



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

March 2023

PRESENTATION

The Board of Education received a presentation from Niall Gleeson, a resident of Kicking Horse Mountain Resort in Golden. He requested the Board of Education add a new bus route for students that live at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort. The Board of Education will consider his request.

STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

Policy development • Karen Shipka

Second reading – Policy 8900

Ms. Shipka reported that the Policy Committee met on February 28. She reported that she received a question from Trustee King and minor grammatical revisions have been completed based on Trustee feedback.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES

Draft School Calendars Report • Karen Shipka

Ms. Shipka presented the Board of Education with feedback from the calendar consultation as part of the approval of the district calendar for 2023-2024 and the calendar in principle for 2025-2026.

In consultation with the RMTA in accordance with F. 22 of the Collective Agreement, the district proposed one of the August up front days be moved into the instructional calendar. It will be on Monday, September 25, 2023. Two non-instructional days will remain in August, the Ministry mandated non-instructional day on August 30 and one non-instructional day on August 31.

Additionally, February 20 was proposed as the district Non-Instructional Day, planned by the RMTA. While this does cause a 4-day instructional break, it is preferable to having two Mondays in a row of no instruction as previously proposed for Feb 12 and 19. Families can plan to extend their family day weekend with their children.

The Board of Education approved the 2023-24 calendar as presented and approved the draft calendar for 2025-26 in principle.

2022-23 Board of Education meeting and site visit calendar • Steve Wyer

Each year the Board of Education sets meeting dates and locations for the upcoming school year. The Board meets on the second Tuesday of every month, except in July and August, in various locations throughout School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain). The Board holds their meetings at schools throughout the school district in an effort to visit each school site several times during the 4-year tenure of each Board. The Board meeting dates for the 2023-24 school year are:

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| • Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. | Kimberley Zone, McKim Middle School |
| • Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. | Golden Zone, Lady Grey Elementary School |
| • Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. | Windermere Zone, David Thompson Secondary School |
| • Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. | Virtual, Zone Offices |
| • Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. | Virtual, Zone Offices |
| • Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. | Virtual, Zone Offices |
| • Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. | Virtual, Zone Offices |
| • Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. | Windermere Zone, Martin Morigeau Elementary School |
| • Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. | Kimberley Zone, Selkirk Secondary School |
| • Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. | Golden Zone, Golden Secondary School |

Capital Bylaw – Minor capital approval • Alan Rice

In accordance with Section 143 of the *School Act*, Boards of Education are required to adopt a single Capital Bylaw for its approved 2023/24 Capital Plan as identified in the Capital Plan Response Letter. As per the response letter SD6 received, below is the list of capital projects that are approved for funding:

- School Enhancement Program– Roofing Upgrades at MES - \$924,000
- Lighting Upgrades (CNCP) at McKim - \$204,000 and at NES - \$78,000
- One Replacement Bus - \$184,649

The Board of Education gave three readings to the Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD6-01.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES CONT'D

Rocky Mountain International Student Program Fee Increase • Danielle Warren

Rocky Mountain International Program (RMISP) student program fees were previously set and communicated with partners. The fees for the fiscal years 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27 require adjustment due to the current landscape of the economy. This change is required now as the international recruitment process commences well in advance of the students arriving in Canada. The Board of Education approved the increase to RMISP tuition.

Kimberley Trails Society request to serve alcohol at McKim Middle School • Alan Rice

District Practice 6000: Community Use of School District Property and Facilities, section 2.3 states, *“Alcohol is only permitted on District property if permission is obtained from the Board of Education. A copy of a valid liquor license must be provided to the District Administration Office”*. Kimberley Trails Society (KTS) has requested permission from the Board of Education to serve alcohol at an event at McKim Middle School. The Board of Education approved that alcohol may be serve in the McKim foyer area only for the Kimberley Trails Society event.

REPORTS

Budget Utilization • Alan Rice

Mr. Rice presented the Board of Education a report on year-to-date operating expenditures compared to budget and prior year. Expenditures to date are below budget by 2.85% and greater than the prior year by \$2,110,000 for the same timeframe. The operating variance of actual to budget for year-to-date is considered reasonable.

2023-24 Annual Facilities Grant • Alan Rice

The district is provided with funds each year to complete general maintenance of the facilities which is referred to as the Annual Facilities Grant (AFG). The AFG has been approximately \$1 million over the past few years. Projects in the AFG also relate to emergent issues such as furnace replacement or washroom fixtures which may not be scheduled but are required to be replaced if they fail or are damaged. The Director of Operations has a view of the entire district and balances the request from year to year to ensure the facilities across the district are equally served. Some of the projects are not subjective and are required to be completed to ensure the health and safety of the schools. The Board of Education asked questions and Mr. Rice and Mr. Ure responded to questions.

Marysville Elementary School childcare facility update • Alan Rice

The Board of Education received an update on the Rocky Mountain Childcare – Marysville facility. Seven Architectural firms submitted proposals for the design of the new childcare facility. A thorough review of all proposals occurred. MQN Architects, Vernon, BC has been awarded the design contract for this project. GeoTech and Survey work will commence as soon as possible. A tour of childcare facilities in Kimberley, Canal Flats and Windermere with our partner, Summit Community Services Society, the architectural design team, and SD6 childcare team is planned for later in March.