

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 J. Alfred Laird Elementary School, Invermere, B.C., - **April 12, 2016.**

Present:	Amber Byklum	Chairperson
	Sandra Smaill	Vice-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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 19:12 hours.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S FEARING/CAMPBELL

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: 2016.3.08

M/S SMAILL/OAKS

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on March 8, 2016 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2016.3.08

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 JALES Grade 5 Class Business and Microcredit Loan Project Jill Jensen, Principal
Alyssan Gauthier, Teacher

Mr. Carriere introduced Jill Jensen, Principal of J. Alfred Laird Elementary School. Ms. Jensen introduced a presentation by students from Ms. Gauthier’s grade 5 class. The presentation was by four grade 5 students from Ms. Gauthier’s class on their classroom business: Art By Kids. Students presented on tasks they’ve engaged in to start a student-run silent Art Auction and Art Card business. The project work is in collaboration with Junior Achievement of British Columbia and the Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce. Students will sell their original canvas paintings via a silent art auction at JALES on April 25-28th, 2016. They will sell their original Art Cards at various local businesses around Invermere. All profit from the business’ sales will contribute to creating the class’ second, interest-free, Building Beginnings Microcredit Loan. The class’ first loan of \$1,000.00 is currently being borrowed, interest-free, by a school in Tanzania, Africa to assist in adding windows and doors to the school. Applications for the interest-free loan will be available from JALES front office beginning the last week of May, 2016.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES Nil

6. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

6.1 Policy Development:

6.1.1 Third Reading:

- 6.1.1.1 Policy No. 2300, Business-Education Partnerships Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere explained that the Policy Committee has considered the feedback and discussion held by the Board on this policy and recommends that the policy confirm that information advertising goods and services of a business is not to be sent home with students and will not appear in school newsletters, but also that the Superintendent be authorized to make exceptions to this in specific circumstances. The authorization was deemed most appropriate at the Superintendent level to facilitate standardized application of the policy across the District. The Policy Committee is recommending the Board consider third and final reading.

M/S SMAILL/OAKS

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve third and final reading to amend Policy No. 2300, Business-Education Partnerships at this meeting.

CARRIED

- 6.1.1.2 Policy No. 3800, Expenses on School Board Business Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere explained that the Policy Committee had not received any further input on the Policy, and it is recommending the Board consider third and final reading.

M/S OAKS/CAMPBELL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve third and final reading to amend Policy No. 3800, Expenses on School Board Business at this meeting.

CARRIED

- 6.1.2 Second Reading: Nil

6.1.3 First Reading:

6.1.3.1 Policy No. 1210, Parents' Advisory Council

Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere explained that the proposed amendment is straightforward and provides for Parent Advisory Councils to have input into the development of the School Plan for Student Success. The Policy Committee is recommending the Board consider first reading.

M/S CAMPBELL/OAKS

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

CARRIED

7. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

7.1 March 2016 Budget Utilization Summary:

Dale Culler

Mr. Culler reported on the March budget utilization summary and indicated that the Finance and Audit Committee had an opportunity to discuss the results of operations for the 3rd quarter ending March 31, 2016 in detail at their most recent meeting. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Culler for his report.

7.2 Capital Project Bylaw No. 127063

Dale Culler

Mr. Culler spoke to the Annual Facility Grant Bylaw No. 127063. The proposed bylaw is the directive that the Board agrees to proceed with and submit projects in the amount of \$741,703 under the capital portion of the Annual Facility Grant allocation for 2016/17. Mr. Culler explained that Mr. Jackson has reviewed our facility plans to identify the specific projects to be submitted under the grant. Mr. Culler explained that if the Board agreed to support the bylaw then the identified projects would be submitted to the Ministry for approval. Mr. Culler responded to questions and then asked the Board to consider all three readings of the bylaw at this meeting.

M/S HOOD/OAKS

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) unanimously agrees to consider all three readings of the Annual Facilities Grant Bylaw No. 127063 at this meeting.

CARRIED

M/S OAKS/NEIDER

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of the Annual Facilities Grant Bylaw No. 127063 at this meeting.

CARRIED

M/S OAKS/SMITH

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of the Annual Facilities Grant Bylaw No. 127063 at this meeting.

CARRIED

M/S NEIDER/SMALL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve third and final reading of the Annual Facilities Grant Bylaw No. 127063 at this meeting.

CARRIED

7.3 International Ed, Yuexiu School District, Guangzhou, China Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere explained that he was requested to travel to China to meet with officials of Yuexiu School District regarding Chinese students participating in the Rocky Mountain International Student Program. He will be travelling with Duncan MacLeod, International Education Manager to China after the May long weekend to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the school districts. Signing this MOU in person is an important cultural protocol with the Chinese officials. Mr. MacLeod will attend the May 10th Board meeting to provide further details and answer questions.

7.4 Visit of Minister of Education, Hon. Mike Bernier, April 19, Kimberley Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere explained that the Minister has planned a visit to our District to meet with Trustees on April 19th in Kimberley and to visit two schools. It will be a short visit, approximately two hours, which gives time for a short meeting and tours of both Selkirk Secondary and McKim Middle Schools. Mr. Carriere explained that we are looking forward to hosting the Minister in our District as it has been a long time since we have had this opportunity.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Learning Leadership Report: Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon was pleased to report that there are numerous examples of School initiatives that are aligned with District Directions being reported in the Learning Leadership Report. The Chairperson thanked Ms. Lenardon for her report.

8.2 BC School Trustees Association Jane Fearing

Trustee Fearing reported that she was preparing to attend the AGM on April 14 – 16th in Vancouver.

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

Trustee Oaks indicated that they were writing a report for the 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 Nil

9.2 April and May 2016 Calendar Circulated

10. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2016.04.14-17 BCSTA AGM, Vancouver

2016.04.19 Visit of the Minister of Education, Hon. Mike Bernier, Kimberley Zone 8:45 – 11:00 am

2016.04.26 Policy Committee Meeting, Teleconference 4:00 pm

2016.04.26 Windermere Zone Trustee Meeting, Board Office, 5:00 pm

2016.05.03 Labour Relations Committee Teleconference, 8:30 am

2016.05.03 Golden Zone Trustee Meeting, Golden Board Office, 12:15 – 1:15 pm

2016.05.10 Board Meeting, Lady Grey Elementary, In Camera, 6:00 pm

2016.05.10 Board Meeting, Lady Grey Elementary, Information Exchange, 6:30 pm

2016.05.10 Board Meeting, Lady Grey Elementary, Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Doug Murray asked a question about why the Memorandum of Understanding was being signed with the Yuexiu School District. Mr. Murray asked why is there a need to have an agreement signed with the School District; is it different from a German student? Mr. Carriere explained that the MOU specifies terms of a working relationship between the school districts and is an important protocol when working with Chinese jurisdictions. In the case of other countries, students are typically placed by private agencies and there are no formal agreements with the school districts where the students originate.

12. ADJOURNMENT

M/S OAKS/SMITH

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 20:03 pm.

CARRIED

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer