

## 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 Lindsay Park Elementary School, Kimberley, B.C. – **September 13, 2022**

Present:	Amber Byklum	Chairperson
	Jane Fearing	Vice-Chairperson
	Ronald McRae	Trustee
	Scott King	Trustee
	Rhonda Smith	Trustee
	Ryan Stimming	Trustee
	Jane Thurgood Sagal	Trustee
	Betty-Lou Barrett	Trustee
	Sandra Smail	Vice-Chairperson
	Karen Shipka	Superintendent of Schools
	Alan Rice	Secretary Treasurer
	Steve Wyer	Assistant Superintendent
	Sharon Collin	Director of Instruction, Instruction and Learning
	Trent Dolgopol	Director of Instruction, Technology and Innovative Learning
	Crystal MacLeod	Director of Instruction, Early Learning and Child Care
	Al Ure	Director of Operations
	Danielle Warren*	Director, International Student Program
	Amanda Garand	Manager Human Resources
	Jacinda Harding	Finance Manager
	Darren Danyluk	District Principal, Literacy
	Glenn Goslin	District Vice Principal, Early Learning and Child Care
	Surrena Craig	District Health and Safety Officer
	Stacey Ursulescu	Executive Assistant
	General Public	

\*Microsoft Teams

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Byklum called the meeting to order at 19:05 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 SMAILL / FEARING**

**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: 2022.06.14

**M/S KING / THURGOOD SAGAL**

**THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on June 14, 2022 be approved as presented.

APPROVED

4.2 Synopsis of in camera meeting: 2022.06.14 Alan Rice

4.2.1 Property Matters:

4.2.1.1 License of Occupation agreement Parks Canada

4.2.2 Legal Matters: Nil

4.2.3 Personnel Matters:

4.2.3.1 The Personnel Report – Pending Board Approval:

The Board of Education approved three leave requests as presented and deferred one until a long term disability request is reviewed.

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 Early learning organizational structure

4.2.3.5 Trustee remuneration

4.2.4 Student Matters:

4.2.4.1 Cross boundary transfer requests

4.2.4.2 Correspondence from a parent

4.2.5 Procedural Matters: Nil

5. **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS** Nil

6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** Nil

7. **STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES** Nil

8. **OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

8.1 2021-2022 Auditors' report and draft financial statements: Alan Rice  
Mr. Rice reviewed the draft audited financial statements of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) for the year ended June 30, 2022, and Angela Spencer, partner with BDO Canada, presented the Auditors' report. Mr. Rice also presented the financial statement discussion and analysis report. Ms. Spencer and Mr. Rice responded to questions.

**M/S KING / FEARING**

**THAT** the Board accepts the auditors' report and approves the audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2022 as per the recommendation from the Finance and Audit Committee of the Board.

APPROVED

**M/S KING / MCRAE**

**THAT** the Board approve the June 30, 2022 transfers and final balances of the Local Capital as presented in schedule 4 of the financial statements along with the allocation of the June 30, 2022 internally restricted and unrestricted balances of the accumulated surplus as presented in the notes of the financial statement.

APPROVED

8.2 FESL Enhancing Student Learning Report: Karen Shipka  
Ms. Shipka presented the 2022-23 enhancing student learning report to seek Board approval prior to submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care. Ms. Shipka answered questions.

**M/S MCRAE / SMAILL**

**THAT** the Board of Education approve the Enhancing Student Learning Report and associated documents as presented for submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care for September 30.

APPROVED

## 9. REPORTS

- 9.1 Introduction to new District staff: Karen Shipka  
Ms. Shipka introduced four new employees in the District; Sharon Collin, Darren Danyluk, Glenn Goslin, and Danielle Warren.
- 9.2 District initiatives: Karen Shipka  
Ms. Shipka shared with the Trustees that the District is embarking on exploring important topics like anti-racism, climate action, consent education and others. She noted that it is important to understand the lived experience of staff, students, and families. She reported to the Trustees that the District has established committees to plan and implement this work to ensure progress throughout the year. The Board of Education will receive regular updates as this work progresses.
- 9.3 Communicable disease COVID-19 update: Surrena Craig  
Ms. Craig noted that although most school and community settings are back to a near normal state, the pandemic is still ongoing. The Interior Health Medical Health Officer offered a word of caution as we head into the winter months. It is possible that there may be a variant of concern that develops and precautions in schools and/or communities may need to change. We will continue to follow all public health and Medical Health Officer recommendations and requirements to ensure we maintain safe and health schools to learn and work.
- 9.4 Child care update: Crystal MacLeod  
Ms. MacLeod shared exciting news about child care in the District. Third-party providers are in the final stages of licensing and staffing for after-school programs in the following schools: Windermere Elementary School, Eileen Madson Primary School, Edgewater Elementary School, Lindsay Park Elementary School, and McKim Middle School.  
  
Our first New Spaces Fund application was submitted for a child care facility at Marysville Elementary School and on September 2 the District met with a Program Administrator from the Child Care Capital and Community Services Team at the Ministry of Education and Child Care. She reviewed the District's application and provided feedback. Once this application is complete, the District will complete the application for a child care facility at Eileen Madson Primary School.  
  
In spite of the District's best efforts, to date, the District has been unsuccessful in finding any staff for the JUSTB4 program in Golden

- 9.5 Student Family Affordability Fund Karen Shipka  
 Ms. Shipka shared with the Trustees that on August 29, 2022 the Minister of Education and Child Care (MOECC) announced a \$60 million one-time grant to support families as a result of unprecedented global inflation challenges. The MOECC issued Instructions to schools and compiled a question-and-answer document that outlines the parameters under which the funds can be spent. As part of the District's ongoing commitment to work with partners, a meeting has been scheduled on September 26, 2022 with Indigenous Education partners to discuss the parameters of the funding and to seek advice on how to best meet the needs of our students. Following that meeting the funding will be allocated to schools where principals, Indigenous Support workers and Community Link workers will determine how to meet local needs.
- 9.6 BC School Trustees Association: Jane Fearing  
 Trustee Fearing reported on a recent BCSTA Board of Directors meeting. The BCSTA Board of Directors is examining their strategic plan, conducting an internal review of policies and procedures, engaging in advocacy work, and reviewing the Code of Conduct. She shared that the Vice President of BCSTA is retiring and that a Board member will take their place until December when they will elect a new Board Member. She noted that a lot of focus is currently on the upcoming election and teacher recruitment and retention.
- She also shared activities of the Indigenous Education Committee (IEC) and that the IEC would like all Boards to discuss questions that they will be sending to Boards of Education. She also discussed the memorandum of understanding that was signed between the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) and BCSTA.
- 9.7 BC School Trustees Association, Kootenay Boundary Branch (KBB): Rhonda Smith  
 Trustee Smith reported on the BCSTA KBB chapter virtual AGM that was held on Saturday, September 10, 2022. She reported that a new chair was elected and that the branch will have an opportunity to meet again at the December BCSTA Academy.
- 9.8 BC Public Schools Employers' Association: Sandra Smaill and Jane Thurgood Sagal  
 Trustee Smaill reported on contract negotiations. Trustee Thurgood Sagal reported that BCPSEA will be hosting a series of regional meetings with school districts. The Kootenay/Boundary meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2022.

## **10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 10.1 Safety concerns in Golden
- 10.2 September and October 2022 calendar

## **11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- 2022.09.19 National Day of Mourning, No school
- 2022.09.27 Policy Committee Meeting, Teleconference, 4:30 p.m.
- 2022.09.30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, No school
- 2022.10.04 Labour Relations Committee Meeting, Teleconference, 12:30 p.m.
- 2022.10.11 Board of Education Meeting, Nicholson Elementary School
  - In-Camera 6:00, p.m.
  - Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustees agreed to adjourn by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 20:37 hours.

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Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer

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Amber Byklum, Chairperson