

Rocky Mountain School District No. 6

MINUTES of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held at Marysville Elementary School, Marysville, B.C. – **May 9, 2023**

Present:	Amber Byklum	Chairperson
	Jane Fearing	Vice-Chairperson
	Ron McRae	Vice-Chairperson
	Betty-Lou Barrett	Trustee
	Scott King*	Trustee
	Darryl Oakley	Trustee
	Rhonda Smith	Trustee
	Ryan Stimming	Trustee
	Jane Thurgood Sagal	Trustee
	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
	Glenn Goslin	District Principal, Early Learning and Child Care
	Amanda Garand	Manager Human Resources
	Stacey Ursulescu	Executive Assistant

* via Microsoft Teams

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Byklum called the meeting to order at 19:04 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 MCRAE / SMITH

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: 2023.04.11

M/S FEARING / THURGOOD SAGAL

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on April 11, 2023 be approved as presented.

APPROVED

4.2 Synopsis of in camera meeting: 2023.04.11 Alan Rice

4.2.1 Property Matters:

4.2.1.1 Golden child care facility

4.2.2 Legal Matters: NIL

4.2.3 Personnel Matters:

4.2.3.1 The Personnel Report – Pending Board Approval

There were ten leave requests for the Board to consider. The Board of Education approved two (2) requests and did not approve eight (8) requests.

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 Exempt Compensation Report

4.2.3.5 RMTA Early Retirement Plan report was received and filed as circulated.

4.2.4 Student Matters:

4.2.4.1 Transportation of students living at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort

4.2.5 Procedural Matters: NIL

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

5.1 Early Learning Framework: Glenn Goslin
The Board of Education received a presentation on the Early Learning Framework (ELF) implementation. The British Columbia ELF was updated in 2019 to align with the redesigned curriculum and to support consistency in teaching and learning from early years into school. District Principal for Early Learning and Child Care, discussed pedagogical narration and the use of Seesaw. He also discussed pedagogical strategies for play-based learning.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NIL

7. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

7.1.1 Third Reading: NIL

7.1.2 Second Reading: NIL

7.1.3 First Reading

7.1.3.1 Policy 2900, Naming or renaming of schools

Ms. Shipka reported on the newly proposed policy 2900, naming or renaming of schools. The District is considering renaming the alternate schools and currently does not currently have a policy in place.

M/S BARRETT / STIMMING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of policy 2900 presented at this meeting.

APPROVED

7.1.3.2 Policy 2950, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

Ms. Shipka reported on the newly proposed policy 2950, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy policy and district practice. This draft policy sets out the Board's commitment, standards, and expectations regarding the appropriate practices for the collection, use and protection personal information.

M/S SMITH / MCRAE

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of policy 2950 presented at this meeting.

APPROVED

7.1.3.3 Policy 4106, Confidentiality and conflict of interest
Mr. Wyer discussed new policy 4106, confidentiality and conflict of interest. It is essential that employees recognize their responsibility to ensure confidential information, received as a result of employment with the district, remains confidential.

District employees have a duty of loyalty to the District as their employer. This duty requires employees to provide services to the best of their ability regardless of their own personal opinion of Board direction or policy. Honesty and integrity of District employees is above reproach and coupled with impartiality in the conduct of their duties. The actions and conduct of employees must be such as to maintain a high public trust and confidence in the District.

M/S BARRETT / MCRAE

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of policy 4106 presented at this meeting.

APPROVED

7.1.3.4 Policy 8600, Field trips
Ms. Shipka reported on proposed amendments on policy 8600, field trips. The proposed changes include: A preamble about field trips and safety; alpine (downhill) skiing and snowboarding are proposed to be offered to students in grade 4 and higher; changing the definition of backcountry to ensure that the District's small, rural, and remote communities are not inadvertently impacted by the definition; introducing new appendices in the district practices that outlines common activities and supervision ratios as well as define commonly visited locations as low risk or higher care.

M/S STIMMING / OAKLEY

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of policy 8600 presented at this meeting.

APPROVED

8. OPERATIONAL ISSUES NIL

9. REPORTS

9.1 Budget utilization report: 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 2.69% and greater than the prior year by \$2,060,000 for the same timeframe. The operating variance of actual to budget for year-to-date is considered reasonable.

- 9.2 Early Learning Framework: Glenn Goslin

Mr. Goslin, District Principal for Early Learning, discussed this topic in his presentation.

- 9.3 Assessing the risk of violence in schools: Karen Shipka

The Board of Education was provided information on how the risk for violence is assessed and mitigated in SD6. SD6 must assess and respond to the risk of violence that comes from many forms; physical (including intimate partner violence), verbal (including hate speech), psychological and sexual violence. Assessing the risk of violence requires analysis of who may be at risk including students, staff, school community, and the public. The key to violence prevention is recognizing the risk and behaviors associated with violence. Violence prevention is everyone's responsibility, and it requires the commitment of all levels of the organization to be successful. SD6 will continue to evaluate the risk and the changing environment to respond effectively to the risk of violence in schools.

- 9.4 BC School Trustees Association: Jane Thurgood Sagal

Trustee Thurgood Sagal reported that Trustee Fearing was re-elected as a Director at the BCSTA AGM. She discussed that BCSTA budget for 2023-24 was approved at Provincial Council at the end of April. She gave an overview of the BCSTA revenue. She reminded Trustees of the virtual orientation sessions and shared with them that the recordings from the sessions "Relations with First Nations" are now available.

- 9.5 BC School Trustees Association, Kootenay Boundary Branch (KBB): Rhonda Smith

Trustee Smith reported on the BCSTA KBB Breakfast meeting. The branch reached an agreement to move forward with a motion building process. Three motions were presented at the BCSTA and all passed. She stated that the KBB branch AGM will be held September 22-24, 2023 near Grand Forks.

- 9.6 BC Public Schools Employers' Association: Scott King

Trustee King provided an overview of correspondence received from BCPSEA since the previous Board of Education meeting. He shared with the Trustees information that was presented at the BCPSEA regional meeting held in Cranbrook on May 8, 2023.

- 9.7 MOECC Framework Review Program Jane Thurgood Sagal

Trustee Thurgood Sagal provided an update on the FESL peer review team.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 10.1 Correspondence NIL
10.2 May and June 2023 calendars

11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 2023.05.10 Public Engagement Session, David Thompson Secondary School, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
2023.05.11 Public Engagement Session, Golden Secondary School, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
For Golden Secondary School, Nicholson Elementary School, Alexander Park Elementary School, and Lady Grey Elementary School
2023.05.17 Public Engagement Session, Marysville Elementary School, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
2023.05.10 Public Engagement Session, Eileen Madson Primary School, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
2023.05.23 Public Engagement Session, McKim Middle School, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Public Engagement Session, J. Alfred Laird Elementary School, 6:00 -8:00 p.m.
2023.05.25 Public Engagement Session, Martin Morigeau Elementary School, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
2023.05.26 Retirement Celebration Event at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort
2023.05.30 Public Engagement Session, Lindsay Park Elementary School, 6:00 -8:00 p.m.
2023.05.30 Public Engagement Session, Edgewater Elementary School, 6:00 -8:00 p.m.
2023.05.30 Policy Committee, Virtual, 4:30 p.m.
2023.05.31 Field Trip Committee, Virtual, 4:30 p.m.
2023.06.06 Labour Relations Committee meeting, Virtual, 12:30 p.m.
2023.06.13 Board of Education Meeting, Alexander Park Elementary School
- In-Camera, 6:00 p.m.
 - Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

12. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

13. ADJOURNMENT

Trustees agreed to adjourn by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 20:09 hours.

Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer

Amber Byklum, Chairperson