

Trent Derrick, Chair
Shuirose Valimohamed, Vice-Chair
Betty Bekkering, Trustee
Tim Bennett, Trustee
Ron Polillo, Trustee
Bob Thompson, Trustee
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 6:05 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The following items were added to the agenda:

Trustee Reports

British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (S. Warrington)

New Business

Letters of Congratulations (R. Polillo)

The agenda was approved as amended.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Joanne Hapke representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association commented on a recent workshop with Dr. Dustin Louie regarding how to Indigenize and decolonize education held at Shas Ti Kelly Road Secondary School and stated that she hopes that the district provides similar learning opportunities to all teachers. Ms. Hapke also commented on her attendance at recent governance meetings with Lheidli T'enneh and McLeod Lake Indian Band. She also requested that the Board provide a message of support to teachers.

Andrea Beckett representing the District Parents Advisory Council (DPAC) commented on the Board's work to support the values and priorities of Truth and Reconciliation. Ms. Beckett asked the district to prioritize the start of the Policy and Governance Committee meetings to update critically needed documents to support families, students and staff. She provided an overview of the virtual DPAC Leadership Summit hosted by the British Columbia Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils on November 20 and 21, 2020.

Chair Taryn Atkinson and Vice-Principal Katie Marren representing the District Students Advisory Council provided an overview of their first meeting of the 2020-21 school year. Ms. Marren stated that the group's number one priority is mental health and moving from being present at meetings of the Board to actually participating and having impacts on decisions.

4. SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Trustees Warrington and Bennett commented on the success of the Capstone projects at College Heights Secondary School.

Trustee Warrington expressed gratitude to school district teachers for the sacrifices they make to create opportunities for students.

Trustee Polillo congratulated students and staff on the virtual Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Trustee Bekkering commented on the success of the DP Todd Secondary School Grade 8 first Band concert.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 Inaugural Meeting of November 3, 2020

A correction was noted under item 7 Election of Representative to the B.C. Public School Employers' Association to read*Trustee Warrington elected by acclamation.*

The minutes of the Inaugural meeting of November 3, 2020 were adopted as amended.

5.2 Regular Public Meeting of November 3, 2020

The minutes of the regular public meeting of November 3, 2020 were adopted as published.

5.3 Record of In Camera Meeting Minutes

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the regular in camera meeting of November 3, 2020 were approved.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

7. MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**7.1 Committee Report**

Trustee Bennett reviewed the November 2020 Management and Finance Committee report that was included in the agenda package. Mr. Bennett drew attention to the overview of Indigenous funding provided to the committee that was also included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Management and Finance Committee meeting held on November 16, 2020 be received.

CARRIED

7.2 Trustee Remuneration

Trustee Bennett reviewed the recommendation and background included in the agenda package.

The Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Policy 8230 Trustee Remuneration and Expenses, Regulation 1, be revised, effective July 1, 2020, to reflect the annual remuneration for trustees as follows:

- 1.1 Chairperson - \$22,662
- 1.2 Vice-Chairperson - \$21, 162
- 1.3 Trustees - \$19,662

CARRIED

Trustee Warrington requested that her vote in opposition be recorded.

7.3 2021-2022 Budget Consultation – Expanded Committee of the Whole

Trustee Bennett reviewed the recommendation, draft terms of reference and the suggested timeline and proposed agendas for the 2021-2022 Budget Consultation Expanded Committee of the Whole that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Terms of Reference of the Budget Consultation Expanded Committee of the Whole, and suggested meeting timelines and proposed agendas, be confirmed for the 2021-2022 Annual Budget process.

CARRIED

8. EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

8.1 Committee Report

Trustee Polillo reviewed the November 2020 Education Programs and Planning Committee report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Education Programs and Planning Committee meeting held on November 17, 2020 be received.

CARRIED

9. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

9.1 Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent provided an update on the following:

- o Successful new strategies in the COVID world
- o Completion of first quarter with second quarter now up and running.
- o Schools feeling the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic
- o Federal and Provincial Government Funding to provide additional supports

Ms. Richardson expressed gratitude to school district staff and leadership for focusing on the learning and well-being of all our students. She recognized the additional strain the effects of COVID are having on our staff and the resilience they are showing to continue the incredible work they are doing as they continue to have to re-imagine it as they go.

10. TRUSTEE REPORTS

10.1 British Columbia School Trustees' Association

Trustee Polillo reviewed the report that was included in the agenda package.

10.2 District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Polillo drew attention to the report that was included in the agenda package.

10.3 District Student Advisory Council

Trustee Polillo drew attention to the report that was included in the agenda package.

10.4 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee

Trustee Valimohamed reviewed the report that was included in the agenda package.

10.5 British Columbia Public School Employers' Association

Trustee Warrington congratulated BCPSEA Chief Executive Officer Renzo Del Negro on his recent retirement and welcomed Rebecca Bower to the position of Interim Chief Executive Officer.

Ms. Warrington reminded Trustees of the virtual Annual General Meeting scheduled for January 28, 2021.

10.6 Liaison Updates

10.6.1 Trustee Polillo

Trustee Polillo drew attention to the report included in the agenda package.

10.6.2 Trustee Valimohamed

Trustee Valimohamed drew attention to the report that was included in the agenda package.

10.6.3 Trustee Warrington

Trustee Warrington drew attention to the report that was included in the agenda package.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

11.1 Trustee Committee and Liaison Appointments

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

The following correction was noted:

- Education Programs and Planning Committee change from Shuirose Valimohamed to Sharel Warrington
- Education Services Committee change from Sharel Warrington to Shuirose Valimohamed

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Trustee Committee and Liaison Appointments – December 2020 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

11.2 Letters of Congratulations

Trustee Polillo brought forward the following verbal recommendation.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education send Letters of Congratulations to MLA Shirley Bond, MLA Mike Morris, Regional Chief Terry Teegee on their recent election to their positions including the soon to be named Minister of Education. Further congratulates to MLA Bond on the recently being named as the Interim Leader for the BC Liberal Party.

CARRIED

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Trustee Derrick drew the Board's attention to the following letters that were included in the agenda package:

- o Letter of Support from Nk'azdli Whut'en October 19, 2020 for Indigenous Trustees
- o Letter from the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce dated October 28, 2020 regarding the McLeod Lake Indian Band Request for Trustee Position
- o Letter to Lheidli T'enneh Nation and McLeod Lake Indian Band dated November 10, 2020 regarding their request for support for Indigenous Trustees

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer