

**Board of Education
School District No. 57 (Prince George)
Regular Public Meeting Minutes**

**February 11, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
2100 Ferry Avenue, Prince George, B.C.**

Present:	Craig Brennan, Chair Erica McLean, Vice Chair Cory Antrim, Trustee	Sarah Holland, Trustee Shar McCrory, Trustee Bob Thompson, Trustee
Absent:	Rachael Weber, Trustee	
In Attendance:	Jameel Aziz, Superintendent Lynda Minnabarriet, Secretary Treasurer	Lee Karpenko, Assistant Superintendent Jan Cote, Executive Assistant Diane Nygaard, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Absent:	Kap Manhas, Assistant Superintendent	Pam Spooner, Assistant Superintendent

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

The Board Chair provided a formal acknowledgement of the ancestral lands, culture and people of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, McLeod Lake Indian Band and Simpcw Nation.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED and SECONDED
That the agenda be approved as presented.
CARRIED

4. SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Trustees commented on various events within the school district and community.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 DP Todd Family of Schools

School staff from the DP Todd Family of Schools provided a presentation on learning in their schools as it relates to the priorities of the Strategic Plan.

5.2 District Student Advisory Council
Representatives from DSAC provided an overview of their recent activities.

5.3 Indigenous Education Department
Representatives from the Indigenous Education Department provided a presentation on the department's activities.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 Regular Public Meeting of January 14, 2025
MOVED and SECONDED
That the minutes of the January 14, 2025, regular public meeting be approved as presented.
CARRIED

6.2 Record of Minutes of the In Camera Meetings
MOVED and SECONDED
That the record of minutes of the regular in camera meeting of January 14, 2025, be approved as presented.
CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

8. AD HOC POLICY COMMITTEE

8.1 Committee Report
MOVED and SECONDED
That the report of the Ad Hoc Policy Committee be received.
CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED
That the work of the Ad Hoc Policy Committee be paused pending the district's examination of current practices and structures with a goal of decolonizing Board and District Structures.
CARRIED

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1 2025-26 Budget Timelines - Revised
MOVED and SECONDED
That the Board of Education approve the revised 2025-2026 Annual Budget Development Process and Timeline.
CARRIED

10. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

10.1 Committee Report

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 28, 2025, be received.

CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 2024/25 Amended Annual Budget

MOVED and SECONDED

That, in accordance with Section 68(4) of the *School Act*, all three readings of the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2024-2025 be given at this meeting.

CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED

That Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2024-2025 be given first reading.

CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED

That Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2024-2025 be given second reading.

CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED

That Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2024-2025 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED

11.2 City of Prince George - 2030 Special Olympics

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education direct staff to write a letter of support to the City of Prince George for the 2030 Special Olympics Canada National Summer Games Bid.

CARRIED

11.3 Giscome Elementary School

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education consider closing Giscome Elementary School effective June 30, 2025.

CARRIED

11.4 Central Interior Distance Education School

The Superintendent reported that the district is proceeding with the closure of the Central Interior Distance Education School (CIDES) effective June 30, 2025. Students registered as of March 31, 2025 will be supported by program staff until January 31, 2026.

12. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

12.1 Office of the Superintendent

The Office of the Superintendent staff provided a presentation with a focus on the directions of the Strategic Plan.

13. TRUSTEE REPORTS

13.1 British Columbia School Trustees' Association

Trustee McCrory provided an overview of the highlights of the BCSTA Northern Interior Branch Annual General Meeting held in Prince George on February 7 and 8, 2025.

13.2 District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee McCrory provided an overview of the February 3, 2025 District Parent Advisory Council meeting.

13.3 District Student Advisory Council

Trustee Thompson provided an overview of the February 3, 2025, District Student Advisory Council meeting.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education receive the open correspondence received and/or sent as presented.

CARRIED

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and SECONDED

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

CARRIED