustee
	Shannon Hood *	Trustee
	Mac Campbell	Trustee
	Betty-Lou Barrett	Trustee
	Rhonda Smith	Trustee
	Paul Carriere	Superintendent of Schools
	Dale Culler	Secretary Treasurer

Members of Senior Management

* via Telephone

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 19:07 hours.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S SMAILL / NEIDER

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: 2017.4.11

M/S SMITH / FEARING

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on April 11, 2017 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2017.4.11

3.2.1 Property Matters Nil

3.2.2 Legal Matters Nil

3.2.3 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 EMPS Grade 3 Students Sharing School Highlights Mark Koebel

Mr. Mark Koebel, Principal of Eileen Madson Primary School introduced four (4) grade 3 students to share some of the school highlights. For the past ten (10) years EMPS has planted and maintained a school garden on land that has been donated by a family for this purpose. In the spring there are garden nights where the students spend time getting the garden ready by pulling weeds and turning the soil. Each class then plants seeds and during the summer families take time to water the garden. In the fall they learn about all the changes that have happened to the plants and they harvest the vegetables.

They also made a presentation on leadership and what it means to be a role model. During lunch time there are two or three grade 3 students in each classroom acting as monitors, doing morning announcements and helping with special events.

The students responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked them 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: Nil

7. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

7.1 April 2017 Budget Utilization Summary Dale Culler

Mr. Culler reported on the April budget utilization summary and responded to questions. The Chairperson thanked him for his report.

7.2 Board of Education Schedule of Meetings, 2017-2018 Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere presented the Board of Education schedule of meetings for the 2017-18 school year for Board approval.

M/S CAMPBELL / OAKS

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the Board of Education Schedule of Meetings, 2017-2018 at this meeting.

CARRIED

7.3 School Fees, 2017-2018 Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere presented the 2017-18 school fees for Board approval. Every May the Ministry of Education requires Boards to approve school fees for the upcoming school year. School fees include amounts for such things as student activities and sports academies. Mr. Carriere responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his report.

M/S OAKS / SMAILL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the School Fees, 2017-2018 at this meeting.

CARRIED

7.4 Long Term Facility Plan

Amber Byklum

Chairperson Byklum presented the Long Term Facility Plan for consideration by the Board. Trustee Fearing proposed that the Long Term Facility Plan be considered individually by Zone. Speaking in favour of the motion she indicated the need to discuss each zone individually because the issues are very different in each zone. The Trustees expressed their gratitude to everyone for the hard work that went into the process and the input they received from the public.

M/S FEARING / SMITH

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) address the Long Term Facility Plan by motion for each zone.

CARRIED

The Trustees first discussed the Long Term Facility Plan as it relates to the Golden Zone considering all the information presented in the plan, community meetings, and input received from the public. The discussion centered specifically around the recommendation in the plan to reconfigure to a K-7 model in the zone. Differing views were expressed; some trustees seeing a need to reconfigure to address the issues long term, and others seeing this as unnecessary at this time.

M/S FEARING / SMITH

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the Long Term Facility Plan as presented in the second draft as it relates to the Golden Zone with the following revision:

1. To retain the current grade configurations at Alexander Park Elementary School and Lady Grey Elementary School.

CARRIED

The Trustees next discussed the Long Term Facility Plan as it relates to the Windermere Zone considering all the information presented in the plan, community meetings, and input received from the public. Based on this information the Trustees discussed concerns with space issues at Eileen Madson Primary School and that any proposed school configuration changes could not take place in the Windermere zone until those space issues can be addressed through either replacement or expansion of the school. They also discussed the likelihood of the Ministry approving capital grants due to the available space at J. Alfred Laird Elementary School.

M/S NEIDER / OAKS

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the Long Term Facility Plan as presented in the second draft as it relates to the Windermere Zone with the following revision:

1. To retain the current grade configurations at Eileen Madson Primary School and J. Alfred Laird Elementary School.

CARRIED

The Trustees next discussed the Long Term Facility Plan as it relates to the Kimberley Zone considering all the information presented in the plan, community meetings, and input received from the public. Trustees discussed the input they received regarding the perceived inequity between the various elementary school facilities in Kimberley. There were various views discussed, some supporting the view that there would be an inequity in a K-7 model, and some supporting the view that all schools are appropriately maintained and that these differences are minor. Catchment areas and transportation issues were also discussed with debate on whether drawing a catchment line is a short-term or long-term solution. Some Trustees presented that the catchment line will only be a short-term solution for transportation as the enrolment bump going through the system will require

additional busses to be purchased and operated. They pointed out the plan indicates that it will be costly over the next ten years if the schools are not reconfigured, and that it is inappropriate to spend additional money on bussing where there is a better option. The view was also expressed that the bussing issue can be overcome by management revisiting the issue.

Trustee Fearing moved that the chairperson call the question.

DEFEATED

Trustees continued debate discussing the merits of students being able to walk to their neighbourhood school, transitions and moving students through as a cohort.

M/S CAMPBELL / SMITH

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the Long Term Facility Plan as presented in the second draft as it relates to the Kimberley Zone with the following revisions:

1. To retain the current grade configurations at Marysville Elementary School, McKim Middle School, and Lindsay Park Elementary School.
2. To draw a catchment line as outlined in the plan effective in the 2017-18 school year.

CARRIED

Trustee Hood left the meeting at 20:37 hours.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Learning Leadership Report: Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon reported the dates of upcoming events. The Chairperson thanked her for her report.

8.2 BC School Trustees Association Jane Fearing

Trustee Fearing reported on the highlights of the BCSTA AGM held in Richmond on April 20 -23 and informed the Board that Gordon Swan was elected as the new BCSTA President. Trustee Fearing reported on the presentations that she attended and encouraged all Trustees to attend next year's AGM. Trustee Smith informed the Trustees that she had a hard copy of the motions in a binder if anyone would like to review them.

8.3 BC School Trustees Association, Kootenay-Boundary Branch Amber Byklum

Chairperson Byklum reported on the branch meeting to be held in September currently scheduled to be held in Ainsworth.

8.4 Public School Employers Association Mac Campbell

Trustee Campbell reported that he had participated in conference calls relating implementation of MoU No. 17 coming out of the Supreme Court of Canada ruling. He will also be attending a BCPSEA regional meeting in Cranbrook being held on June 7th.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Correspondence Nil

9.2 May and June 2017 Calendar Circulated

10. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 2017.05.30 Policy Committee meeting, via Teleconference, 4:00 pm
- 2017.05.30 Windermere Zone Trustees meeting, Board Office, 5:00 pm
- 2017.06.02 Retirement and Service Recognition Event, Kimberley Zone, Trickle Creek Lodge, 4:00 pm
- 2017.06.06 Golden Zone Trustees meeting, Golden Zone Board Room, 12:15 – 1:15 pm
- 2017.06.06 Celebration of School Plans for Student Success, Golden Zone Board Room, 4:00 – 6:00 pm
- 2017.06.06 Labour Relations Committee, via Teleconference, 8:30 am
- 2017.06.07 Celebration of School Plans for Student Success, Windermere Zone, Conference Room, 4:00 – 7:00 pm
- 2017.06.08 Celebration of School Plans for Student Success, Kimberley Zone, Selkirk Secondary School, 4:00 – 6:00 pm
- 2017.06.09 Retirement and Service Recognition Event, Windermere Zone, Copper Point Resort, 6:00 pm
- 2017.06.10 Retirement and Service Recognition Event, Golden Zone, The Island Restaurant, 5:00 pm
- 2017.06.13 Board Meeting, Marysville Elementary School, In Camera, 6:00 pm
- 2017.06.13 Board Meeting, Marysville Elementary School, Information Exchange, 6:30 pm
- 2017.06.13 Board Meeting, Marysville Elementary School, Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public; however there was commentary for appreciation of all the hard work that went into the Long Term Facility Plan.

12. ADJOURNMENT

M/S NEIDER / FEARING
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 20:45 hours

CARRIED

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer