

Board of Education

Regular Public Meeting

November 24, 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, November 24, 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

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Education Services Committee – January 11, 2021
Management and Finance Committee – January 18, 2021
Education Programs and Planning Committee – January 19, 2021
Public Board Meeting – January 26, 2021

DRAFT
Minutes
Inaugural
Meeting

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

2020.11.03
6:00 p.m.

Present:

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

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

In attendance:

Darlene McIntosh, Elder, Lheidli T'enneh First Nation

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Superintendent Anita Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. **GREETINGS AND WELCOME**

Darlene McIntosh, Elder, Lheidli T'enneh First Nation provided an opening prayer and welcome to the traditional territory.

3. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

The Superintendent called for nominations for chairperson.

Trustee Valimohamed nominated Trustee Derrick, who accepted the nomination.

Trustee Polillo nominated Trustee Warrington, who accepted the nomination.

The Superintendent called twice more for nominations for chairperson.

Trustee Derrick and Trustee Warrington each spoke briefly about their reasons for accepting the nomination.

The Secretary Treasurer and Executive Assistant conducted an election by secret ballot.

The Superintendent reported the results declaring Trustee Derrick elected.

MOVED and SECONDED
That the ballots be destroyed.
CARRIED

Trustee Derrick took the chair.

4. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

The Board Chair called for nominations for vice-chairperson.

Trustee Warrington nominated Trustee Polillo, who accepted the nomination.

Trustee Bekkering nominated Trustee Valimohamed, who accepted the nomination.

The Board Chair called twice more for nominations for vice chair.

Trustee Polillo and Trustee Valimohamed each spoke briefly about their reasons for accepting the nomination.

The Secretary Treasurer and Executive Assistant conducted an election by secret ballot.

The Board Chair reported the results declaring Trustee Valimohamed elected.

MOVED and SECONDED
That the ballots be destroyed.
CARRIED

5. **ELECTION OF BCSTA PROVINCIAL COUNCILLOR**

The Board Chair called for nominations for BCSTA Provincial Councillor.

Trustee Bennett nominated Trustee Polillo, who accepted the nomination.

The Board Chair called twice more for nominations and, hearing none, declared Trustee Polillo elected by acclamation.

6. **ELECTION OF AN ALTERNATE BCSTA PROVINCIAL COUNCILLOR**

The Board Chair called for nominations for an alternate BCSTA Provincial Councillor.

Trustee Warrington nominated Trustee Thompson, who accepted the nomination.

The Board Chair called twice more for nominations and, hearing none, declared Trustee Thompson elected by acclamation.

7. **ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE B.C. PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION**

The Board Chair called for nominations for representative to the B.C. Public School Employers' Association.

Trustee Valimohamed nominated Trustee Warrington, who accepted the nomination.

The Board Chair called twice more for nominations and, hearing none, declared Trustee Valimohamed elected by acclamation.

8. **ELECTION OF AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE B.C. PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION**

The Board Chair called for nominations for an alternate representative for the B.C. Public School Employers' Association.

Trustee Bennett nominated Trustee Thompson, who accepted the nomination.

The Board Chair called twice more for nominations and, hearing none, declared Trustee Thompson elected by acclamation.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer

DRAFT
Minutes
Regular Public
Meeting

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

2020.11.03
7:00 p.m.

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 6:59 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as published.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Joanne Hapke representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association commented on the anxiety experienced by some teachers in carrying out their duties during the COVID pandemic.

Andrea Beckett representing the District Parents Advisory Council (DPAC) reported that a full team has been elected to the 2020/21 DPAC Executive and is ready to work for education and advocate for parents and PACs in our district. Ms. Beckett provided an overview of the agenda for virtual DPAC Leadership Summit hosted by the British Columbia Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils on November 20 and 21, 2020. She also provided support for the school district's work towards Truth and Reconciliation.

4. **SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

Trustee Bennett commented on the positive response to the recent installation of a new outdoor classroom at Vanway Elementary School donated in honour of long time teacher, Pam Schellest.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**5.1 Regular Public Meeting of September 29, 2020**

The minutes of the regular public meeting of September 29, 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 September 29, and Special In Camera Meetings of September 29, October 6, October 13 and October 19, 2020. were approved.

6. PRESENTATION**6.1 Lheidli T'enneh Nation and McLeod Lake Indian Band – Request for Trustee Variance in SD57**

Lheidli T'enneh Nation Dayi Pountney and McLeod Lake Indian Band Deputy Chief Jayde Duranleau delivered a joint presentation regarding their request for two indigenous trustees on the Board of Education.

Dayi Pountney provided a package of documents to each of the Trustees and the Superintendent, which included:

- Talking Points of Dayi Pountney and Deputy Chief Duranleau
- Letters of Support for Indigenous Trustees
- Information regarding the Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, among other provincial commitments to Indigenous peoples, as well as recommendation from the 2018 Funding Model Review and the Office of the Auditor General reports on Aboriginal education.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

8. **EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE**

8.1 Committee Report

Trustee Polillo reviewed the October 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 October 5, 2020 be received.

CARRIED

9. **EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

9.1 Committee Report

Trustee Derrick reviewed the October 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 October 20, 2020 be received.

CARRIED

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

10.1 Draft Terms of Reference – Ad Hoc Committee – Truth and Reconciliation and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Trustee Bekkering provided a verbal revised recommendation and rationale for the draft Terms of Reference of the Ad Hoc Committee – Truth and Reconciliation and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Ms. Bekkering reviewed the amendments to the published draft terms of reference that was included in the agenda package, noting the following amendments:

Chairperson:

The committee will be chaired by a representative from one of the Nations, as elected by the committee.

Meetings:

The committee will host monthly meetings beginning in November.....

The Superintendent responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Terms of Reference for the Ad Hoc Committee – Truth and Reconciliation and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples be approved in principle as amended and referred to the committee for additional feedback at its first meeting.

Carried

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Lheidli T'enneh Nation and McLeod Lake Indian Band request for a Trustee Variance in SD57

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education write a letter of support to the Lheidli T'enneh Nation and McLeod Lake Indian Band regarding their request for the addition of two Indigenous Trustees, one to represent the McLeod Lake Indian Band and the other to represent the Lheidli T'enneh Nation on the School District No. 57 (Prince George) Board of Education.

The Trustees discussed the details to be included in the letter of support.

A recess was called at 8:03 p.m., and the meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

The original motion was amended as follows:

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education write a letter of support to the Lheidli T'enneh Nation and McLeod Lake Indian Band regarding their request for the addition of two Indigenous Trustees, one to represent the McLeod Lake Indian Band and the other to represent the Lheidli T'enneh Nation on the School District No. 57 (Prince George) Board of Education and that the Letter of Support include the following:

The Board recognizes the strong support received from a number of Indigenous and other community organizations regarding the joint request from Lheidli T'enneh Nation and McLeod Lake Indian Band.

The Board acknowledges that it is not within the mandate of the Board of Education to change the School Act, BC Elections Act or any other legislative process. The Board recognizes that jurisdiction to make the requested changes lies with the Provincial Government.

The Board supports the Government to Government relationship between Indigenous First Nations and the Provincial Government as stated in Bill 41 and acknowledges the right of the Lheidli T'enneh Nation and McLeod Lake Indian Band to move forward their request to the Provincial Government by engaging in all steps of the procedures as outlined in the Trustee Variation guidelines, including thorough public consultation

The motion was further amended as follows:

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education write a letter of support to the Lheidli T'enneh Nation and McLeod Lake Indian Band regarding their request for the addition of two Indigenous Trustees, one to represent the McLeod Lake Indian Band and the other to represent the Lheidli T'enneh Nation on the School District No. 57 (Prince George) Board of Education and that the Letter of Support include the following:

The Board recognizes the strong support received from a number of Indigenous and other community organizations regarding the joint request from Lheidli T'enneh Nation and McLeod Lake Indian Band.

The Board acknowledges that it is not within the mandate of the Board of Education to change the School Act, BC Elections Act or any other legislative process. The Board recognizes that jurisdiction to make the requested changes lies with the Provincial Government.

The Board supports the Government to Government relationship between Indigenous First Nations and the Provincial Government as stated in Bill 41 and acknowledges the right of the Lheidli T'enneh Nation and McLeod Lake Indian Band to move forward their request to the Provincial Government.

The motion was further amended, and the final motion is as follows:

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education write a letter of support to the Lheidli T'enneh Nation and McLeod Lake Indian Band regarding their request for the addition of two Indigenous Trustees, one elected to represent the McLeod Lake Indian Band and the other elected to represent the Lheidli T'enneh Nation on the School District No. 57 (Prince George) Board of Education and that the Letter of Support include the following:

The Board recognizes the strong support received from a number of Indigenous and other community organizations regarding the joint request from Lheidli T'enneh Nation and McLeod Lake Indian Band.

The Board acknowledges that it is not within the mandate of the Board of Education to change the School Act, BC Elections Act or any other legislative process. The Board recognizes that jurisdiction to make the requested changes lies with the Provincial Government.

The Board supports the Government to Government relationship between Indigenous First Nations and the Provincial Government as stated in Bill 41 and acknowledges the right of the Lheidli T'enneh Nation and McLeod Lake Indian Band to move forward their request to the Provincial Government.

CARRIED

12. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

12.1 Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent expressed gratitude to Trustee for hours of dedication for all of our students in SD57. Ms. Richardson stressed the importance of keeping learning and students the forefront of our agendas. She expressed gratitude to stakeholder groups for always keeping their focus on students. The Superintendent also commented on the hard work of school district staff to ensure that the meals program provides meals to students in a meaningful and substantive way.

13. TRUSTEE REPORTS

13.1 British Columbia School Trustees' Association

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

13.2 District Parent Advisory Council

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

13.3 District Student Advisory Council

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

13.4 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee

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

13.5 Liaison Updates

13.5.1 Trustee Bekkering

Trustee Bekkering commented positively on Orange Shirt Day recognition at DP Todd Secondary School on September 30th. Ms. Bekkering also commented on the Board Workshop facilitated by Eli Mina, Board Effectiveness Consultant and Registered Parliamentarian on October 9 and 10, 2020.

13.5.2 Trustee Polillo

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

13.5.3 Trustee Warrington

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

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- o Letter dated September 29, 2020 from the Board of Education providing support for the Aboriginal Housing Society of PG Learning Centre
- o Letter dated September 29, 2020 from the Board of Education providing support for the Takla Nation Youth Diversion Project
- o Letter dated September 29, 2020 from Lheidli T'enneh Nation and McLeod Lake Indian Band regarding request for Indigenous Trustees
- o Letter dated October 8, 2020 from Carrier Sekani First Nation regarding support for Indigenous Trustees
- o Letter dated October 14, 2020 from the Prince George Nechako Aboriginal Employment and Training Association regarding support for Indigenous Trustees
- o Letter dated October 14, 2020 from the Prince George Native Friendship Centre regarding support of Indigenous Trustees
- o Letter dated October 15th from the Board of Education providing support for the School Physical Activity and Physical Literacy Program

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 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

November 3, 2020 Special In Camera Meeting

1. Adoption of the minutes of the special in camera meeting of September 29 and October 13, 2020.
2. Receipt of an update regarding personnel matters.

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. and adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

November 3, 2020 Regular In Camera Meeting

1. Adoption of the minutes of the regular in camera meeting of September 29, 202 and the special in camera meetings of October 6 and 19, 2020.
2. Discussions regarding governance matters.
3. Receipt of an update regarding a property matters.
4. Receipt of an update regarding a legal matter.

The meeting was called to order at 4:28 p.m. and adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

November 16, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Tim Bennett, Trustee, and Chair
Management and Finance Committee

SUBJECT: **COMMITTEE REPORT – OCTOBER 2020**

RECOMMENDATION

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

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REPORT:

- 1) The Management and Finance Committee met on November 16, 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** – The Director of Human Resources provided a staffing update and responded to questions from the Committee.
 - c) **Trustee Remuneration**- This item appears on this evening's agenda for consideration of the Board's approval.
 - d) **Policy 3170 Budget Development, Monitoring and Reporting** – The committee reviewed and discussed Policy 3170 Appendix A - Budget and Financial Reporting Timeline.
 - e) **Review of Appropriated Operating Surplus as at June 30, 2020** – The Secretary Treasurer discussed the appropriated operating surplus as at June 30, 2020 as it relates to Policy 3433.2 Accumulated Operating Surplus. Ms. Patterson advised that the Internally Restricted Surplus Operating Fund School Surpluses as at June 30, 2020 are below 5% of actual operating expenses as required in the policy regulations. The Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Committee.

- f) **Overview of Indigenous Funding – Nominal Roll** – The Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of the school district's Indigenous Nominal Roll Funding and Targeted Indigenous Education Funding and responded to questions from the Committee.
- g) **2021-2022 Budget Consultation** – The Terms of Reference and the suggested timeline and proposed agendas for the 2021-2022 Budget Consultation Expanded Committee of the Whole appears on this evening's agenda for consideration of the Board's approval.
- 3) The next Management and Finance Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on January 18, 2021

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Management and Finance Committee

FROM: Darleen Patterson, Secretary Treasurer

SUBJECT: **OVERVIEW OF INDIGENOUS FUNDING**

The Local Education Agreements (LEA) invoices generated from the School District are based on the following:

- The number of students that McLeod Lake Indian Band or Lheidli T'enneh First Nation reports on their Nominal Roll.
- The First Nation Student Rate which is determined provincially by the Ministry of Education and is calculated based on the Ministry of Education grants that are paid to School Districts. This information can be found publicly on the Ministry website.

The rate that is being charged is calculated by the Ministry to approximate the rate that the Ministry of Education provides to School Districts which results in School Districts being no better or worse off than they would be if all of the students had been claimed through the 1701 funding process.

The funds received through the Local Education Agreements are used by the school district in the same manner as the funding that is received from the Ministry of Education. The school district includes these funds in the total funds that are anticipated when creating annual and amended annual budgets.

Indigenous Targeted Funding is based on an allocation the school district receives for each self-declared Indigenous student. This enhanced funding provides culturally-appropriate educational programs and services to support the success of Indigenous students.

The following is the current policy from the Ministry of Education and is currently under review:

Targeted Indigenous Education Funding

Targeted Indigenous education funding requires the collaboration of Boards of Education and local Indigenous communities to develop and deliver Indigenous education programs and services that integrate academic achievement and Indigenous culture or language or both. School age students of Indigenous ancestry participating in Indigenous education programs and services offered by public schools are eligible for Indigenous education funding. Adult students are not eligible.

Students qualifying for Indigenous education funding will be funded as per the current year's operating grant manual.

Targeted funding provided to Boards of Education must be spent on the provision of Indigenous education programs and services. The delivery and outcomes of these programs and services must be documented, preferably through Enhancement Agreements.

Funded Indigenous education programs and services must be in addition to any other program and service which an Indigenous student is eligible.

Targeted Indigenous Education Funding must not be used

- to replace other funded programs such as Special Education or English Language Learning
- for the delivery of the provincial curriculum (including courses such as BC First Nations Studies and English First Peoples).

In an effort to collaborate, the Board created the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee. The school district reports detailed spending and other requested information to the Ministry at the end of each year.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

November 16, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Management and Finance Committee

SUBJECT: **POLICY 8230 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

RECOMMENDATION

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

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BACKGROUND

1. Policy 8230 Trustee Remuneration and Expenses, Regulation 2 states that *the annual remuneration for trustees will be reviewed by the Management and Finance Committee on an annual basis prior to March 31, commencing in 2019, within the following guidelines:*
 - o *Remuneration for the Chairperson will be increased based on the same increment as the grid lift directed by the British Columbia School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) for exempt staff.*
 - o *Remuneration for the Vice-Chairperson will be \$1,500 less than that of the Chairperson.*
 - o *Remuneration for trustees will be \$3,000 less than that of the Chairperson.*
2. At the February 25, 2020 regular public meeting the Board of Education approved the following motion:

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 - \$22,002*
- 1.2 Vice- Chairperson - \$20,502*
- 1.3 Trustees \$19,002*

3. At the November 16, 2020 Management and Finance Committee, the Secretary Treasurer reviewed and discussed the annual remuneration for Trustees effective July 1, 2020.

The Secretary Treasurer advised the committee that the motion approved at the February 25, 2020 regular public meeting to increase the annual remuneration for Trustees effective July 1, 2020 reflected a 2% increase while the exempt grid increased by 5.06% which reflects the 2% general wage increase to the teacher local salary grids effective July 1, 2019, the 2% increase to the teacher local salary grids effective July 1, 2020 and the 1% increase to the top step of the teacher salary grid effective July 1, 2020.

4. Policy 8310, Policy and Policy Development defines a “minor update” as a factual change, including district information and titles of individuals, organizations or legislation that do not change the intent of the policy.
5. Policy 8310, Regulation 12 indicates that minor updates to policies may be presented directly to the Board for immediate approval.

DP/dln

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
School District No. 57
 2100 Ferry Avenue
 Prince George, B.C. V2L 4R5
 (250) 561-6800

POLICY 8230

TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

APPROVED: 1975.02.18

REVISED: 1999.01.26

2004.10.26

2006.10.10

2008.09.23

2013.10.29

2015.06.23

2018.02.27

2018.04.10

2019.04.30

2019.06.18

2020.07.01

2020.XX.XX

POLICY

Appropriate financial recognition shall be provided to trustees as remuneration for their services. This remuneration shall be reviewed by the Management and Finance Committee on an annual basis. Trustees shall also be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of their duties.

Responsibility Centre: Secretary-Treasurer
 References: *School Act*, Sections 71 and 85
Income Tax Act, Section 81(3)

TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

PREAMBLE

Section 71 of the *School Act* provides for an annual remuneration to be paid to trustees.

Approved: 1999.01.26
Revised: 2004.10.26



TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**REGULATIONS:**

1. The annual remuneration for trustees, as of July 1, 2020, shall be as follows:
 - 1.1 Chairperson ~~\$22,002~~ \$22,662
 - 1.2 Vice-Chairperson ~~\$20,502~~ \$21,162
 - 1.3 Trustees ~~\$19,002~~ \$19,662
2. The annual remuneration for trustees will be reviewed by the Management and Finance Committee on an annual basis prior to March 31, commencing in 2019, within the following guidelines:
 - 2.1 Remuneration for the Chairperson will be increased by based on the same increment as the grid lift directed by the British Columbia School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) for exempt staff.
 - 2.2 Remuneration for the Vice-Chairperson will be \$1,500 less than that of the Chairperson.
 - 2.3 Remuneration for trustees will be \$3,000 less than that of the Chairperson.
3. Trustees will be reimbursed for in-district travel, in accordance with district policy, for attendance at meetings.
 - 3.1 Mileage may be claimed for attendance at regular and special board meetings.
 - 3.2 Mileage may be claimed for attendance at committee meetings, liaison meetings or other school district functions at which trustee representation is required or requested.
 - 3.3 Optional trustee travel, including school visits, parent advisory council meetings and meetings of committees of which the trustee is not an appointed member will not be eligible for reimbursement.
4. Trustees will be reimbursed for out-of-district travel in accordance with Policy 4133.1 (Reimbursement of Travel and Meeting Expenses).



TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

5. An annual budget will be established for trustee professional development.
 - 5.1 Each trustee will be entitled to \$3,500 for his or her own professional development. Trustees will be encouraged to attend:
 - The B.C. School Trustees Association's annual general meeting
 - The B.C. School Trustees Association's trustee academies
 - The BC. School Trustees Association's Northern Interior Branch meetings
 - Off-site working sessions as organized by the school district
 - 5.2 An additional \$3,500 will also be used for trustee professional development at the discretion of, and as directed by, the Board of Education
6. Trustees will be reimbursed for the following expenses:
 - 6.1 Printer paper, to be obtained upon request from the reception desk.
 - 6.2 Consumable printer supplies to be reimbursed upon presentation of a receipt.
7. Trustees will be provided with district owned communication devices for school district business.

Approved: 1975.02.18

Revised: 2004.10.26, 2006.10.10, 2008.05.27 (effective June 1, 2008), 2008.09.23, 2013.10.29, 2015.06.23, 2018.02.27, 2018.04.10, 2019.04.30, 2019.06.18, 2020.07.01, 2020.XX.XX



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

November 16, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Management and Finance Committee

SUBJECT: **BUDGET CONSULTATION EXPANDED COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

RECOMMENDATION

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.

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BACKGROUND

1. The Terms of Reference for the Budget Consultation Expanded Committee of the Whole were amended by the Board of Education at its meeting held December 3, 2019.
2. The Management and Finance Committee reviewed and discussed the Terms of Reference at its meeting held November 16, 2020.

The committee revised the membership to increase the number of representatives for each of the Rightsholder groups to reflect the representation of the Stakeholder groups. The number of Senior Administration representatives has been revised to include the position of Deputy Superintendent of Schools.

3. The Management and Finance Committee also reviewed and revised the proposed dates and agendas for three Expanded Committee of the Whole meetings to be held related to the 2021-2022 Budget Consultation.

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School District No. 57 (Prince George)

EXPANDED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – BUDGET

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose

To provide input to the Board of Education on establishing its annual operating budget, and to provide an opportunity for open communication and an understanding of the annual operating budget.

The Expanded Committee of the Whole will consider the 2016-2021 Strategic Plan goals of Learning, Engagement, Opportunity, and Sustainability in its discussions.

Scope

1. To receive information on revenue of the school district including operating, special purpose and capital funds.
2. To receive information on expenditures of the school district including operating, special purpose and capital funds.
3. To receive information on the internally restricted operating fund surplus of the school district.
4. To receive information on the school district's operating fund school organization process and department budget process and the related compilation of a draft annual operating budget based on these processes.
5. To provide input on operational challenges and efficiencies to be considered in the development of the annual operating budget.
6. In the event that operating revenues exceed operating expenditures after compilation of a draft annual operating budget, the committee will provide input to the Board of Education as to options to be considered for additional expenditures in support of student learning.
7. In the event that operating expenditures exceed operating revenues after the compilation of a draft annual operating budget, the committee will provide input to the Board of Education as to options to be considered for additional revenue or reduced/decreased expenditures.
8. To consider options and provide advice to the Board of Education on the appropriation of surplus to support student learning and increase staff capacity in the adoption of the annual operating budget bylaw by the Board of Education.

Membership

Trustees (7)

Lheidli T'enneh First Nation ~~(1)~~ (2)

McLeod Lake Indian Band ~~(1)~~-(2)

Simpco First Nation ~~(1)~~ (2)

CUPE 3742 (2)

CUPE 4991 (2)

District Parent Advisory Council (2)

District Student Advisory Council (2)

Exempt Staff (2)

Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (2)

Prince George District Teachers' Association (2)

Prince George Principals and Vice Principals Association (2)

Senior Administration ~~(9)~~ (10)

Chair

Chairperson, Management and Finance Committee

Staff Responsible

Secretary Treasurer

Director of Finance

Executive Assistant

Reporting

The Expanded Committee of the Whole – Budget will rise and report to the Board of Education at the regular public meeting following the last meeting of the committee. In addition, the disposition of matters reported on through the rise and report process will be identified during the presentation in support of the second reading of the annual operating budget bylaw.

Meetings

Two or three meetings will be held from January to June. The actual meeting dates and agenda will be determined by the committee chair within the parameters of funding announcements and internal operational deadlines.

2021-2022 Budget Consultation Expanded Committee of the Whole
Suggested Timeline and Proposed Agendas

Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., Zoom

1. Review ECOW Terms of Reference
2. Overview of Strategic Plan goals of Learning, Engagement, Opportunity and Sustainability
 - a. specific goals,
 - b. quality indicators, and
 - c. achievement strategies related to development of 2021-2022 Annual Budget
3. Review Budget Assumptions set in accordance with Policy 1160, Regulation 8.2
4. Review changes to the Funding Formula and impact on School District No.57
5. Review expenses for 2020-2021

Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., Zoom

1. Review the March 15, 2021 Ministry Funding Announcement for 2021-2022
2. Review expected revenues for 2021-2022
3. Review Accumulated Operating Surplus at June 30, 2020
4. Review recommendations for use of surplus 2021-2022
5. Roundtable discussion to Identify the 2021-2022 Annual Budget operational opportunities and challenges

Wednesday, April 28, 2021, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., Zoom

1. Review the allocation of expected revenues and expenses made through school organization meetings and department budget meetings
2. Review the 2021-2022 Annual Budget financial opportunity or challenge at this date
3. Review how the 2021-2022 Annual Budget supports the 2016-2021 Strategic Plan
4. Discussion of specific 2021-2022 Annual Budget opportunities or challenges identified at the previous meeting
5. Roundtable discussion to Identify additional 2021-2022 Annual Budget opportunities or challenges
6. Discussion of committee report to the Board of Education
7. Debrief of ECOW process

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 – Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

1. Board of Education to receive Report of the Budget Consultation Expanded Committee of the Whole
2. Board of Education to consider first, second, third and final readings of the 2021-2022 Annual Budget Bylaw

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

November 17, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Trustee Polillo, Chair
Education Programs and Planning Committee

SUBJECT: **COMMITTEE REPORT – NOVEMBER 2020**

RECOMMENDATION

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

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REPORT:

1. The Education Program and Planning Committee met on November 17, 2020.
2. The meeting's agenda items were:
 - a. **Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held.**
 - b. **Mentorship:** Corinne Larue-Madill, Vice Principal, Curriculum and Innovation provided an update on the Mentorship Cohorts offered within the district.
 - c. **Learning Team Grants:** Monica Berra, Principal, Curriculum and Innovation reported on the internal grant application schools received to explore innovative practices through collaboration within district departments that align with the B.C. Curriculum, First Peoples Principles of Learning and Assessment for Learning.
 - d. **Indigenous Education:** Pam Spooner, Director of Instruction, Indigenous Education delivered a PowerPoint presentation that included an overview of department staff, programs, digital resources, special projects and department events planned for 2020-2021.
 - e. **Inclusive Education:** The Director of Inclusive Education delivered a PowerPoint presentation that included information on student transition plans, home learning plans, district interventions, department initiatives and mental health supports provided to students.
 - f. **Yearly Plan:** Review and update of the yearly plan.
3. The next Education Programs and Planning Committee meeting will be held on January 19, 2021.

/jc

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

MEMORANDUM

November 24, 2020

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Trustee Polillo

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

I am honoured and privileged to represent SD57 for another year as Provincial Councilor and would like thank my fellow Trustees for their vote of confidence!

All Trustees are looking forward to a great weekend of professional learning by taking part in the fall BCSTA Trustee Academy virtually on Friday, November 27th and Saturday, November 28th.

/dlh

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

November 24, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Trustee Polillo

SUBJECT: **DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL, NOVEMBER 2, 2020**

REPORT:

I attended the District Parent Advisory Council meeting by Zoom on Monday, November 2nd.

The following questions below were answered by School District staff:

1. Can you tell us how the district intends to deliver on their intention to share the meaning of the Shaᑭ Ti Kelly Road Secondary name with the school community and celebrate the opening of the new building?

The grand opening has been delayed by COVID and the Provincial Election. Official opening ceremonies will be directed by Ministry of Education. School and district staff are working with students, staff, Lheidli T'enneh and the community to tell the story of Shaᑭ Ti. Committee is currently working on a new school logo and mascot in consultation with all Rightsholder and Stakeholder groups.

2. We understand that School Board Trustees and Senior Administration hold meetings with each Family of Schools. Can you share what information is shared at these meetings?

The Trustee/Family of Schools meetings provide an opportunity for school Principals and Vice Principals to share with the Trustees what is happening in their schools. This opportunity allows the Trustees to gain a deeper understanding of the work in our schools. These meeting happen once in a school year with each of the Family of Schools.

3. Doors are locked according to the District Restart Plan. What will be done on cold or stormy winter weather days? Is there a plan for students to stay inside during their physical/nutrition breaks?

A meeting took place to discuss plans on how to address this situation and a plan is soon to be finalized. Schools and Parent Advisory Council's will get the plans soon through Administration.

4. Can we get further clarity on the "transitional programming"? As case numbers increase, parents who opted for transitional programming may feel more strongly about not returning to in class instruction. What will happen when our district's transitional dates run out?

Senior District staff will get back to DPAC with the clarity, they need and a plan on transitional programming.

5. The meal program was recently centralized at PGSS. How has this changed delivery at all the schools including students that attend part-time?

The change has been very positive and all students who are in need are fed through this district program. There is full access for all students.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

November 24, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Trustee Polillo

SUBJECT: **DISTRICT STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

REPORT:

I was excited to attend the first meeting of the year for the District Student Advisory Committee meeting on Monday November 16th at the Van Bien Training and Development Centre.

The meeting started with introductions and review of last year's activities. We did a "Who Am I" exercise and then conducted elections for the upcoming year.

Congrats to Taryn from PGSS who was elected to the role of Chairperson, Talal from College Heights Secondary School was elected to be Vice Chairperson and Olivia from DP Todd Secondary School was voted as Secretary for DSAC!

We finished the meeting with committee sign up and homework to read the first 2 chapters of "The Decision Playbook", making thoughtful choices in complex world!

Upcoming meetings will take place at 11am on the following dates:

- Monday, December 7th
- Monday, January 18th
- Monday, February 1st
- Monday, March 1st
- Monday, April 12th
- Monday, May 17th
- Monday, June 7th

RP/dln

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

MEMORANDUM

November 9, 2020

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Trustee Valimohamed

SUBJECT: **INDIGENOUS EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Indigenous Education Advisory Committee held its meeting on November 9th, the topics and discussions included:

- Updates of committee assignments
- Budget was discussed including ideas for the use of budget surplus
- Culture sensitivity training was discussed
- Honorarium for Elders: Other ways to increase remunerations other than pay increase
- Discussion regarding the Strategic Plan and if First Nations will be consulted
- Discussion regarding how the committee meets. Suggestions included blended Via Zoom and or in person; possibly use of the boardroom –sound quality is better.
- Indigenous Veterans Day – Discussion regarding the need to promoted better in schools.
- Discussion on the Ad Hoc Committee – Truth and Reconciliation and UNDRIP – next steps

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

MEMORANDUM

November 24, 2020

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Trustee Polillo

SUBJECT: **TRUSTEE REPORT – NOVEMBER 2020**

Tuesday, November 3rd
Inaugural and Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 4th
Shas Ti Kelly Road Family of Schools Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, November 10th
Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Friday, November 13th
Trustee Liaison school visit at Ecole Heather Park Elementary

Monday, November 16th
District Student Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, November 16th
Management and Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 17th
Education, Planning and Programming Committee Meeting

Friday, November 27th and Saturday, November 28th
BCSTA Trustee Academy

The following are my Committee and Liaison Appointments effective December 1, 2020 pending the Board's approval at this evening's meeting:

- Education Programs and Planning Committee- Chair
- Policy & Governance Committee- Voting Member
- Calendar Committee- Member
- CUPE 3742 and 4991- Liaison
- PG Principal and Vice Principal- Liaison
- Springboard to Success Scholarship Committee- Member
- District Parent Advisory Council- Alternating Trustee Schedule
- District Student Advisory Council- Alternating Trustee Schedule

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

MEMORANDUM

November 3, 2020

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Trustee Valimohamed

SUBJECT: **TRUSTEE REPORT – NOVEMBER 2020**

November 4th

Family of Schools Shas Ti Kelly Road Secondary:

Amazing work is being done in schools for the implementations of Truth and Reconciliation.

November 10th

Mackenzie Secondary School's Remembrance Day via Zoom:

Corporal Mark Reid a former student of Mackenzie Secondary School was the guest. Corporal Reid talked a lot to students regarding Mental Health and honoring Indigenous Veterans

November 10th

Morfee Elementary School's Remembrance Day via Zoom

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

MEMORANDUM

November 24, 2020

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Trustee Warrington

SUBJECT: **TRUSTEE REPORT – NOVEMBER 2020**

November has been a quieter month. Committee and liaison appointments for the coming year have been decided. I continue to be busy with the BCPSEA Board of Director responsibilities, all meetings are held through Zoom which is fast becoming a normal communication process.

My November calendar included:

November 3rd – Inaugural and Public Board Meeting

On the morning of November 4th, Trustees attended an informal meeting hosted by Lheidli T'enneh Dayi Pountney and McLeod Lake Indian Band Deputy Chief Jayde Duranleau held at the House of Ancestors.

On the afternoon of November 4th, along with Trustees and Senior Staff, I had the pleasure to attend the Shaḡ Ti Kelly Road Family of Schools meeting by zoom. It was exciting to hear how the Shaḡ Ti Kelly Road Family has embraced its unique approach and commitment to bringing Truth and Reconciliation and Indigenous ways of knowing into their schools and classrooms. Each Principal shared the strategies and activities taking place in their schools. The Shaḡ Ti Kelly Road Family of Schools is an excellent example of how School District No. 57 schools, administrators, teachers and support staff are embracing this important work.

November 9th – BCPSEA Board of Directors Zoom Meeting

November 16th – Management and Finance Committee meeting. This meeting marked the change of committee appointments for the coming year. I look forward to working with Trustee Bennett as chair and to continuing to work as a member of the committee. As the out-going chair of the committee, I wish to give special thanks to Secretary Treasurer Darleen Patterson and her staff for all the support she provided me during my time as chair.

During the morning of November 17th, I joined the College Heights Secondary, Grade 12 Capstone Presentations by Zoom. It was a privilege to watch and listen to the final day of these capstone project presentations. Each student presented their project in a confident and knowledgeable manner and at the conclusion responded to questions from their peers. Well done College Heights Secondary. A special thanks to Susan Trabant for your leadership and for providing this opportunity through Zoom for parents and members of the community to participate as observers.

November 17th– BCPSEA Board of Directors Zoom Meeting

November 17th – Attended a very informative Education Programs and Planning Committee meeting. A special shout out to Pam Spooner, Indigenous Education; Lisa Horswell, Inclusive Education; Corrine Madill, Mentorship; and Monica Berra, Learning Team Grants for their presentations.

As a member of Ad Hoc Committee on Truth and Reconciliation and UNDRIP, I will be in attendance at the first meeting scheduled for November 24th. I look forward to participating in the important work of this committee over the coming year.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

November 24, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Trent Derrick, Board Chair

SUBJECT: **TRUSTEE COMMITTEE AND LIAISON APPOINTMENTS – DECEMBER 2020**

RECOMMENDATION

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

RATIONALE:

1. Bylaw 1, 2.8 provides that Trustees shall have an opportunity to make their Committee and Liaison preferences known prior to appointments being made.
2. Trustees were provided that opportunity after the November 3, 2020 Inaugural Meeting.
3. Bylaw 1, 2.9 provides that the Committee and Liaison appointments shall be subject to the approval of the Board at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting following the Inaugural Meeting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)TRUSTEE COMMITTEE AND LIAISON APPOINTMENTS – DECEMBER 2020**Standing Committees**

Education Programs and Planning Committee	Ron Polillo (Chair) Bob Thompson Shuirose Valimohamed
Education Services Committee	Bob Thompson (Chair) Betty Bekkering Sharel Warrington
Management and Finance Committee	Tim Bennett (Chair) Shuirose Valimohamed Sharel Warrington
Policy and Governance Committee	Betty Bekkering (Chair) Tim Bennett Ron Polillo

Elected Positions

BCSTA Provincial Councillor	Ron Polillo Alternate Bob Thompson
BCPSEA Representative	Sharel Warrington Alternate Bob Thompson

Committee Representatives

Calendar Committee	Tim Bennett Ron Polillo
Catchment and Capacity Stakeholder Advisory Committee	Sharel Warrington Alternate: Betty Bekkering
Early Learning Advisory Committee	Bob Thompson Alternate: Shuirose Valimohamed
Equity Scan Committee	All Trustees
Indigenous Education Advisory Committee	Vice Chair Alternate: Sharel Warrington
Springboard to Success Scholarship Committee	Ron Polillo Alternate Betty Bekkering
Ad Hoc – Truth and Reconciliation and UNDRIP	Betty Bekkering Sharel Warrington

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

District Parent Advisory Council	Alternating Schedule
District Student Advisory Council	Alternating Schedule
City of Prince George / Regional District of Fraser-Fort George	Chair/Vice Chair
District of Mackenzie	Shuirose Valimohamed Alternate: Trent Derrick
Village of McBride	Bob Thompson Alternate: Trent Derrick
Village of Valemount	Bob Thompson Alternate: Trent Derrick
UNBC	Chair/Vice Chair
CNC / Career Programs Advisory Committee / Trades / CTC	Chair/Vice Chair
CUPE 3742 and 4991	Tim Bennett Ron Polillo
PGDTA	Betty Bekkering
PGDTA Mackenzie Sub-local	Shuirose Valimohamed
PGDTA Robson Valley Sub-local	Bob Thompson
PGPVPA	Tim Bennett Ron Polillo

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

FAMILY OF SCHOOLS	Liaison Trustee
College Heights Secondary School	Tim Bennett
D. P. Todd Secondary School	Betty Bekkering
Duchess Park Secondary School	Trent Derrick
Prince George Secondary School	Sharel Warrington
Shaḡ Ti Kelly Road Secondary School	Ron Polillo
Mackenzie Secondary School	Shuirose Valimohamed
McBride Secondary School Valemount Secondary School	Bob Thompson
John McInnis Centre	Shuirose Valimohamed



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October 19, 2020

Chair Tim Bennett and SD57 Board of Education
2100 Ferry Avenue
Prince George, BC V2L 4R5

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR INDIGENOUS TRUSTEES

Dear Chair Bennett:

On behalf of our community and Council, I respectfully request that you and the Board accept this letter as strong support for the creation of two indigenous trustee positions on the SD57 Board of Education.

We have community members who live and work in Prince George and whose children attend SD57 schools. We acknowledge that one of the key challenges for most First Nations is supporting their students to graduate from the K-12 system. Having indigenous trustees from the Lheidli T'enneh Nation and the McLeod Lake Indian Band on the SD57 Board of Education would help ensure that indigenous students receive the support they deserve.

The Chiefs of these communities have made it abundantly clear in recent public statements that the trustees representing their communities would also be representing all indigenous students from other communities and all students in the district. We thank the Chiefs for this position and thank them for advancing this proposal.

We urge the SD57 Board of Education to vote in favour of this initiative and then proactively support the Lheidli T'enneh Nation and the McLeod Lake Indian Band in their work with the new Minister of Education to make this happen in time for the next local government elections in BC in October 2022.

Sincerely,

Chief Aileen Prince
Nak'azdli Whut'en

Cc: Dayi Clay Pountney, Chief of the Lheidli T'enneh Nation
Chief Harley Chingee, McLeod Lake Indian Band



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October 28, 2020

School District 57 Board of Trustees
2100 Ferry Ave.
Prince George, B.C.
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RE: McLeod Lake Indian Band Request for Trustee Position

Education is important to our children's success in life and to the economic health of our communities. It is appropriate that School District 57 engage with Indigenous communities, welcoming Indigenous Trustees to play a leadership role in strengthening their childrens achievements.

Appointing a member from McLeod Lake Indian Board, to a Trustee position, is the only way to ensure Indigenous children receive the support they deserve.... as all children do.

On behalf of the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce we are expressing our full support for the application from the McLeod Lake Indian Band's request for a Trustee position on School District 57's Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter McGaffin', is written over a printed name.

Peter McGaffin
President
Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce



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November 10, 2020

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Chief Harley Chingee
McLeod Lake Indian Band
General Delivery
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Dear Dayi Pountney and Chief Chingee:

Re: Request for Support for Indigenous Trustees

At the regular public meeting held on November 3, 2020, the Board of Education passed a motion to write a letter of support regarding your joint request for the addition of two Indigenous Trustees, one elected to represent the McLeod Lake Indian Band and the other elected to represent the Lheidli T'enneh Nation on the School District No. 57 (Prince George) Board of Education.

The Board recognizes the strong support received from a number of Indigenous and other community organizations regarding the joint request from Lheidli T'enneh Nation and McLeod Lake Indian Band.

The Board acknowledges that it is not within the mandate of the Board of Education to change the *School Act*, *BC Elections Act* or any other legislative process. The Board recognizes that jurisdiction to make the requested changes lies with the Provincial Government.

The Board supports the Government-to-Government relationship between Indigenous First Nations and the Provincial Government as stated in Bill 41 and acknowledges the right of the Lheidli T'enneh Nation and McLeod Lake Indian Band to move forward their request to the Provincial Government.

Respectfully,

Trent Derrick, Chair
Board of Education

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