

Board of Education

Regular Public Meeting

April 28, 2020



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, April 28, 2020

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

An opportunity to address the Board in five (5) minute time slots during the thirty (30) minute time typically set aside for public input will still be available. Given a review of our current system configuration, the opportunity to contribute will be through an email submission to the Board.

Due to time constraints only input relevant to the items included on the agenda will be considered for inclusion in the public meeting. A dedicated email address publicinput@sd57.bc.ca has been established for submissions. The email submissions will be read aloud by the Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer during this portion of the public meeting. The number of emails relayed to Trustees will depend on their length and time available. Some email submissions may be grouped together by theme.

Email submissions must be received prior to 5:00 p.m. on the Monday, April 27th prior to the meeting and must contain full name (first and last) and a number for contact purposes should clarification be required.

4. SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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8. OLD BUSINESS

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9. NEW BUSINESS**10. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

- 10.1 Superintendent of Schools

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS

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- 11.3 District Parent Advisory Council (S. Warrington) Page 18

12. ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Education Services Committee – May 4, 2020

Expanded Committee of the Whole, Budget Consultation – May 7, 2020

Management and Finance Committee – May 11, 2020

Education Programs and Planning Committee – May 19, 2020

Expanded Committee of the Whole, Budget Consultation – May 21, 2020

Regular Public Meeting – May 26, 2020

DRAFT
Minutes
Regular Public
Meeting

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

2020.04.07
6:00 p.m.

Present:

Tim Bennett, Chair
Trent Derrick, Vice-Chair
(by Zoom)
Betty Bekkering, Trustee
Ron Polillo, Trustee
Bob Thompson, Trustee
(by Zoom)
Shuirose Valimohamed, Trustee
(by Video-Conference)
Sharel Warrington, Trustee

Anita Richardson, Superintendent of Schools
Darleen Patterson, Secretary Treasurer
Diane Nygaard, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as published.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

4. **SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

Mr. Bennett noted that the school district will continue to investigate alternate options for the graduating classes of 2020 due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Trustee Bekkering congratulated the staff presented with their 25 Year Service Award on February 27th at the Inn of the North. Ms. Bekkering also commented on the success of the March 4th Heather Park Elementary School Science Fair.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

5.1 Regular Public Meeting of February 25, 2020

The minutes of the regular public meeting of February 25, 2020 were adopted as published.

5.2 Record of In Camera Meeting Minutes

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the regular in camera meeting of February 25, 2020 and the special in camera meetings of February 27, March 3, 9, 19 and 27, 2020 were approved.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

6.1 Draft Board Policy Manual

The Board Chair noted that a Notice of Motion was provided at the March 3, 2020 Special In Camera meeting and moved out of in camera regarding the following motion.

Trustee Bennett reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the proposed new Draft Board Policy Manual be approved for distribution to reference groups for input for 60 days.

CARRIED

Trustee Warrington drew attention to draft Policy 7 Board Operations and suggested that an option for the Board to waive 3.3 be included.

The Secretary Treasurer stated that the suggested revision will be provided with the input received through the 60-day consultation period for the Board's consideration.

7. **MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

7.1 Committee Report

Trustee Warrington reviewed the March 2020 Management and Finance Committee report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Management and Finance Committee meeting held on March 9, 2020 be received.

CARRIED

7.2 Capital Bylaw No. 2020/21-CP-SD57-01

Trustee Warrington reviewed the recommendations and rationale that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That, in accordance with Section 68 (4) of the School Act, all three readings of Capital Bylaw No. 2020/21-CP-SD57-01 be given at tonight's meeting.

CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED

That Capital Project Bylaw No. 2020/21-CP-SD57-01 be given first reading.

CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED

That Capital Project Bylaw No. 2020/21-CP-SD57-01 be given second reading.

CARRIED

The Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Capital Project Bylaw No. 2020/21-CP-SD57-01 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED

8. **EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE**

8.1 Committee Report

Trustee Polillo reviewed the March 2020 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 March 2, 2020 be received.

CARRIED

8.2 Annual Facility Grant – 5 Year Plan

Trustee Polillo drew attention to the five-year Annual Facility Grant Plan 2020 to 2025 that was included in the agenda package. Mr. Polillo advised that the plan was reviewed and discussed at the Education Services Committee meeting held on March 2, 2020.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 April 28, 2020 Regular Public Meeting

The Board Chair reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education waives Bylaw 1, Article 1.2 for the 2019/20 school year.

CARRIED

The Trustees requested that rationale No. 4 be revised to state that a date for the public engagement meeting will be scheduled when appropriate to do so in response to the COVID 19 pandemic.

10. **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

10.1 Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent reviewed a late public input submission received from Andrea Beckett representing the District Parent Advisory Council. The submission expressed gratitude to the school district's Senior Administration Team and Staff for the supports provided to children and families in response to the COVID 19 pandemic. Ms. Beckett also expressed appreciation for the opportunity to provide input on the draft Board Policy Manual during the 60-day consultation period.

The Superintendent expressed appreciation to the Trustees, Senior Team and school district Staff for the support provided to the community in response to COVID 19 and commented on the creativity of schools to connect with the students in their community.

Ms. Richardson acknowledged the disappointment of the graduating class of 2020. She confirmed that the schools are working to create alternate plans for their graduates.

11. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

11.1 Indigenous Education Committee

Trustee Derrick drew attention to the report included in the agenda package and reviewed highlights of the meeting.

11.2 BC School Public School Employers Association

Trustee Bekkering reviewed the reported included in the agenda package.

11.3 BC School Trustees' Association

Trustee Polillo reported that the British Columbia School Trustees' Association Annual General Meeting has been cancelled in response to the COVID 19 pandemic. Mr. Polillo advised that a Zoom meeting has been scheduled on April 17th to consider next year's budget and the appointment of an auditor. He stated that the scheduled election of BCSTA directors for 2020/2021 will take place through electronic voting on April 24th.

11.4 District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Derrick reviewed the District Parent Advisory Council report that was included in the agenda package.

11.5 District Student Advisory Council

Trustee Polillo provided a verbal report on the District Student Advisory Council meeting held on March 2, 2020. Agenda items included:

- Slideshow on the various activities of the advisory council
- Earth Day Discussion
- Cops for Cancer Presentation

Trustee Warrington suggested that the slideshow on the various activities of the advisory council be presented at the June 16th regular public meeting.

11.6 Liaison Updates

11.6.1 Trustee Bekkering

Trustee Bekkering drew attention to the Trustee Liaison update that was included in the agenda package.

11.6.2 Trustee Warrington

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

Trustee Polillo provided a verbal Trustee Liaison report of the KRSS Engagement Process Working Group. Mr. Polillo stated that due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the six facilitated face-to-face tabletop discussions were cancelled. He encouraged everyone to complete the KRSS online engagement questionnaire or to take advantage of the call-in service for those who may not have access to an online format.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 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

April 7, 2020 Regular In Camera Meeting

1. Adoption of the minutes of the regular in camera meeting of February 27, 2020.
2. Adoption of the minutes of the special in camera meeting of March 3, 2020.
3. Adoption of the minutes of the special in camera meeting of March 9, 2020.
4. Adoption of the minutes of the special in camera meeting of March 19, 2020.
5. Adoption of the minutes of the special in camera meeting of March 27, 2020.
6. Decision regarding a labour relations matter.
7. Receipt of an update related to the COVID 19 pandemic.
8. Receipt of the quarterly report of the Office of the Ombudsperson.
9. A discussion and decision regarding a governance matter.

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m. and adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

April 7, 2020 Special In Camera Meeting

1. Adoption of the minutes of the regular in camera meeting of February 25, 2020
2. Receipt of an update regarding a personnel matter.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. and adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

April 20, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

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

SUBJECT: **COMMITTEE REPORT – APRIL 2020**

RECOMMENDATION

That the report of the Management and Finance Committee
Meeting held on April 20, 2020 be received.

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REPORT:

- 1) The Management and Finance Committee met on April 20, 2020.
- 2) The Management and Finance Committee meeting's agenda items were:
 - a) **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** – The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.
 - b) **Staffing Update** – A year to date update was provided by the Acting Director of Human Resources.
 - c) **Financial Update to March 31, 2020** – The Committee received a financial update from the Director of Finance for the first nine months of the school and fiscal year to March 31, 2020. The update indicates that most schools and departments are currently operating within their approved budget. The Committee will receive an update at each meeting through to June 2020 and it will continue to monitor the results of operations for the year.
 - d) **Ministry of Education Funding Announcement – February 2020, 1701 Count** – The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the final operating grant full-year summary following the February 2020 enrolment count and responded to questions from the Trustees.

The Committee will also be provided with an analysis of the Ministry of Education April funding announcement based on the February enrolment count by email for review.

- e) **Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services –**
Each year, the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services holds province-wide public consultations to seek the views of people in B.C. and presents a final report with recommendation to the Legislative Assembly.

The Committee reviewed the notice dated March 2, 2020 stating that the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services expects to conduct public consultation meetings during the month of June. The committee anticipates that the structure of this year's consultation may be revised in response to the COVID 19 pandemic. This item will appear on the May 11th agenda for further discussion.

- f) **Expanded Committee of the Whole – 2020/21 Budget Consultation Update**
– The committee discussed the revised schedule for the remaining 2020/21 budget consultation meetings. The meetings were rescheduled in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; the remaining meetings will be hosted through Zoom with the identified stakeholder group representatives on May 7th and 21st.

- g) **Analysis of Trustee Travel Expenses** - A report was presented to the Committee on expenditures and/or reimbursements to date.

- 3) The next Management and Finance Committee meeting will be held on May 11, 2020.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

April 28, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Ron Polillo, Trustee
SUBJECT: **KELLY ROAD SECONDARY SCHOOL**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education dual name the new school building to Kelly Road Shas Ti Secondary

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RATIONALE

1. By combining the names in the new school, this will tell both stories and legacies of Kelly Road and Shas Ti. As we read in the engagement survey, it was very important for the 2,700 plus respondents to honour both legacies and come together as a community to move forward in a positive and respectful way.
2. The combined name, Kelly Road Shas Ti Secondary, was specifically suggested in the engagement survey and had considerable support.
3. At the February 25th regular public Board meeting, Lheidli T'enneh elders laid out the fascinating history of the historic grizzly trail (Shas Ti) and stated they were very receptive to a dual name and acknowledged the significant history of the Kelly Road name.
4. Overwhelmingly, the majority of respondents (85.5%) that responded to the online engagement survey believe that both histories/stories of Kelly Road Secondary School and Shas Ti can and should both be acknowledged together in the spirit of reconciliation. It was important for them to action and this combined name is an important first step towards reconciliation. SD 57 will need to follow the journey by moving forward with the suggestions below.

Data from the online survey produced many good ideas for how that can be demonstrated. **Top of the list was keeping both in the school name.**

Some other important ideas and suggestions:

- Through room and space naming - internal and external in the new school.
 - Through curriculum expansion.
 - Through continued education about both histories.
 - Through art, photography, artifacts displays, information presentations and timelines.
 - Mascot and sport uniforms.
5. I know this has been a difficult and challenging process, but in the end I truly believe this motion will allow students, staff and the community to embrace the collective opportunities ahead of us! We can all come together this fall to celebrate the opening of a new state-of-the-art learning facility and begin telling a new story of two important stories and legacies!

RP/dln

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

April 28, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Sharel Warrington Trustee

SUBJECT: **KELLY ROAD SECONDARY SCHOOL**

RECOMMENDATION

That the newly constructed replacement for Kelly Road Secondary School retain its name Kelly Road Secondary School

and

That the Board support and encourage the leaders and Elders of the Lheidli T'enneh together with the students and staff of Kelly Road to begin a process on ways to incorporate the ancestral history of the Lheidli T'enneh, the ancestral history of Shas Ti and the Dakelh language within, around and on the outside of the newly constructed replacement school.

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RATIONALE

The Board has an opportunity to revisit the decision made at the regular public meeting of February 25, 2020.

We have an opportunity to remind ourselves of our fiduciary duty to make decisions in the best interest of the students we serve.

We have an opportunity to address what we have learned from the engagement process, the questionnaire and other feedback related to Kelly Road.

All the information from the questionnaire and other feedback has shown how complex the impact of that single decision of February 25th has become for the students, staff and Kelly Road community.

From the beginning of our term of office, as a Board, we made a commitment to Truth and Reconciliation and the Calls to Action. We made a commitment to listen to the Indigenous community and to work with them. We have welcomed the voice of the Lheidli T'enneh leaders and elders into our decision-making. We have honored their voice as they shared the ancestral history of Shas Ti.

We also made a commitment to build and foster positive, respectful relationships throughout the school district and to ensure all voices are heard and considered as we are called upon to make decisions that impact our students, our staff, our schools and the communities we serve.

To be true to our commitment to ensure all voices are heard and considered, the decision made this evening needs to be supported by the data from the questionnaire.

The data represents the many voices of the community who feel strongly about their school Kelly Road Secondary, the school their community has grown up around and the school that represents their identity as a community. The data also represents the many voices that understand the importance of the two legacies that have come together as a result of the decision of February 25th. It is not hard to find throughout the data the desire for harmony and compromise.

The data from the questionnaire clearly indicated 68% (1,829) of the 2,707 respondents support retaining the schools name as Kelly Road Secondary.

This motion before you recommends the two histories and legacies of Kelly Road and Shas Ti be collaboratively developed between the leaders and Elders of the Lheidli T'enneh and the students and staff of Kelly Road. 85.5% of questionnaire respondents indicated that both histories and legacies of Kelly Road and Shas ti can and should be acknowledged in the new school.

This motion recommends these important decisions be made at the school level between those who are most directly involved

The data throughout the questionnaire, primarily found in the responses to questions 6, 7 and 8, provides many creative ways this can be accomplished.

Finally, the motion before you asks the Board to retain the school's name Kelly Road Secondary in its newly constructed replacement and to support and encourage the leaders and Elders of the Lheidli T'enneh together with the students and staff of Kelly Road to begin a process on ways to incorporate the ancestral history of the Lheidli T'enneh, the ancestral history of Shas Ti and the Dakelh language within, around and on the outside of the new school.

A closing word.

The motion before you supports the objectives of the Local Education Agreement signed in September 2017 and the commitment between the Lheidli T'enneh and the school district *"to work together:"*

"a) To establish and grow a positive and collaborative working relationship based on open, regular and effective communication"

"e) To identify and implement measures to visually reflect First Nations culture in the School District's infrastructure (e.g. art, role models) to foster a sense of belonging in First Nations students"

"i) To promote a greater understanding, awareness and respect for the Lheidli T'enneh Band's history, language and culture among staff and students"

"j) To facilitate positive interactions between school staff and the Lheidli T'enneh Band community, parents and elders to promote and enhance cross-cultural awareness and understanding."

This commitment 'to work together' is the true meaning of reconciliation.

The Board has an opportunity by passing this motion to take an important leadership role in its commitment to reconciliation, its commitment to building relationships and its commitment to ensuring all voices are heard and considered as we are called upon to make decisions that impact our students, our staff, our schools and the communities we serve.

SW/dln

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

April 28, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Betty Bekkering, Trustee

SUBJECT: **KELLY ROAD SECONDARY SCHOOL**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approves the name of the new school to be Shas Ti Secondary School and that the Board supports and encourages the students, staff, leaders of the school and senior administration to begin a process to determine ways to incorporate the history of Kelly Road Secondary School into the new school.

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RATIONALE

1. Our nation, province, city and regional district have recognized the necessity of committing to the 94 Calls to Action outlined in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). At the first Balhats/ Potlach held in 73 years, School District No. 57 (Prince George) renewed our commitment to the Lheidli T'enneh that we too would honour the Calls to Action to ensure Indigenous people have equal opportunities in Canadian society and especially toward Indigenous student success.
2. The nostalgia, school spirit and loyalty to the name, Kelly Road Secondary will not be lost. All of the tangible memorabilia will be moved to the new school i.e. trophies, banners, class photos etc. and will be displayed to honour Kelly Road's 60 year history. The street name of Kelly Road will remain as a tribute to John Kelly, also the renowned Kelly Cup curling bonspiel. Memories are not forgotten, we all have memories of our high school years.
3. Naming the new school Shas Ti Secondary would be a recognition that School District No. 57 is committed to honouring the Lheidli T'enneh's 10,000 years of history on their traditional lands, and that all are welcome to new beginnings in a brand new, state-of-the-art school bearing their name choice.
4. SD No. 57 can lead the way in Truth and Reconciliation, and continue to rebuild the trust of the Indigenous people in our public education system which was so brutalized over the past century! We can make a positive impactful decision that will impact all students for decades to come, with one simple name change.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

April 28, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Trent Derrick, Vice Chair
SUBJECT: **KELLY ROAD SECONDARY SCHOOL**

RECOMMENDATION

That the name of the newly reconstructed Kelly Road Secondary School be changed to Shas Ti and to honour the history of Kelly Road Secondary School that the gym be called Kelly Road Gym.

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RATIONALE

1. At the February 25, 2020 regular public meeting, the Board of Education unanimously passed the following motion:

That the Board of Education engage in the process to rename the newly constructed Kelly Road Secondary School to Shas Ti.
2. The Board of Education has made a commitment to work Nation to Nation with Lheidli T'enneh First Nation. The commitment was reinforced at Balhats held on November 29th.
3. The school district and school is located on the unceded territory of the Lheidli T'enneh.
4. The Lheidli T'enneh made a request to return their right to their history and traditional names over their territory.
5. Truth comes before Reconciliation – without the truth of what happened to First Nations, what their rights are, what rights were taken away. There can be no reconciliation unless we know what needs to be reconciled.
6. Through the consultation process, it was clear that Kelly Road history wanted to be recognized.
7. This is a new building and can have a new name.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

MEMORANDUM

April 28, 2020

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Trustee Derrick

SUBJECT: **INDIGENOUS EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Indigenous Education Advisory Committee held its meeting on April 14, 2020 and the topics and discussions included:

1. The appropriate use of a medicine wheel.
2. Terms of Reference have been put on hold due to COVID-19, but will be brought forward to the Board of Education as soon as possible.
3. COVID-19 Update – Implementation of the four principles provided by the Ministry. The school district is working on keeping the workplace safe while moving forward with best practices for education. SD57 is focused on safe spaces for all staff. Utilizing all resources that are available to keep schools clean. Services are being provided for children of essential workers at six sites. Support for vulnerable students. A meals program has been started out of PGSS.
4. Equity Scan Update – It will continue via Zoom, working on details of when meetings will be held. Some online and paper submissions to help with the process
5. Discussion on using Zoom vs other platforms for meetings.
6. Creating a grad booklet for Indigenous grads including a gift. Working out details on how it will be delivered.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

April 28, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Trustee Warrington

SUBJECT: **DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL, APRIL 6, 2020**

REPORT:

The April 6th meeting was conducted through Zoom. Partner group members joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The agenda items for the partner group portion of the meeting included:

- Update on the SD57 Response Plan for COVID -19
- Update on the Kelly Road Engagement Process
- Update on the Giscome Elementary evacuation and lessons learned
- Individual Partner group input

SD57 Response Plan for COVID 19

Superintendent Anita Richardson spoke to the District's Response Plan for COVID 19 and answered questions. Her comments included:

- Ways the district was providing support for vulnerable families:
 - o Food security
 - o Wrap around supports provided by the Inclusive Education Team
- Work of the district in finding ways to provide a continuity of learning during this extremely challenging time:
 - o The provinces commitment that students on track to graduation will continue to move in that direction.
 - o Understanding the challenges and stress on families including the challenges of meeting the educational needs of children from home.
 - o The District's commitment to provide continuous updates along with the supports needed through this very challenging and unknown time.

Kelly Road Engagement Process

- The engagement process was outlined along with how the community could participate in the survey.
- The survey began on March 20th and at the time of this meeting there were 1,753 responses.
- The survey will close on April 17th and the Trustees will meet to receive an executive summary and the data collected.
- All data from the survey will be available to the public prior to the Regular Public Board Meeting of April 28th.

Giscome Evacuation and Lessons Learned

Superintendent Richardson provided the following update:

- There was very positive feedback from the community.
- The Muster station location was changed.
- She commented on the district's appreciation for the way the staff acted quickly and calmly and Blackburn Elementary School's welcoming of the students.
- Ms. Richardson also expressed the district's support from Diversified Transportation and Yellowhead Road and Bridge and the importance of having these good relationships.
- A company was hired to check air quality, we are waiting for results.
- There was no contamination of the schools water.

Partner Group Input

- Assistant Superintendent Cindy Heitman reported on the meals program stating at this time 367 students were being supported. She noted that in a regular school year 750 – 1000 students are supported through a school meals program. Work is proceeding on ways to expand the support including ways to support schools that do not have a meals program. More to come.
- Joanne Hapke, President, District Teachers Association spoke to the conclusion of the Provincial Agreement:
 - o Teachers are back to work and reaching out to their students.
 - o In this challenging time, teachers are worried, parents are understanding and the district is supportive
- Unfortunately, from this point on I lost connection to the meeting and missed the remaining comments from partner group members present.
- I was able to rejoin at the very end in time to say good-bye.

The next District Parent Advisory Council Meeting will be held on May 5th.