
Present via Zoom On-Line System:

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

Cindy Heitman, Acting Superintendent of Schools
Darleen Patterson, Secretary Treasurer
Diane Nygaard, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY**

Trustee Bekkering provide a formal acknowledgement of the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as published.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Trina Fyfe, parent, echoed the request made by Zoe Meletis at the January 5th special public meeting for the Board to make masks mandatory in schools for all age groups as a way to curb the spread of COVID 19 schools.

Karen Wong representing CUPE 3742 commented on the hard work and dedication of its members during the COVID 19 pandemic and requested that their hard work be recognized.

Andrea Beckett representing the District Parent Advisory Council commented on the school district's current strategic plan regarding consultation requirements and formally requested a meeting for its executive with the Board of Education. Ms. Beckett also provided an overview of the items discussed at the recent DPAC meeting.

Taryn Atkinson, Harsh Dhaliwal and Vice Principal Katie Marren representing the District Student Advisory Council reported that the focus for the group this year is to educate and to develop students to be anti-racist. The students provided an overview of their work to date and the next steps.

Joanne Hapke representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association encouraged the Board to have presentations made at Education Programs and Planning Committee meetings available to the public. Ms. Hapke also provided comment on the use of the safe return to school special purpose funding, strategic planning, policy and governance, foundation skills assessment, and 2021/22 budget discussions.

5. **SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

The Board Chair acknowledged the generous donation of \$10,000 from the Construction and Specialized Workers Union Local 1611 in support of the school district's food program.

Trustee Polillo commented on the viral story regarding the letter sent by Hart Highlands Elementary School Vice Principal Whitehead making a plea to the tooth fairy after kindergarten student loses tooth at school.

Mr. Polillo also highlighted the significant donation of 16 new sets of hockey gear from the NHL Player Association to the Prince George Secondary School Hockey Program.

Trustee Bennett reported that the draft 2021/22 school district calendar is available on the school district website and is collecting feedback from the public prior to the Board's consideration for approval at the February 26th regular public meeting.

Mr. Bennett commented on the letters from Duchess Park Secondary students in support of the SD75 transgender student that was viciously attacked earlier this month. Mr. Bennett recited the letter submitted by Daisy Scheifley, Grade 11 student at Duchess Park Secondary that was included in a recent CBC story.

6. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

6.1 Regular Public Meeting of November 24, 2020

The minutes of the regular public meeting of November 24, 2020 were adopted as published.

6.2 Special Public Meeting of January 5, 2021

The minutes of the special public meeting of January 5, 2021 were adopted as published.

6.3 Record of In Camera Meeting Minutes

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the regular in camera meeting of November 24, 2020 and special in camera meetings of November 24, December 15, 2020 and January 5, 12 and 18, 2021 were approved.

7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

8. **PRESENTATION**

Joseph Jeffery, District Teacher Librarian provide an overview of the main goals of the District Learning commons. Trustees were each provided with a copy of Marvel's Indigenous Voices featuring Indigenous superheroes written and illustrated by Indigenous people. Mr. Jeffery commented on the school district's ongoing work to bring diverse books into schools.

Trustee Bennett requested an update on the Diversity Audit be provided through the Education Programs and Planning Committee.

9. **MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

9.1 Committee Report

Trustee Bennett drew attention to the January 2021 Management and Finance Committee of the Whole report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Management and Finance Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 18, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

9.2 2020-2021 Amended Annual Budget

Trustee Bennett reviewed the recommendation 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 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2020-2021 be given at this meeting.

CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED

That Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2020-2021 be given first reading.

CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED

That Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2020-2021 be given second reading.

CARRIED

The Secretary Treasurer provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2020-2021 amended annual budget document that was included in the agenda package. Ms. Patterson responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2020-2021 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED

10. EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE

10.1 Committee Report

Trustee Thompson reviewed the January 2021 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 January 11, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

10.2 Expanded Committee of the Whole Catchment and Capacity Review Stakeholder Advisory Committee

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

The Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education waives the convening of the Expanded Committee of the Whole Catchment and Capacity Review Stakeholder Advisory Committee for the 2020/21 school year, and that the enrolment restrictions adopted February 25, 2020 remain in effect.

CARRIED

11. EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

11.1 Committee Report

Trustee Polillo reviewed the January 2021 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 January 19, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

A recess was called at 8:17 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

12. OLD BUSINESS

12.1 Draft Administrative Procedures Manual

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

Trustee Warrington, the Acting Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That in accordance with Regulation 5, Policy 8310, Policy and Policy Development, while the Ad Hoc Committee on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People proceeds with its mandate and its review of the Boards draft Policy Manual and draft Administrative Procedures Manual, the Policy and Governance Committee also undertake its review of the draft Administrative Procedures Manual.

CARRIED

13. NEW BUSINESS

None.

14. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

14.1 Acting Superintendent of Schools

The Acting Superintendent provided an update on the following:

- Restart following Winter Break
- Refining COVID 19 practices and procedures to support students and staff
- School Exposure Notification
- Revision of Restart Plan
- Third quarter begins on February 8th

15. TRUSTEE REPORTS

15.1 British Columbia Public School Employers' Association

No report.

15.2 British Columbia School Trustees' Association

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

15.3 District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Bennett provided an overview of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting held on January 11, 2021, which included a COVID 19 update provided by the Acting Superintendent.

15.4 District Student Advisory Council

Trustee Bekkering drew attention to the December 7, 2020 and January 18, 2021 reports that were included in the agenda package.

15.5 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee

Trustee Valimohamed reviewed the December 14, 2020 and January 11, 2021 reports that were included in the agenda package.

15.6 Liaison Updates

15.6.1 Trustee Bekkering

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

15.6.2 Trustee Polillo

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

16. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- Letter from McLeod Lake Indian Band dated December 8, 2020 regarding the Ad Hoc Truth and Reconciliation Terms of Reference
- Letters of Congratulations to:
 - o Hon. Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education
 - o Shirley Bond, MLA
 - o Mike Morris, MLA
 - o Terry Teegee, Regional Chief
- Letter of Response to McLeod Lake Indian Band dated December 10, 2020 regarding the Ad Hoc Truth and Reconciliation Terms of Reference
- Letter from Lheidli T'enneh Nation and McLeod Lake Indian Band dated January 15, 2021 requesting a Forensic Audit
- Letter of Support dated January 21, 2021 to the Vancouver Foundation

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer