
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 Warrington provide a formal acknowledgement of the unceded ancestral lands, culture and people of the Lheidli T'enneh Nation, McLeod Lake Indian Band and Simpcw First Nation.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The following addition was made to the agenda under Trustee Reports:

13.5 British Columbia School Employers Association

The agenda was approved as amended.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Joanne Hapke representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association provided an overview of the British Columbia Teachers Association's Annual General meeting that was held virtually on March 20th to 23rd. Ms. Hapke congratulated Prince George Teacher Mariah Franzmann on being elected Member at Large.

Ms. Hapke reported that she will be returning as PGDTA President for the 2021-22 school year with Daryl Beauregard as First Vice President and Katherine Trepanier as Second Vice President. She commented on Teacher wellness and non-enrolling Teachers and encouraged Trustees reach out to Teachers to find out what is happening in schools and to consider support for mental health in our schools and specialized services for students when considering the 2021-22 annual budget.

Andrea Beckett representing the District Parent Advisory Council provided an overview of the following upcoming events:

- Virtual PAC Café
- City of Prince George and Council – Virtual Town Hall Meeting regarding Traffic and Student Safety
- DPAC Annual General Meeting and Elections
- BCCPAC Annual General Meeting and Conference
- BCCPAC - Parent Education Conference: Empowerment through Knowledge and Sharing
- Fall Virtual Parent Education Seminar with Keynote Speaker Ivan Coyote

Ms. Beckett reported that the District Parent Advisory Council has provided a written submission to the Expanded Committee of the Whole for the 2021/22 Budget Consultation for consideration in the development of the annual budget.

Chris Zimmerman representing the District Student Advisory Council, with Vice Principal Katie Marren in attendance presented a four-minute preview of the group's anti-racism video.

5. **SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

Trustee Polillo saluted College Heights Secondary School grade 10 students who partnered with the Yellowhead Rotary to volunteer at St. Vincent and Salvation Army.

Mr. Polillo also commented on the success of the recent Northern BC Crime Stoppers "Shred it" event.

Trustee Bennett extended gratitude to everyone involved in the organization of the incredible day of learning provided to Teachers at the recent Spring Fling Event.

6. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

6.1 Regular Public Meeting of March 16, 2021

The minutes of the regular public meeting of March 16, 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 March 15, 2021 and special in camera meetings of March 15th at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., and April 12, 2021 were approved.

7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

8. **EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

8.1 Committee Report

Trustee Polillo reviewed the report of the April 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 April 20, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

Trustee Polillo and the Acting Superintendent responded to questions from the Committee.

The Trustees requested that presentations regarding the District Mental Health Supports and Indigenous Education be presented at an upcoming regular public meeting.

8.2 Board Authorized Courses

Trustee Polillo drew attention to the recommendation, rationale and the Board Authorized Course Framework for each of the proposed authorized courses that was included in the agenda package.

Monica Berra, Principal, Curriculum and Innovation introduced Erik Vliegenthart, District Meals Program Chef and Cafeteria Teacher at Prince George Secondary School who has developed the three proposed Board Authorized Courses.

8.2.1 Cafeteria – Prep Cook, Grades 11 and 12

Mr. Vliegenthart provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed course, the intended learning outcomes, and the rationale for developing the course.

8.2.2 Cafeteria – Line Cook, Grades 11 and 12

Mr. Vliegenthart provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed course, the intended learning outcomes, and the rationale for developing the course.

8.2.3 Cafeteria – Food Services, Grades 11 and 12

Mr. Vliegenthart provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed course, the intended learning outcomes, and the rationale for developing the course.

Mr. Vliegenthart responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Cafeteria – Prep Cook 11 and 12, Cafeteria – Line Cook 11 and 12 and Cafeteria – Food Services 11 and 12 be approved as Board authorized courses.

CARRIED

9. **MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

9.1 Committee Report

Trustee Bennett reviewed the April 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 April 19, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

10. **POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

10.1 Committee Report

Trustee Bekkering drew attention to the April 2021 Policy and Governance Committee report that was included in the agenda package.

Trustee Bekkering and the Acting Superintendent responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Policy and Governance Committee meeting held on April 13, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

12. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**12.1 Acting Superintendent of Schools**

The Acting Superintendent reported on the development of the school district's revised Strategic Plan and the next steps. Ms. Heitman advised that the draft Strategic Plan will be available for public engagement on May 10th.

Ms. Heitman provided an overview of the recent Spring Fling event and complimented Glen Thielmann and the PGDTA for organizing the outstanding professional development day of learning.

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 Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Thompson provided an overview of the April 12th District Parent Advisory Council meeting. Mr. Thompson advised that the Acting Superintendent provided an update regarding the development of the revised Strategic Plan and the 2021-22 budget consultation process.

13.3 District Student Advisory Council

Trustee Thompson provided an overview of the May 13th meeting which included an update on the group's progress to date and next steps related to the development of the students' anti-racism project.

13.4 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee

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

13.5 British Columbia Public School Employers' Association

Trustee Warrington reported that Bruce Anderson has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association effective May 10, 2021. Ms. Warrington reviewed the highlights of the recent *NewsLinkexpress* and encouraged Trustees to read the publication.

13.6 Liaison Updates

13.6.1 Trustee Bekkering

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

13.6.2 Trustee Polillo

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

13.6.3 Other Trustees

None.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- Letter dated March 16, 2021 to the Minister of Health and Minister of Education regarding Support for Vaccinations for School Based Staff
- Letter of Congratulations dated April 12, 2021 to Dayi Dolleen Logan, Lheidli T'enneh Nation
- Letter of Appreciation dated April 12, 2021 to Clayton Pountney

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer