

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 Kimberley, Golden, and Invermere District Offices, B.C., - **DECEMBER 14, 2021.**

Present:	Amber Byklum	Chairperson
	Jane Fearing	Vice-Chairperson
	Sandra Smaill	Vice-Chairperson
	Ronald McRae	Trustee
	Scott King	Trustee
	Ryan Stimming	Trustee
	Rhonda Smith	Trustee
	Jane Thurgood Sagal	Trustee
	Betty-Lou Barrett	Trustee
	Members of Senior Leadership Team	
	Karen Shipka	Superintendent of Schools
	Alan Rice	Secretary Treasurer
	Steve Wyer	Assistant Superintendent
	Trent Dolgopol	Director of Instruction, Technology and Innovative Learning
	Steve Jackson	Director of Operations
	Viveka Johnson	Director of Instruction, Learning and Support Services
	Amanda Garand	Human Resources Manager
	Jacinda Harding	Finance Manager
	Stacey Ursulescu	Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Byklum called the meeting to order at 19:02 hours.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

Chairperson Byklum acknowledged that School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) resides in the traditional unceded shared territory of the Ktunaxa and Secwépemc peoples and the chosen home of the Métis.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

M/S FEARING / SMAILL

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

APPROVED

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETINGS

4.1 Regular Meeting: 2021.10.12

M/S THURGOOD SAGAL / STIMMING

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on November 9, 2021 be approved as presented.

APPROVED

4.2 Synopsis of in camera meeting: 2021.11.9 Alan Rice

4.2.1 Property Matters: Nil

4.2.2 Legal Matters:

4.2.2.1 Legal counsel has been sought for the increasing and persistent COVID-19 parent communication.

4.2.3 Personnel Matters

4.2.3.1 The Personnel Report – Pending Board Approval; the Board approved one (1) personal leave of absence request and denied one (1) personal leave of absence request as presented.

4.2.3.2 The Personnel Information Report was received and filed as circulated.

4.2.3.3 The Labour Relations Information Report was received and filed as circulated.

4.2.3.4 COVID-19 – Discussed vaccine mandates for school districts. The Board of Education directed the senior leadership team to develop a survey to solicit vaccine status of employees in the school district.

4.2.4 Student Matters:

4.2.4.1 Nil

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS Nil

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES Nil

7. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

7.1 Policy Development:

7.1.1 Third Reading:

7.1.1.1 Policy Manual Sections 4000 – 5000

Karen Shipka

Ms. Shipka presented the Board with the proposed amendments to policies found in 4000 and 5000 sections for third reading. Ms. Shipka reported that minor edits were corrected. The Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider third and final reading of the policies found in sections 4000 and 5000 at this meeting.

M/S THURGOOD SAGAL / KING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve third and final reading of policies found in sections 4000 and 5000 presented at this meeting.

APPROVED

7.1.2 Second Reading:

7.1.2.1 Policy Manual Sections 6000, 7000, and 8000

Karen Shipka

Ms. Shipka presented the Board with the proposed amendments to policies found in 6000, 7000, and 8000 sections for second reading. Ms. Shipka reported that the Policy Committee recommended adding language around reducing the District’s carbon footprint and monitoring carbon reduction to policy 6200. The Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider second reading of the policies found in sections 6000, 7000, and 8000 at this meeting.

M/S STIMMING / THURGOOD SAGAL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of policies found in sections 6000, 7000, and 8000 presented at this meeting.

APPROVED

7.1.3 First Reading:

7.1.3.1 Policy Manual Sections 9000 - 10000

Karen Shipka

Ms. Shipka presented the Board with the proposed amendments to policies found in 8000, 9000, 10000 sections for first reading. The Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider first reading of the policies found in sections 8000, 9000 and 10000 at this meeting.

M/S SMAILL / SMITH

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of policies found in sections 8000, 9000 and 10000 presented at this meeting.

APPROVED

8. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

8.1 Board Standing Committee Appointments:

Amber Byklum

Chairperson Byklum presented the Board Standing Committee appointments for the upcoming year.

8.2 Budget Utilization Summary – November 30, 2021

Alan Rice

Mr. Rice presented the Board of Education with a report on year-to-date operating expenditures compared to budget and prior year. Expenditures to date are in line with budgeted and greater than the prior year for the same timeframe.

8.3 Draft School Calendars Report

Steve Wyer

Mr. Wyer presented the draft 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 school calendars. Each calendar requires a 60 day public consultation period which ought to begin in order to comply with *School Act* and District Bylaw requirements by May 31, 2022. The district calendar for 2022-2023 requires final approval following a 60-day consultation process. The District seeks approval in principle for the district calendar 2024-2025.

M/S SMAILL / KING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the draft 2022-2023 and 2024-2025 calendars for public consultation.

APPROVED

9. REPORTS

9.1 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) strategic plan update

Karen Shipka

Ms. Shipka provided the Board of Education with an update on the forward progress made on each priority area identified in the operational plan.

- 9.2 Community engagement plan Karen Shipka

Ms. Shipka provided the Board of Education with an overview of the community engagement plans to be held in June 2022 in each community.

- 9.3 District vice principals update Steve Wyer

Mr. Wyer provided an update on the work being undertaken by the district vice principals.

- 9.4 Dogwood completion rates 2021 Steve Wyer

Mr. Wyer provided an update on Dogwood completion rates within the District. He noted that while Dogwood completion rates are on the rise in School District No.6 (Rocky Mountain), there are improvements to be made in order to achieve equity and parity between Indigenous and non-Indigenous learners. Furthermore, the District remains focused on learning more about barriers to completion for students earlier on in their secondary years to allow more time to intervene prior to students beginning their graduation program.

- 9.5 Flag pole upgrade update Steve Jackson

Mr. Jackson provided an update on flag poles. He shared that the District Administration Building will be the first site to have flag poles upgraded. Flag poles are being ordered and the installation is planned to be complete in time for National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21 where the District plans to celebrate with the raising of the flags with our Indigenous partners.

- 9.6 BC School Trustees Association Jane Fearing

Trustee Fearing reported that she along with Trustee Thurgood Sagal, Trustee Stimming, and Trustee King attended the BCSTA Trustee Academy from December 2-4. Each attendee shared their learnings.

- 9.7 BC School Trustees Association, Kootenay Boundary Branch Rhonda Smith

Trustee Smith deferred to the Trustees that attended the BCSTA Academy to report on the KBB Breakfast. Trustee Fearing presented at the KBB Breakfast. Trustee King spoke about the discussion in Prince George about the by-election. A date was set for motion building day.

9.8 BC Public Schools Employers' Association

Sandra Smail

Trustee Smail shared that she and Trustee Thurgood Sagal will be attending the BCPSEA AGM on January 27 and 28, 2022.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1 December 2021 and January 2022 calendar

10.2 Schedule of Christmas events

11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2022.01.04 Labour Relations Committee Meeting, Teleconference, Time TBD

2022.01.05 New website Trustee training, 6:30 p.m.

2022.01.11 Board of Education Meeting, Virtual

- In-Camera 6:00, p.m.
- Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Trustees agreed to adjourn by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 20:03 hours.

Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer

Amber Byklum, Chairperson