

Board of Education

Regular Public Meeting

October 29, 2019



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

School District No. 57 (Prince George)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

CHARTER

Our mission, as a Board of Education, is to create a culture of trust and integrity by adhering to the highest standards of ethical behaviour and fiduciary responsibility.

We, the Board of Education, individually and collectively, in the conduct of our duties, will be:

- Transparent
- Open-minded
- Consultative
- Committed
- Respectful of Diversity

BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Board of Education and senior administration believe we are accountable to the families and communities we serve. We respect their diversity and support their involvement.

We further believe that all children can learn, achieve and succeed, and that by working together with our employees, students, parents, and our communities, we will enable our students to reach their greatest academic potential.

We believe our students have the right:

- To a safe and respectful learning environment.
- To be valued.
- To have the opportunity to explore and develop their potential.
- To have their intellectual, emotional, physical and social needs met

We also believe that with these rights come responsibilities with respect to their school, classroom and work habits.

We believe our employees have the following rights and responsibilities:

- To be treated fairly and work in a safe environment.
- To be respected, trusted, included and valued.
- To explore, collaborate and develop to their potential.
- To treat others fairly, work cooperatively, and create a safe working and learning environment.

Together, we affirm that these guiding principles provide the foundation for the decisions we make in School District No. 57.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 29, 2019
Boardroom – 2100 Ferry Avenue

A G E N D A

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Thirty minutes maximum; limit of five minutes per speaker

4. **SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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6. **OLD BUSINESS**

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**7.1 Catchment, Capacity and Programs – September 2019-2020 and Subsequent Years (T. Bennett)**

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12. **NEW BUSINESS**

12.1 Inaugural Meeting of the Board of Education,
November 6, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

13.1 Letter from School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
dated September 20, 2019 regarding a Climate Action
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13.2 Board of Education Letter of Support of a Dakelh
Language Program dated September 30, 2019 Page 25

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Education Services Committee – November 4, 2019
Inaugural Board Meeting – November 6, 2019 (5:00 p.m.)
Management and Finance Committee – November 18, 2019
Education Programs and Planning Committee – November 19, 2019
Public Board Meeting – December 3, 2019

DRAFT
Minutes
Regular Public
Meeting

Board of Education
School District No. 57 (Prince George)
2100 Ferry Avenue, Prince George, B.C.

2019.09.24
6:00 p.m.

Present:

Tim Bennett, Chair
Sharel Warrington, Vice-Chair
Betty Bekkering, Trustee
Trent Derrick, Trustee
Ron Polillo, Trustee
Bob Thompson, Trustee
Shuirose Valimohamed, Trustee

Rod Allen, Superintendent of Schools
Darleen Patterson, Secretary Treasurer
Diane Nygaard, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Corrections:

Item 6 Business Arising from the Minutes changed to Old Business – Notice of Motion regarding Edgewood and Spruceland Elementary Schools

Trustee Derrick will provide the Education Programs and Planning Committee report.

The agenda was approved as amended:

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Joanne Hapke representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association commented on the 2016 Supreme Court of Canada ruling in favour of the BCTF on negotiating class size and composition. Ms. Hapke spoke regarding the bargaining between the British Columbia Teachers' Association and the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association and requested that the Board discuss at their provincial meetings. She stated that Jennifer Kimbley, Teacher Editor, BC Teachers' Federation's teacher magazine visited the school district for a feature article in the publication.

Samantha Cartwright, parent, requested that the school district establishes a universal education protocol for students that have sustained a concussion.

4. **SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

Orange Shirt Day

The Board Chair stated Orange Shirt Day *Every Child Matters* falls on Monday, September 30th. He noted that the school district will be recognizing Orange Shirt Day in support of educating individuals and to bring awareness of the residential school system and honor survivors.

Raise a Reader Event

Trustees will be supporting the September 26th Raise a Reader event at the Hart Highway Tim Horton's location from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and encouraged others to support the event.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

5.1 Regular Public Meeting of June 18, 2019

The minutes of the regular public meeting of June 18, 2019 were adopted as published.

5.2 Record of In Camera Meeting Minutes

The Board Chair drew attention to the record of the Special In Camera meeting held on September 16, 2019 regarding the decision made at the Special In Camera meeting of July 3, 2019 for the Board of Education to enter into a contract with Dr. Leroy Sloan, Sloan Consultants Ltd. to conduct a review and revision of School District policies.

Trustee Warrington provided an overview of the process for review and revision of the school district policies that will occur over the upcoming months. Trustee Bennett provided an overview of the Board's communication to stakeholders groups regarding the decision and process.

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the regular in camera meeting of June 18, 2019 and the special in camera meetings of June 26, July 24, August 20, September 3, 10 and 16, 2019 were approved.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board Chair provided a Notice of Motion for the regular public meeting of October 29, 2019 regarding catchment and capacity at Edgewood and Spruceland Elementary Schools.

7. MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

7.1 2018-2019 Financial Statements

Corey Naphtali, KPMG partner reported that the Independent Auditors' Report of the School District No. 57 (Prince George) financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2019 was presented to the Management and Finance Committee on September 16, 2019. Mr. Naphtali provided an overview of the Auditor's responsibility and the Independent Auditors Report of the financial statements.

Darleen Patterson, Secretary Treasurer presented a PowerPoint presentation that provided an overview of the 2018-2019 financial statements. Ms. Patterson drew attention to detail of the 2018-2019 appropriated operating surplus that was included in the agenda package.

Ms. Patterson responded to questions from the Trustees.

The Secretary Treasurer confirmed that the 2018-2019 appropriated operating surplus meets the requirements of Policy 3433.2 Accumulated Operating Surplus.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2019, be approved.

CARRIED

All Trustees in attendance voted in favour of the motion.

7.2 Committee Report

Trustee Warrington reviewed and discussed the September 2019 Expanded Management and Finance Committee that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Expanded Management and Finance Committee meeting held on September 16, 2019 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

7.3 Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services Report on K – 12 Education

Trustee Warrington drew attention to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services Report on K – 12 Education that was included in the agenda package.

Warrington reviewed the rationale that was included in the handout provided and responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Finance and the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government stating our concern over the inadequacy of specific detail in the two K-12 Education recommendations of the committee and the absence of recommendations to address the need to increase capital funding, along with the need to address growing operational funding needs.

CARRIED

8. **EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE**

8.1 Committee Report

Trustee Polillo reviewed the September 2019 Education Services Committee Report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Education Services Committee meeting held on September 9, 2019 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

9. EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**9.1 Committee Report**

Trustee Derrick reviewed the September 2019 Education Programs and Planning Committee Report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Education Program and Planning Committee meeting held on September 17, 2019 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

10. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**10.1 Superintendent of Schools**

The Superintendent reported that the BC Outcomes Team will be visiting the school district over the next three days and will be meeting with students, Lheidli T'enneh First Nation and the Board of Education.

Mr. Allen advised that David Albury will be visiting the school district October 11, 15 and 16, 2019. Mr. Albury is an advocate for innovation culture and leadership and will be meeting with the Board of Education, Senior staff, Principals and Vice Principals.

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS**11.1 BC Public School Employers' Association Update**

Trustee Bekkering provided an overview of the recent BCPSEA "*At the Table*" communication regarding collective bargaining and the path forward.

11.2 BC School Trustees' Association

Trustee Polillo reviewed the BC School Trustees' Association report that was included in the agenda package.

The Board Chair reported that the BCSTA Northern Interior Branch and Northwest Branch will be hosting a joint meeting in Prince George on October 4th and 5th with a focus on Indigenous Education.

11.3 District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Polillo reviewed the report on the District Parent Advisory Council meeting held on September 9, 2019 that was included in the agenda package.

11.4 District Student Advisory Council

Trustee Polillo reviewed the District Student Advisory Council report that was included in the agenda package.

11.5 Liaison Updates

11.5.1 Trustee Bekkering

Trustee Bekkering reviewed the Trustee Liaison update that was included in the agenda package.

11.5.2 Trustee Derrick

Trustee Derrick reviewed the Trustee Liaison update that was included in the agenda package.

11.5.3 Trustee Polillo

Trustee Polillo reviewed the Trustee Liaison update that was included in the agenda package.

11.5.4 Trustee Warrington

Trustee Warrington reviewed the Trustee Liaison update that was included in the agenda package.

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Trustee Bennett drew the Board's attention to the letter from the Ministry of Children and Family Development dated July 15, 2019 regarding Childcare that was included in the agenda package.

Mr. Bennett announced that the school district has launched a new website SD57stories.com. The new website will showcase the human side of the school district.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

RECORD PURSUANT TO SECTION 72 OF THE SCHOOL ACT

MATTERS DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS REACHED AT THE SPECIAL AND
REGULAR IN CAMERA MEETINGS HELD SINCE THE LAST SUCH REPORT

September 24, 2019 Regular In Camera Meeting

1. Adoption of the minutes of the regular in camera meeting of June 18, 2019.
2. Adoption of the minutes of the special in camera meeting of June 26, 2019.
3. Adoption of the minutes of the special in camera meeting of July 24, 2019.
4. Adoption of the minutes of the special in camera meeting of August 20, 2019.
5. Adoption of the minutes of the special in camera meeting of September 3, 2019.
6. Adoption of the minutes of the special in camera meeting of September 10, 2019.
7. Adoption of the minutes of the special in camera meeting of September 16, 2019.
8. Receipt of a personnel update.
9. Receipt of a notification of the Superintendent of Schools' out of district work schedule.
10. Discussion and decision regarding a governance matter.

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. and adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

October 8, 2019 Special In Camera Meeting

1. Receipt of an update regarding the preliminary 2019-20 enrolment counts.
2. Discussion regarding the feedback received regarding catchment, capacity and programs, September 2019-2020 and subsequent years.
3. Discussion regarding a governance matters.
4. Receipt of a British Columbia Public School Employers' Association update.
5. Discussion and decision regarding a BCSTA Provincial Council matter.
6. Discussion and decision regarding the Funding Model Implementation Working Group Reports.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. and adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

October 9, 2019 Special In Camera Meeting

1. Motion to waive written notice.
2. Discussion and decision regarding a personnel matter.

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 p.m. and adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

October 15, 2019 Special In Camera Meeting

1. Adoption of the minutes of the special in camera meeting of October 9, 2019.
2. Discussion and decision regarding a personnel matter.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. and adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

October 29, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Superintendent of Schools and Secretary Treasurer

SUBJECT: **SPRUCELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL–
SEPTEMBER 2019 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS**

RECOMMENDATION

That commencing in the 2020/2021 school year the secondary catchment boundary for DP Todd Secondary School and Duchess Park Secondary School be revised such that Spruceland Traditional Elementary School be removed from the Duchess Park Secondary School catchment and included in the DP Todd Secondary School catchment.

RATIONALE:

1. As the result of work done under Section 1.11 of Policy 5119, School Catchment Areas, Registration and Student Transfers, the Catchment and Capacity Committee made a recommendation to the Board of Education through the Education Services Committee that commencing for Grade 7 students leaving the school in June 2020 and subsequent years, be moved from Duchess Park Secondary School to DP Todd Secondary School.
2. Under the *School Act* - Section 75.1 (1) requires that a Board must establish a catchment area for each school in the school district and Section 75.1 (2) allows the Board to amend the catchment areas established under Section 75.1 (1).
3. Section 4, Transfers, under the Administrative Procedures in Policy 5119, School Catchment Areas, Registration and Student Transfers would apply for students who complete Grade 7 in June 2020 or subsequent years wanting to attend Duchess Park Secondary School.
4. In accordance with Section 3.3 of Policy 5119, School Catchment Areas, Registration and Student Transfers, secondary students currently attending Duchess Park Secondary School may continue to attend Duchess Park Secondary School, may choose to attend the secondary school serving the catchment area in which the student resides, or may choose to attend DP Todd Secondary School (the catchment school).
5. The report of the Catchment and Capacity Committee is on the School District Website.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

October 29, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Superintendent of Schools and Secretary Treasurer

SUBJECT: **EDGEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL –
SEPTEMBER 2019 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS**

RECOMMENDATION

That commencing in the 2020/2021 school year the secondary catchment boundary for DP Todd Secondary School and Duchess Park Secondary School be revised such that Edgewood Elementary School be removed from the Duchess Park Secondary School catchment and included in the DP Todd Secondary School catchment.

RATIONALE:

1. As the result of work completed under Section 1.11 of Policy 5119, School Catchment Areas, Registration and Student Transfers, the Catchment and Capacity Committee made a recommendation to the Board of Education through the Education Services Committee that commencing for Grade 7 students leaving the school in June 2020 and subsequent years, be moved from Duchess Park Secondary School to DP Todd Secondary School.
2. Under the *School Act* - Section 75.1 (1) requires that a Board must establish a catchment area for each school in the school district and Section 75.1 (2) allows the Board to amend the catchment areas established under Section 75.1 (1).
3. Section 4, Transfers, under the Administrative Procedures in Policy 5119, School Catchment Areas, Registration and Student Transfers would apply for students who complete Grade 7 in June 2020 or subsequent years wanting to attend Duchess Park Secondary School.
4. In accordance with Section 3.1 of Policy 5119, School Catchment Areas, Registration and Student Transfers, secondary students currently attending Duchess Park Secondary School may continue to attend Duchess Park Secondary School, or may choose to attend DP Todd Secondary School (the catchment school).
5. The report of the Catchment and Capacity Committee is on the School District Website.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

October 21, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Sharel Warrington, Trustee, and Chair
Management and Finance Committee

SUBJECT: **COMMITTEE REPORT – OCTOBER 2019**

RECOMMENDATION

That the report of the Management and Finance Committee
Meeting held on October 21, 2019 be received.

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REPORT:

- 1) The Management and Finance Committee met on October 21, 2019.
- 2) The Management and Finance Committee meeting's agenda items were:
 - a) **Analysis of Accumulated Surplus – June 30, 2019** – The Committee discussed the Accumulated Surplus of the School District to June 30, 2019. The discussion included a review of Policy 3433.2 Accumulated Operating Surplus, a review of the overall accumulated surplus of the school district, a review of the accumulated surplus by school and a review of the ten-year history of the accumulated surplus balances in the district. The Secretary Treasurer advised that the accumulated surplus balances as at June 30, 2019, meet the requirement of Policy 3433.2, Regulations 3.3.1 and 3.3.2.
 - b) **Staffing Update** – The Director of Human Resources provided a staffing update to the Committee.
 - c) **Funding Model Working Group Reports** – The Committee discussed the Funding Model Implementation Working Group Reports submitted to the Ministry of Education. The committee will begin to review the recommendations of each of the Working Group Reports, listed below, at the November 18th Committee meeting.
 - Adult and Continuing Education Working Group
 - Financial Management Working Group
 - Inclusive Education Working Group
 - Online Learning Working Group
 - FMR Recommendations 9 and 11

- d) **Analysis of Trustee Travel Expenses** – A report on Trustee Travel Expenses to June 30, 2019 was reviewed.
- 3) The next Management and Finance Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on November 18, 2019.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

October 7, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Ron Polillo, Trustee, Chair
Education Services Committee

SUBJECT: **COMMITTEE REPORT – OCTOBER 2019**

RECOMMENDATION

That the report of the Education Service Committee meeting held on October 7, 2019 be received.

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REPORT:

1. The Education Services Committee and selected representatives of Kelly Road Secondary School toured the KRSS Replacement Project with the school district's Health and Safety Officer Nadine Neil in attendance.
2. The next Education Services Committee meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2019.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

October 22, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Trustee Derrick, Chair
Education Programs and Planning Committee

SUBJECT: **COMMITTEE REPORT – OCTOBER 2019**

RECOMMENDATION

That the report of the Education Programs and Planning
Committee meeting held on October 22, 2019 be received.

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REPORT:

1. The Education Program and Planning Committee met on October 22, 2019
2. The meeting's agenda items were:
 - a. **Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held.**
 - b. **Learning Innovations Update:**
 - **After School Academic Proficiency Program (ASAP)** – Jennifer Dionne, District Resource Teacher presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on the After School Academic Proficiency Program. Ms. Dionne reported on the eight schools participating in the school district and the assessment data for the three-year pilot project (2017-2020).
 - **Comprehensive Academic Intervention Strategy (CAIS)**
Jennifer Dionne, District Resource Teacher presented a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on the Comprehensive Academic Intervention Strategy. Ms. Dionne reported on the seven schools currently participating in the school district and the positive outcomes of the program.
 - **Early Learning:** Andrea Maurice, Early Learning Coordinator presented a PowerPoint presentation on the early learning initiatives, programs and collaborations within the school district.
 - **District Awards** - Deb Kaban, District Principal Learning Innovations Department delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the District Awards Program. The overview included the value of awards, the number of students who received the awards and information on how students apply for district awards.
 - c. **Yearly Plan:** Review and update of the yearly plan.
3. The next Education Programs and Planning Committee meeting will be held on November 19, 2019.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Trustee Warrington

SUBJECT: **TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT – ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The committee met on October 7th from 9:00 to 1:00 at the Van Bien Training and Development Centre.

The meeting opened with the Acknowledgement of The Traditional Territories of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, McLeod Lake Indian Band and the Simpcw First Nation.

Along with returning committee members, the committee welcomed Pam Spooner, Director of Aboriginal Education and Jennifer Pighin, Vice Principal, Aboriginal Education, Culture and Language in their new leadership roles.

The following items were addressed:

- 1701 Letter to parents and guardians for School Year 2019-2020
- Aboriginal Education Department Information Brochures:
 - o Elementary Programs and Services,
 - o Secondary Programs and Services and
 - o Aboriginal Social Work Program
- Update from the Outcomes Team and FNESC meeting
- Meeting Times for 2019-2020
- Aboriginal Education Committee Terms of Reference

Revised Aboriginal Education Department information brochures were circulated and discussed. The committee provided comments and suggestions.

Following information shared from the Outcomes Team meetings, the committee broke into groups to review sections of the revised Aboriginal Education Committee Terms of Reference. Comments and suggestions from each group were noted. A revised document will be presented at the next meeting of the committee.

Committee meeting times for 2019-2020 were reviewed with the inclusion of an all Nations Forum in November and one again in March.

The next meeting of the committee will be on November 4th from 9:00 to 12:00 at the Van Bien Training and Development Centre.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

October 29, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Trustee Polillo

SUBJECT: **BRITISH COLUMBIA SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION**

I will have verbal update from the fall meeting of the BC School Trustee Association Provincial Council held in Vancouver on Friday, October 25th and Saturday, October 26th.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

October 29, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Trustee Polillo

SUBJECT: **DISTRICT STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The District Student Advisory Council met on Monday, October 8, 2019.

We talked about the students being more engaged with their “student voice”! There are many opportunities for the students to participate in committee meetings, attending events and ensuring their voice is heard when the Board makes important decisions that directly affect them.

We had a robust discussion on some of the important issues impacting students today including Vaping. This is serious issue the entire community is dealing with and just like parents and staff they want to be part of solution!

Over the next 2 months, the students from grades 7-12 will be working on reducing waste projects and making a point to make their voices heard at more meetings and events.

Next meeting is Monday November 7th at 11am at the Board office.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Trustee Bekkering

SUBJECT: **TRUSTEE REPORT – OCTOBER 2019**

September 30th

Celebrated Orange Shirt Day at Nusdeh Yoh Elementary School. Very impactful testimonial by a survivor of Residential School. The Circle gathering was held outside of all Nusdeh Yoh with all students, teachers, parents, and guests all holding hands. It was very moving and inclusive.

October 1st

Attended the Legacy BBQ along with fellow trustee Ron Polillo at Van Bien Training and Development Centre. It was an opportunity for the Community School Coordinators to recognize the community supporters of the after school sports programs. The list of contributors in a PowerPoint presentation was overwhelmingly impressive.

Each of the schools had a representative group of students who spoke about what the program meant to them personally. Two young women who are now in post-secondary spoke about the positive impact on their lives at Harwin Elementary School and said the after school programs were "game changers" for them. One of the women is in Dental Hygiene at CNC and the other woman is in the Medical Program at UNBC

October 2nd

Attended the Historic Lheidli T'enneh /UNBC Announcement made by Daniel Weekes, President of UNBC that free tuition will be granted to all Lheidli T'enneh students eligible for post-secondary entrance to granting of a post-secondary undergraduate degree. The room of media, dignitaries and guests was "electric" Proud to have been there!

October 4th and 5th

I was a participant and host of the BCSTA Northern Interior Branch and Northwest Branch Joint Meeting. There were approximately. 80 Trustees from the Northwest, Northeast and Cariboo. The opening night was dinner at the Ancestors House where we were treated to a remarkable plenary session. Dr. Lorna Williams a well-known Indigenous, well-educated woman, spoke eloquently and inspirationally on the priorities in reconciliation needing to have more of the Truths coming out, and restoration of Indigenous languages.

The next day was a jam packed, dealing with education issues in the North.

October 9th

A very lengthy day spent with fellow Trustees with the Interim Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer in attendance, interviewing and deliberating to select a new Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Trustee Bennett

SUBJECT: **TRUSTEE REPORT – OCTOBER 2019**

REPORT:

It has been a busy month for the School District and the Board of Education. I hope everyone has had a great start-up to the 2019-2020 school year. I cannot believe we are already at the end of October.

September 25th

Thank you to the Polaris Montessori Parent Advisory Council for inviting me to flip burgers at their Back to School BBQ. It was a great evening and loved connecting with staff, parents, students and community.

September 26th

The Board had the opportunity to meet with the British Columbia Tripartite Education Agreement Outcomes Team. This team is looking at how we are executing our Local Education Agreements with Lheidli T'enneh First Nation and McLeod Lake Indian Band. It was a great discussion about our Board's commitment to reconciliation.

October 2nd

I had the opportunity to meet with the team from Trans-ucation to discuss how our community is supporting transgender youth in our community.

That afternoon the Board of Education met with Principals from Mackenzie, McBride and Valemount to hear about the great work happening in our rural schools.

October 3rd

Participated on the Board Chair conference call with Minister Fleming.

October 4th

Participated as a panelist at the Minerva Face of Leadership Luncheon in Prince George. The panel included Chief Pountney from Lheidli T'enneh, Shobha Sharma from Central Interior Native Health Society and Felica Magee from Northern Development Initiatives Trust. We discussed inclusive leadership and finding ways to engage youth voice.

That evening I joined the Board at the BCSTA Northern Interior / Northwest Joint Branch Meeting. Friday night featured a keynote from Dr. Lorna Williams.

October 5th

The Board was at day two of the BCSTA Northern Interior / Northwest Joint Branch Meeting. Over the day, we discussed issues that impact the north, had presentations from FNEESC, BCPSEA and BCSTA.

October 7th

Attended the PG Literacy Advisory Committee meeting followed by the Education Services Committee meeting where the Board, Senior Staff and stakeholders had the opportunity to tour the Kelly Road Construction.

October 8th

Following our regular meetings, the Board met with Mayor Lyn Hall and members of the City of Prince George Council. We discussed how we can work together in support of our students and community members.

October 9th

The Board spent the day interviewing Superintendent candidates.

October 10th

I joined Trustee Warrington at the Federal All Candidates Forum at Ecole Duchess Park Secondary hosted by the Duchess Park Leadership Class. It was a great morning and was inspiring to see our students so engaged in democracy.

October 15th

I had the opportunity to meet with a researcher from Belgium who is working at UNBC doing research on local governments. We spoke about the role of Boards of Education and how we work with other levels of government.

October 16th

I was in Valemount for work and did quick school visits at both schools. Was great to pop in and see the important work happening in those schools.

October 17th

In attendance at the BCSTA Board Chair Meeting. We had a great presentation on the important work by the BC Representative for Children. We had a presentation on how Boards could use social media for engagement and a presentation from the Ministry on the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning.

October 18th

In attendance with Superintendent Allen and Secretary-Treasurer Patterson at the 5th Annual Joint Ministry Meetings. The day was focused on presentations about the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning.

October 19th

The Board spent the day in workshop discussing SD57 policies and the work we do as a board.

October 21st

The Board announced Anita Richardson as our new Superintendent! This was rolled to our board office staff and leadership team, followed by our partner groups and then a media event.

October 25th – 26th

Joining Trustee Polillo at BCSTA Provincial Council. He will have more information as part of his BCSTA report.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

October 29, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Trustee Polillo

SUBJECT: **TRUSTEE REPORT – OCTOBER 2019**

Another extremely busy month!

I represented the Board of Education at the PG Community Schools “Honouring Legacy” celebration on Tuesday October 1st. Great students and fantastic sponsors!

Enjoyed a good presentation and update on our rural schools at the SD57 Boardroom on Wednesday October 2nd. Committed staff and engaged students in Mackenzie, McBride and Valemount.

I attended the Malaspina Elementary 40th anniversary celebrations and open house on Thursday October 3rd. Congratulations to all current and former staff, students and parents!

Along with my fellow Trustees, I enjoyed a good weekend of learning at the BCSTA Northern Interior Branch and Northwest Branch Joint Meeting in Prince George on October 4th and 5th. One of the highlights was a powerful presentation from Dr. Lorna Williams on education for wholeness and reclamation.

On Monday October 7th, the entire Education Service committee, senior staff, invited guests and a few Grade 11 students toured the new Kelly Road Secondary school under construction. It's on track to open on time and on budget for September of next year!

The following day, on Tuesday October 8th, the entire Board and senior staff met with Mayor, Council and the City Manager. It was a positive discussion where a lot of information was shared and we decided to meet again in 6 months.

I was part of the all-day Superintendent interview process on Wednesday October 9th.

The Board had an informal discussion and dinner with world-renowned educator David Albury on Tuesday October 15th. David was in our school district doing some work with our principals and senior staff. An inspiring evening with an innovative and forward thinking educator!

We had another policy and governance session on Saturday October 19th. It was a very productive day and we are hoping to complete this intensive and important review by the end of this year.

Along with Trustees Bekkering, Bennett, Derrick and Warrington I attended the exciting announcement of SD 57's new Superintendent Anita Richardson! We are thrilled to welcome Anita home and back to our district!

On the same day, on Monday October 21st, I attended the Management and Finance committee meeting.

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September 20, 2019

Dear Board Chair:

In the face of a week of global youth-led climate strikes, school boards have the opportunity to support our students and show leadership in addressing the climate crisis. In June, our Board passed the following motion:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) recognize that the breakdown of the stable climate and sea level under which human life has developed constitutes an emergency, and that in declaring a climate emergency the Board:

- a) direct the Superintendent to develop a Climate Action Plan that establishes targets and strategies commensurate with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's call to limit warming to 1.5 degrees;*
- b) direct the Superintendent to report back on specific actions and resources that could be included in future correspondence to the provincial or federal government; and*
- c) demonstrate leadership by directing the Board Chair to write letters to other school boards, local MLAs, and Provincial government encouraging them to declare climate emergencies and develop targets and strategies to combat climate change.*

Public education has an important role to play in supporting climate literacy in our communities. We need all citizens to have a basic understanding of the relationship between human life and Earth's climate system including the role climate plays in human and environmental health as well as social and economic stability.

Our students are leading the way in demanding action from all level of governments. I urge you to heed their call and find ways to take concrete steps to mitigate the climate crisis in your communities. Please also consider joining me in calling on the provincial and federal government to support us in taking these critical steps.

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By working together, we can help create a future worthy of our children.

In partnership,



Jordan Watters
Chair, Board of Education

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September 30, 2019

Dear First Peoples Cultural Council,

Hadih,

Re: Letter of Support – Dakelh Language Program

On behalf of School District No. 57 (Prince George), please accept this letter of support for the Aboriginal Housing Society's application to run a Dakelh Language Program for silent speakers, parents, grandparents and guardians in our region.

It has been well researched and documented that one of the stumbling blocks to advancing Indigenous language fluency is the lack of use of the language in the homes of our families. Within the school district the inclusion and advancement of Dakelh is of high importance as we are rapidly losing our fluent speakers. It is my understanding that the Lheidli T'enneh, the people of whose land we inhabit and service have only one fluent speaker left with two semi-fluent speakers and a few more silent speakers.

In order to support the survival of this particular dialect and the Dakelh language as a whole we need to act now to ensure we support and promote the use of Dakelh in schools, at home and throughout the community. This program will be one of many efforts our community hopes to initiate to support the language revitalization of Dakelh in our region.

School District No. 57 (Prince George) has Learning Enhancement Agreements with the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation and McLeod Lake Indian Band solidifying our commitment to supporting the needs of these communities within the parameters of our school district. To this aim, we support the students on many fronts. Language is tied to the culture and identity of our students. Helping them learn is a priority and this language program can support their learning beyond our classrooms. To help support the success of this program we will share this opportunity with parents, families and caregivers of students within our school district so they can also join and support their children's language learning.

Thank you for providing the opportunity for community groups to access funding to supplement the work we do within the schools. Your organization plays a pivotal role in the revitalization of Indigenous languages and the education of our future generations. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Pighin, Vice-Principal of Aboriginal Education for Language and Culture at jpighin@sd57.bc.ca

Sincerely,

Tim Bennett,
Board Chair

Rod Allen,
Superintendent of Schools

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