

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETINGS

4.1 Regular Meeting: 2023.12.12

M/S KING / FEARING

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on December 12, 2023 be approved as presented.

APPROVED

4.2 Synopsis of in camera meeting: 2023.12.12 Alan Rice

4.2.1 Property matters:

4.2.1.1 Request from Windermere Community Association

4.2.2 Legal Matters: NIL

4.2.3 Personnel Matters:

4.2.3.1 The Employee Information Report was received and filed as circulated.

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

4.2.3.3 Shuswap Band correspondence

4.2.3.4 Superintendent relations

4.2.4 Student Matters: NIL

4.2.5 Procedural Matters: NIL

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS NIL

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NIL

7. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

7.1.1 Policies Under Review feedback NIL

7.1.2 Third Reading: NIL

7.1.3 Second Reading:

7.1.3.1 Policy 4400, Non-certified Teachers On-call

Mr. Wyer reported that in order to provide continuous, well-directed educational programs for students, the Board of Education may elect to employ non-certified teachers as per language in B22.1 and 2 of the collective agreement between School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) and the Rocky Mountain Teachers' Association. Mr. Wyer reported that no feedback has been received from the public.

M/S KING / STIMMING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of policy 4400 presented at this meeting.

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7.1.4 First Reading

NIL

8. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

8.1 J. Alfred Laird Elementary School climbing wall

Alan Rice

The climbing wall has historically been available for use by the District as well as general members of the public. The Secretary Treasurer has worked with Herb Weller, Jack Caldbick, and Julie Beauchemin to determine alternative options to allow public access to the climbing wall. A society has been created which has its own board of directors and maintains the wall, equipment, as well as insurance for non-school sanctioned climbing activities. The society is working to obtain insurance for non-school sanctioned climbing activities.

M/S FEARING / KING

THAT the Board of Education direct the Secretary Treasurer to enter into an agreement to allow public access to the climbing wall located at J. Alfred Laird Elementary School that covers the risks related to non-school sanctioned climbing activities.

APPROVED

9. REPORTS

9.1 EV fleet ready project

Alan Ure

In support of the provincial target, the senior management team at SD6 identified carbon reduction as an annual initiative; specifically, "the goal for 2023-24 is to complete an assessment of the current carbon footprint within the District. This information will provide us with a roadmap on where we can focus our efforts to reduce the impact we have on the environment. The goal for 2024-25 would be to acquire two white fleet electric vehicles and upgrade the charging infrastructure for electric vehicles and busses. The goal for 25-26 would be to double the electric bus fleet to 6 busses.

In response to the mandate to reduce our carbon footprint, the Operations team proactively sought funding through the Clean BC Initiative. The grant application has been approved, marking a significant step towards achieving our sustainability objectives. The grant is contingent on a comprehensive assessment, for which Prism Engineering has been selected. To support these efforts, the Operations team is actively engaged in upgrading the electrical service in Golden and Kimberley, crucial steps to facilitate the transition to electric vehicles.

- 9.2 Columbia Valley situation table Sharon Collin
The Situation Table is a model for community safety and well-being in British Columbia supported by the Ministry of Public Safety and the Solicitor General. RCMP based out of the community of Invermere were awarded a start-up grant in the Spring of 2023 to engage community stakeholders in the creation of a Situation Table in the Columbia Valley. At this time, the District committed to join the Situation Table as a core table participant. The District, as the education partner at the situation table, has an opportunity to both present situations and support interventions impacting individuals within our school communities. The District's presence improves community partnerships, builds trust, and strengthens inter-agency relationships. The first situation table was held on Monday, December 11, 2023.
- 9.3 BC School Trustees Association: Jane Thurgood Sagal
Trustee Thurgood Sagal reminded Trustees of upcoming dates for virtual trustee orientation, Provincial Council, and the BCSTA Regional Leadership Series. She also reminded the Trustees that a recording of a previous virtual orientation was now available on the BCSTA Hub. She shared that season four of the TRC 57 speaker series launches on January 10. The purpose of the series is to promote rebuilding relationships with Indigenous people of Canada.
- 9.4 BC School Trustees Association, Kootenay Boundary Branch (KBB): Rhonda Smith
Trustee Smith reported that there has been no indication that the District will be taking any motions forward to the Kootenay Boundary Branch motion building session. She will be attending Provincial Council as the alternate representative on February 24.
- 9.5 BC Public Schools Employers' Association: Scott King
Trustee King provided an overview of correspondence received from the BCPSEA since the last Board of Education meeting. Updates included a bulletin from the support staff education committee, French teacher recruitment fund, BCPSEA AGM preparation meeting, and hiring incentives.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 10.1 Correspondence NIL
- 10.2 January and February 2024 calendars

11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 2024.01.25 BCPSEA AGM, Virtual
- 2024.01.30 Policy Committee, Virtual, 4:30 p.m.
- 2024.01.31 Field Trip Committee, Virtual, 4:30 p.m.
- 2024.02.06 Labour Relations Committee meeting, Virtual, 12:30 p.m.
- 2024.02.08 Partner Liaison meeting, Vancouver
- 2024.02.13 Board of Education Meeting, Virtual
 - 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 19:42 hours.

Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer

Amber Byklum, Chairperson