

School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain)

MINUTES of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held virtually – **MARCH 8, 2022.**

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
	Viveka Johnson	Director of Instruction, Learning and Support Services
	Al Ure	Director of Operations
	Steve Jackson	Operations Consultant
	Amanda Garand	Human Resources Manager
	Jacinda Harding	Finance Manager
	Stacey Ursulescu	Executive Assistant
	General Public	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Byklum called the meeting to order at 19:00 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. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

Chairperson Byklum acknowledged that today is International Women’s Day.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

M/S SMAILL / THURGOOD SAGAL

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

APPROVED

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETINGS

5.1 Regular Meeting: 2022.02.08

M/S STIMMING / SMITH

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on February 8, 2022 be approved as presented.

APPROVED

5.2 Synopsis of in camera meeting: 2022.01.11 Alan Rice

5.2.1 Property Matters: Nil

5.2.2 Legal Matters: Nil

5.2.2.1 Staffing matter
Ms. Shipka, Mr. Rice, Mr. Wyer, and Ms. Garand discussed a staffing matter with the Board of Education.

5.2.2.2 ERP update
Mr. Rice provided an update on the RFP process to replace the District’s ERP software that operates the finance, payroll, and HR functions. The Board of Education carried a motion authorizing the Secretary Treasurer to enter into a contract with the preferred vendor for the District.

5.2.3 Personnel Matters:

5.2.3.1 The Personnel Report – Pending Board Approval: Nil

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

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

5.2.3.4 Trustee Compensation Report

Ms. Shipka and Mr. Rice provided the Board of Education with information about Trustee remuneration.

5.2.3.5 COVID-19 vaccine mandate:
Ms. Shipka provided an update on vaccine mandates.

5.2.3.6 Ms. Garand provided the Board of Education an update on RMTA bargaining.

5.2.4 Student Matters: Nil

5.2.5 Procedural Matters: Nil

6. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

6.1 Ms. Lye:

Ms. Lye presented on COVID-19 public health orders that have been implemented in School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain).

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES Nil

8. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

8.1 Policy Development:

8.1.1 Third Reading:

8.1.1.1 Policies from sections 8000, 9000, and 10000 in policy manual:

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

M/S KING / SMAILL

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

APPROVED

8.1.2 Second Reading:

8.1.2.1 Policy 1400, policies from section 3000, policy 6000, and policy 8800:

Ms. Shipka and Mr. Rice presented the Board with the proposed policy 1400, amendments to policies found in section 3000, policy 6000, and policy 8800. Ms. Shipka shared with the Board that feedback had been received on policy 8800 however, Intensive French registration was currently underway. The policy with recommendations will be presented in the fall prior to registration for Intensive French next year. Ms. Shipka reported that the Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider second reading of policy 1400, policies found in section 3000, policy 6000, and policy 8800 at this meeting.

M/S SMAILL / FEARING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of policy 1400, policies found in section 3000, policy 6000, and policy 8800 presented at this meeting.

APPROVED

8.1.3 First Reading:

8.1.3.1 Policy 6300 and policy 8000:

Ms. Shipka and Mr. Rice presented the Board with the proposed changes to policy 6300 and 8000. The District recommended to the Board that policy 6300 be repealed due to advice received by School Protection Programs. Amendments to policy 6000 designates teachers as priority users of District facilities provided they apply and follow the rules as outlined in the policy and district practice.

Policy 8000 recently received all three readings however feedback was received late to change language from “differing points of view” to “inclusive worldview”.

M/S BARRETT / SMITH

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) unanimously agree to proceed with all three readings to repeal policy 6300.

APPROVED

M/S BARRETT / KING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading to repeal policy 6300.

APPROVED

M/S MCRAE / BARRETT

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading to repeal policy 6300.

APPROVED

M/S SMAILL / KING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve third and final reading to repeal policy 6300.

APPROVED

M/S SMITH / BARRETT

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of policy 8000 presented at this meeting.

APPROVED

9. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

9.1 Provincial Online Learning: Trent Dolgopol and Lisa Tenta

Mr. Dolgopol and Ms. Tenta provided the Board of Education with information about online learning. The Ministry of Education (MOE) is restructuring online learning for students in BC for the 2022-2023 school year. School districts have an opportunity to apply to be a Provincial Online Learning Schools (POLS), remain as a Local Online Learning Schools (LOLS) or have students access online learning through a POLS.

Rocky Mountain School District has the option of offering services as a LOLS or redirecting students/families interested in online learning to POLS.

Families in School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) value the programs and courses offered by RMDL. Historical enrollment data suggest that there would be an ongoing demand for a LOLS. A Local Online Learning Program offers students and families the opportunity to be connected, receive authentic learning, and for greater flexibility to meet individualized student needs.

If the Board of Education decides to continue to operate a LOLS there will be a need to develop a policy and engage in a process to formally change the name of RMDL to Rocky Mountain Online Learning School as the Ministry of Education is no longer recognizing the term 'Distributed' in relation to online learning programs.

M/S THURGOOD SAGAL / SMITH

THAT the Board of Education support an application to the Ministry of Education to become a Local Online Learning School as stated in the recommendations.

APPROVED

9.2 Draft School Calendars Report: Steve Wyer
Mr. Wyer presented the Board of Education with feedback received from the 2022, 60-day calendar consultation. The consultation ran online from December 17, 2021 to February 15, 2022 and 22 people responded. While few responses were received, four themes emerged from the consultation.

1. Align calendars with SD5.
2. Adjust the last day in 2025 from Monday, June 30 to Friday, June 27.
3. Retain a 2 week Spring Break holiday but move the up-front non-instructional days from before Labour Day weekend and place them singly throughout the school year.
4. Request to align non-instructional days in April between SD5 and SD6. This requires an adjustment of the April 17, 2023 non-instructional day to April 24, 2023.

While these themes emerged, the Board of Education will need to consider the feedback after further conversation and consultation.

M/S KING / SMAILL

THAT Board of Education for School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the 2022-23 calendar as presented.

APPROVED

M/S SMAILL / FEARING

THAT Board of Education for School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the DRAFT calendar for 2024-25 in principle.

APPROVED

10. REPORTS

10.1 District vice principals update: Steve Wyer

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

10.2 BC School Trustees Association: Jane Fearing

Trustee Fearing reported that she attended the Indigenous Education Committee (IEC) meeting on February 10, 2022 virtually. She has nearly completed her term with the committee. Trustee Fearing and Trustee Smith attended Provincial Council on February 12, 2022 virtually. She also shared that the BCSTA AGM will be held in Vancouver from April 21-24, 2022. They shared that there will be an Indigenous Day of Learning at the AGM which was planned and discussed at the IEC meeting.

10.3 BC School Trustees Association, Kootenay Boundary Branch: Rhonda Smith

Trustee Smith reported that Chairperson Byklum's motion regarding language in the *School Act* has been amended to take forward to the BCSTA AGM.

10.4 BC Public Schools Employers' Association: Sandra Smaill

Trustee Smaill had nothing to report.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

11.1 March and April 2022 calendar

12. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| 2022.02.29 | Policy Committee meeting, video conference, 4:30 p.m. |
| 2022.04.05 | Labour Relations Committee Meeting, video conference, 12:30 p.m. |
| 2022.04.12 | Board of Education Meeting, Selkirk Secondary School |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-Camera, 6:00 p.m.• Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m. |

13. ADJOURNMENT

Trustees agreed to adjourn by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 20:22 hours.

Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer

Amber Byklum, Chairperson