
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 6:01 p.m.

2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY**

Trustee Thompson provided 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 agenda was approved as published.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Shannon Pride representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association Mackenzie Sub-Local requested more supports for the students and staff in Mackenzie.

Joanne Hapke representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association advised that the British Columbia Teachers Federation is providing training to locals in preparation of upcoming bargaining in November. Ms. Hapke stated that she hopes that the Board plans to ensure that every school administrator recognizes the work teachers have done in the district since March 2020. She extended congratulation to the recently elected District Parent Advisory Council executive and Debbie Kaban on being named Teacher Educator of the Year.

Andrea Beckett representing the District Parent Advisory Council commented on the following topics and events:

- Understanding SD57 Teachers' perspective and experience related to the COVID 19 pandemic
- City of Prince George and Council – Virtual Town Hall Meeting regarding Traffic and Student Safety
- BCCPAC Annual General Meeting and Conference
- BCCPAC - Parent Education Conference: Empowerment through Knowledge and Sharing
- Parent and PAC Engagement

Mattias Cheung and Harsh Dhaliwal representing the District Student Advisory Council, with Vice Principal Katie Marren in attendance provided an update regarding the group's anti-racism video. The group is currently in the process of editing the interview footage and has chosen to create a learning series of four 7 to 10 minute videos with the following themes:

- Experience
- Impact of Racism and Advice
- Hope and Allyship
- Things Students want Educators to know

5. **SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

Trustee Valimohamed provided an overview of the canoe building activity held in Mackenzie that was organized by the Indigenous Education Department.

Trustee Bennett commented on the success of the recent local Science Fair and thanked Principal Anjula Corbin and the team who put in many hours in supporting students in the Science Fair.

Trustee Polillo acknowledged the recent passing of retired Teacher Brij Berry and encouraged individuals to watch the 2019 award winning documentary *Mr. Berry* which points to his commitment to thousands of math students he taught and tutored over 65 years.

Trustee Derrick reported on the recent opening of the "*Condor Room*" at Duchess Park Secondary School in support of Indigenous learners.

The Board Chair stated that an additional special public meeting may be required in June to accommodate a variety of outstanding items.

6. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

6.1 Regular Public Meeting of April 27, 2021

The minutes of the regular public meeting of April 27, 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 April 26, 2021 and special in camera meetings of April 26, May 5, 11, and 19, 2021 were approved.

7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

8. **PRESENTATIONS**

8.1 Debbie Kaban, Teacher Educator of the Year Award

The Acting Superintendent congratulated Debbie Kaban on being named this year's recipient of the Association of BC Deans of Education Teacher Educator of the Year Award. Ms. Heitman advised that this award is presented annually to a Teacher Educator who has distinguished themselves in partnering with a teacher education program in British Columbia. She acknowledged Ms. Kaban's dedication to our organization leading this important work for our community, our schools and most importantly our students.

8.2 Inclusive Education – Mental Health Support

Lisa Horswell, Director of Instruction, Inclusive Education provided a PowerPoint presentation titled “Mental Health Supports during COVID and Beyond”.

The presentation provided an overview of the following mental health supports provided through the Inclusive Education Department:

- Mental Health Behaviour Clinicians
- District Youth Care Workers
- Professional Development – Compassionate Systems Leadership
- Continual Collaboration and Consultation with Community Counselling Agencies
- Student Preventure Program
- Mental Health Literacy Program
- Continued Immediate response to all:
 - o Violence Threat Risk Assessments
 - o Critical Events
 - o Suicide Risk Assessments

9. **EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

9.1 Committee Report

Trustee Polillo reviewed the report of the May 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 May 18, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

9.2 2021-2022 Schedule of Fees and Deposits

Trustee Polillo reviewed the recommendation and rationale, and drew attention to Policy 5101 Financial Hardship that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That, in accordance with section 82(6) of the School Act and Ministerial Order 236/07, the Schedule of Fees and Deposits for 2020 - 2021 be approved and published.

CARRIED

10. **EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE**

10.1 Committee Report

Trustee Thompson reviewed the May 2021 Education Services Committee report and drew attention to the Energy and Sustainable Conservation Report that was included in the agenda package.

The Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Education Services Committee meeting held on May 3, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

11. **MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

11.1 Committee Report

Trustee Bennett reviewed the May 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 May 10, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

12. **POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

12.1 Committee Report

Trustee Bekkering reviewed the May 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 May 4, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

13. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

14. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**14.1 Acting Superintendent of Schools**

The Acting Superintendent reported that the engagement process for the revised Strategic Plan has concluded. Ms. Heitman advised that once the draft Strategic Plan has been finalized it will be presented to the Board of Education for approval.

Ms. Heitman provided an overview of the various convocation plans for the graduating students of 2021 within the school district. She commented on outdoor learning activities within the district and provided an update related to the COVID 19 pandemic.

15. TRUSTEE REPORTS**15.1 2022 BC Summer Games Nomination Select Committee**

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

15.2 British Columbia School Trustees' Association

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

15.3 British Columbia Public School Employers' Association

Trustee Warrington reported the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association and the British Columbia School Trustees Association will be holding a joint Board of Directors' meeting on June 7th.

Ms. Warrington advised that BCSPEA will be requesting that Boards of Education provide feedback through a survey on how Trustees should be elected to its Board of Directors.

15.4 District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Valimohamed reviewed the Trustee Liaison report of the May 3rd District Parent Advisory Council meeting that was included in the agenda package.

15.5 District Student Advisory Council

Trustee Valimohamed drew attention to the Trustee Liaison report of the May 17th District Student Advisory Council meeting that was included in the agenda package.

15.6 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee

Trustee Valimohamed reviewed the Trustee Liaison report of the May 10th Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting that was included in the agenda package.

15.7 Liaison Updates

15.7.1 Trustee Bekkering

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

15.7.2 Trustee Polillo

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

15.7.3 Trustee Warrington

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

15.7.4 Other Trustees

None.

16. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- Letter of Support dated May 11, 2021 regarding the David Douglas Botanical Garden Society's Garden Project

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer