

School District No. 51 (Boundary)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 51
(Boundary) held Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at West Boundary Elementary School

The Chairperson called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present:	Mrs. T. Rezanoff	Chairperson
	Ms. S. Garcelon	Trustee
	Ms. V. Gee	Trustee
	Mr. K. Harshenin	Trustee
	Mr. J. Malloff	Trustee
	Ms. C. Riddle	Trustee
	Ms. K. Sabourin	Trustee
	Mr. M. Strukoff	Superintendent
	Mrs. J. Hanlon	Secretary-Treasurer
	Ms. M. Ruzicka	Director of Instruction

Presentations/Delegations

Nil

10 Minute Comment Period

BDTA President McQuarrie relayed comments about various items on the Board Agenda.

Adoption of Agenda

MOVED Malloff
2ND Garcelon

"That the Board approve the agenda with the following additions:

- Howl Newsletter
- Budget Consultation."

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED Harshenin
2ND Riddle

"That the Minutes of the following Board Meetings be adopted as circulated: Regular Meeting – September 8, 2009
Open Meeting – September 17, 2009
Open Meeting – September 21, 2009."

CARRIED

Correspondence

- The Grand Forks Cycling Club thanked SD #51 for supporting the Masters Cycling race weekend.
- A petition advocating to keep Beaverdell School open was presented.

Business Items

1. Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent's report for September 2009 as well an update on Our Kids! Our Schools! Our Future!
- The student enrolment figures for September 2009 were circulated. Total: 1386.125 FTE.
- Report on class size configurations -- In compliance with Bill 33.

MOVED Malloff
2ND Garcelon

"That the Board approve the organization of classes for all schools for the 2009-2010 school year, as presented."

CARRIED

- Update on the Pandemic Response Plan

MOVED
2ND Harshenin
Malloff

“That the Board approve the H1N1 Pandemic Response Plan, as presented.”

CARRIED

- The Achievement Contract and School Growth Plans were presented.

MOVED
2ND Gee
Riddle

“That the Board approve the 2009-2010 Achievement Contract as presented.”

CARRIED

MOVED
2ND Riddle
Harshenin

“That the Board approve all the School Growth Plans for 2009-2010 with the exception of Big White.”

CARRIED

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- Operations/Transportation Report for September 2009.

3. School Community Connections Program – Phase 3 Funding

MOVED
2ND Harshenin
Garcelon

“That the Board proceed with Community Network and provide funding of \$250,000 to the project out of local capital.”

CARRIED

4. Director of Instruction's Report

Director of Instruction Ruzicka presented the report for October 2009, the Annual Aboriginal Achievement Report and an update on Children in Care/CYSN.

5. Committee Meeting Updates

The following policies were reviewed and no changes were made:

- Policy No. 1150 – Ombudsman Inquiries
- Policy No. 1180 – Non Sexist Environment
- Policy No. 1240 – Recognition of Employee/Student in Special Circumstances

MOVED
2ND Riddle
Garcelon

“That the Board approve the circulation of the following policy:
Policy No. 1190 – Inclusive Environment.”

CARRIED

MOVED
2ND Sabourin
Harshenin

“That the Board approve the change in regulations to the following policies:

- Policy No. 5050 – Access to Students Records
- Policy No. 1320 – Fundraising
- Policy No. 1230 – Long Service/Retirement
- Policy No. 5080 – Competition/Recognition Fund
- Policy No. 1250 – Trustee Expenses.”

CARRIED

MOVED
2ND Sabourin
Riddle

“That the Board approve the deletion of the following policy:
Policy No. 1210 – Smoke Free Environment.”

CARRIED

6. Kootenay Boundary Branch Meeting

Trustee Garcelon reported on the Kootenay Boundary Branch Meeting held September 18-20, 2009. Trustees need to elect a member at large from the Board to represent them on the Branch. Trustees Harshenin and Garcelon nominated Trustee Riddle who accepted the nomination.

7. BCSTA Education Committee

The Board was asked to consider ideas on how to revitalize and strengthen the Kootenay Boundary Branch Meetings. The following suggestions were made: Meeting date should be one to two weeks later in the fall, and neighboring branches could do joint meetings.

8. Funding Requests

The Board agreed to provide Community Futures the venue and the school bus service for the Boundary Career Fair on April 16, 2010, and the Board will not provide financial assistance to B.C. School's Support Funding of \$1,500. Trustees Garcelon and Rezansoff declared conflict of interest in the discussion regarding funding and approval for the GFSS extended field trip.

MOVED
2ND Harshenin
Malloff

"That the Board provide \$150 to the Nova Scotia Basketball Exchange trip."

DEFEATED

MOVED
2ND Riddle
Harshenin

"That the Board approve the GFSS -- Nova Scotia Basketball Exchange extended trip request."

CARRIED

MOVED
2ND Garcelon
Harshenin

"Due to our decreased revenues the Board will only fund requests covered by policy or from a discretionary fund of \$2000 administered by the Superintendent."

CARRIED

9. Provincial Council October 22 – 23, 2009

Trustees will read the motions and provide Trustee Garcelon with feedback for the upcoming Provincial Council meeting.

10. Full-Day Kindergarten

Superintendent Strukoff reported on the October 2nd meeting regarding full-day kindergarten.

MOVED
2ND Garcelon
Sabourin

"That the Board apply to begin full day kindergarten in September 2010 with the condition that the Board will receive funding for the additional teaching staff."

CARRIED

11. Vital Signs Report – Phoenix Foundation

Director of Instruction Ruzicka gave an update.

12. Ministry Carbon Neutral Initiative

Secretary-Treasurer Hanlon reported on the fee for use of Smart Tool.

13. HOWL

Superintendent Strukoff will ask the GFSS administration why the GFSS library is closed.

14. Budget Consultation

MOVED Riddle
2ND Harshenin

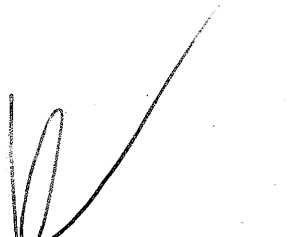
“That the Board send a letter to the Select Standing Committee on the budget as presented.”

CARRIED

15. Around the Boundary

Around the Boundary presentation for October 2009.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.



CHAIRPERSON



SECRETARY-TREASURER