
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 6:00 p.m.

2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY**

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

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The following addition was to the agenda under New Business:

11.3 April 27, 2021 Regular Public Board Meeting in Mackenzie

The agenda was approved as amended.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Joanne Hapke representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association expressed appreciation to the Board for the draft letter to the Ministry of Education and the Public Health Officer requesting support for vaccinations for school staff that appears on this evening's agenda. Ms. Hapke expressed disappointment that following her invitation to do so, the Trustees have not inquired about Teacher wellness, shortages and the pandemic. She encouraged Trustees to listen to CBC Radio tomorrow morning where she will be talking about teacher wellness.

Andrea Beckett representing the District Parent Advisory Council commented on what has been learned over the past year related to the COVID 19 pandemic. Ms. Beckett stated that DPAC has been engaged with the school district in the consultation process for the development of the revised Strategic Plan as well as the 2021-2022 Budget Consultation process. She also reported on the upcoming opportunities for parents and Parent Advisory Councils which include the White Hatter presentations and the BCCPAC hosted Parent Education Conference *Empowerment through Knowledge and Sharing*.

Olivia Masich representing the District Student Advisory Council, with Vice Principal Katie Marren in attendance provided an overview of their work to date and the next steps on the group's work on the development of a video battling racism within our school district.

5. **SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

Trustee Bekkering acknowledged and provided positive comments regarding the following events:

- DP Todd Pink Shirt Day
- Edgewood Elementary School, Community Appreciation Event

Trustee Bennett recognized the school district's participation in Pink Shirt Day and noted that students will soon have an opportunity to participate in upcoming Science Fairs.

Trustee Polillo provided positive comments related to the outdoor learning environments seen recently within the school district and acknowledged that the school district's two-week Spring Break will begin on March 22nd.

6. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

6.1 Regular Public Meeting of February 23, 2021

The minutes of the regular public meeting of February 23, 2021 were adopted as published.

6.2 Record of In Camera Meeting Minutes

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the regular in camera meeting of February 23, 2021 and special in camera meetings of February 19, February 23 at 3:30 p.m. and 4:15 p.m., February 25, and March 9, 2021 were approved.

7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

8. MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

8.1 Committee Report

Trustee Bennett reviewed highlights of the March 2021 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 8, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

8.2 Policy 8230 Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Trustee Bennett 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 Policy 8230 Trustee Remuneration and Expenses, Regulation 1, be revised, effective July 1, 2021, based on the same increment, if any, as the grid lift directed by the British Columbia School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) for exempt staff.

CARRIED

Trustee Bennett requested that a an agenda item regarding the possibility of convening a group to review remuneration for Trustees to take effect following the 2022 local general elections be added to a future Management and Finance Committee meeting.

8.3 Draft Letter to the Ministry of Education and Public Health Officer – Support for Vaccinations for School Staff

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

The Trustees requested minor revisions to the draft letter.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the draft letter to the Minister of Health and Minister of Education regarding support for vaccinations for school based staff be approved as revised.

CARRIED

9. EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE

9.1 Committee Report

Trustee Thompson reviewed the March 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 March 1, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

Trustee Polillo reported that the demolition of Kelly Road Secondary School is scheduled to begin next Wednesday.

9.2 Annual Facility Grant – 3 Year Plan

Trustee Thompson reviewed the recommendation and background that was included in the agenda package. Mr. Thompson drew attention to the 3-year plan that was also included in the agenda package.

The Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the 3-Year Annual Facility Grant Plan be received by the Board of Education.

CARRIED

10. POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

10.1 Committee Report

Trustee Bekkering reviewed the March 2021 Policy and Governance Committee report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Policy and Governance Committee meeting held on March 2, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS**11.1 Takla Nation – Local Education Agreement**

The Board Chair reviewed the recommendation, background and rationale that was included in the agenda package. Trustee Derrick drew attention to the draft local education agreement that was also included in the agenda package.

The Acting Superintendent responded to questions from the Trustees.

The Trustees noted housekeeping items for revision within the local education agreement.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the draft Local Education Agreement between Takla Nation and School District No. 57 (Prince George) be approved as amended.

CARRIED

11.2 Draft 2021/22 School District Calendar

The Acting Superintendent reviewed the recommendation, background and rationale that was included in the agenda package.

The Acting Superintendent responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the proposed local school calendar for 2021-2022 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

11.3 April 27, 2021 Regular Public Board Meeting in Mackenzie

Trustee Valimohamed reviewed the following recommendation and the rationale that was provided as a handout.

Rationale:

- 1. Bylaw 1, Article 1.2 states that, "One regular Board meeting per year shall be held outside the city of Prince George, within the geographic region of School District No. 57."*
- 2. The Board of Education planned to hold its April 27, 2021 in Mackenzie, BC.*
- 3. In response to the British Columbia Public Health Officer's orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Education has limited its travel outside of their community where possible.*

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education waives Bylaw 1, Article 1.2 for the 2020/21 school year.

CARRIED

12. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

12.1 Acting Superintendent of Schools

The Acting Superintendent reported on the recent elementary Foundational Skills Assessments and the Grade 4, 7, 10 and 12 Student Learning Survey. Ms. Heitman advised the exchange summary of the first engagement session for the development of the school district's revised strategic plan is available to view on the school district's website. She reported that an opportunity to participate in the second engagement session to share thoughts on what should be the priorities in the revised strategic plan is also provided on the website.

The Acting Superintendent provided an overview of the Indigenous Education Department's Leadership Conference available for all grade 9 students held on March 15 to 19, 2021.

13. TRUSTEE REPORTS

13.1 British Columbia School Trustees' Association

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

13.2 District Student Advisory Council

Trustee Derrick reviewed report that was included in the agenda package and spoke positively on the work of this group.

13.3 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee

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

13.4 Liaison Updates

13.4.1 Trustee Polillo

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

13.4.2 Trustee Warrington

Trustee Warrington reviewed the highlights of 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:

- Letter of Response dated February 25, 2021 to Dayi Pountney, Lheidli T'enneh Nation and Chief Chingee, McLeod Lake Indian Band regarding a Request for a Forensic Audit
- Letter dated March 3, 2021 from Lheidli T'enneh Nation and McLeod Lake Indian Band regarding Forensic Audit Request Follow-up

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer