
Present:

Rachael Weber, Chair
Craig Brennan, Vice Chair (by Zoom)
Cory Antrim, Trustee
Betty Bekkering, Trustee
Gillian Burnett, Trustee
Erica McLean, Trustee
Bob Thompson, Trustee

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

In Attendance:

Kap Manhas, Assistant Superintendent
Lee Karpenko, Assistant Superintendent
Pam Spooner, Indigenous Assistant Superintendent

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY**

The Board Chair provided a formal acknowledgement of the ancestral lands, culture and people of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, McLeod Lake Indian Band and Simpcw Nation.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

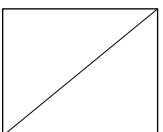
The agenda was amended to include the following:

- Policy 7 – Meeting Agenda Order
- Policy Item Deferral
- Renaming and Redesigning of SD57

MOVED and SECONDED

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED



MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board waive Policy 7 – Board Operations clauses 3.15. - Development of Regular Public Meeting Agenda and 5.2.1 - Public Remarks;

and

That the Board adds the Public Remarks Related to the Board Meeting to precede item 4. School District News on tonight's Regular Public Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

Paula Bass representing CUPE 3742 expressed appreciation for the Board adding the Public Remarks portion to the beginning of this meeting.

Daryl Beauregard representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association recited a letter received from a PGDTA member related to a shortage of Teachers Teaching on Call.

Laura Weller representing the District Parent Advisory Council offered their support to work with the Board in support of students.

Josh Silva, parent stated concerns regarding the education system and requested that the Board focus its work on the children.

5. SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Trustee Bekkering provided positive comments related to recent school events within the district.

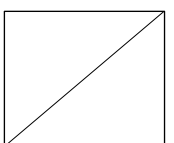
6. PRESENTATION

6.1 Prime Minister's Teaching Excellence Award

The Superintendent acknowledged and congratulated Shannon Schinkel, Prince George Secondary School Teacher on being awarded a Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence.

6.2 District Student Advisory Council - Update

Representatives from the District Student Advisory Council provided an update on the recent and upcoming activities of the group.



7. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

7.1 Regular Public Meeting of October 25, 2022

MOVED and SECONDED

That the minutes of the regular public meeting of October 25, 2022 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

7.2 Inaugural Meeting of November 7, 2022

MOVED and SECONDED

That the minutes of the inaugural meeting of November 7, 2022 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

7.3 Record of Minutes of Regular and Special In Camera Meetings

MOVED and SECONDED

That the record of the in camera meetings be approved as presented:

- November 28, 2022 Special In Camera
- November 28, 2022 Regular In Camera

CARRIED

8. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

9.1 Choice Management Committee – Spruceland School

Spruceland Principal Shannon Daines and Vice Principal Stephanie Coates provided a PowerPoint presentation titled “Spruceland Community School of the Arts”.

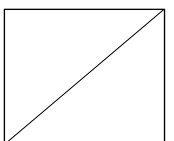
Ms. Daines and Ms. Coates responded to questions from the Trustees.

9.2 Policies

MOVED and SECONDED

That agenda item 8.2 Policies in tonight’s agenda package be deferred to the February 28, 2023 regular public Board meeting.

CARRIED



10. **BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

10.1 Committee Report

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Business Committee meeting held on November 15, 2022 be received.

CARRIED

10.2 2022-2023 Budget & Multi Year Financial Consultation Committee

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Terms of Reference of the Budget & Multi Year Financial Plan Consultation Committee, and suggested meeting timelines and proposed agendas, for the 2023-2024 Annual Budget process be approved.

CARRIED

11. **BOARD EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

11.1 Committee Report

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Board Education Committee meeting held on December 6, 2022 be received.

CARRIED

12. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

12.1 Committee Report

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Advisory Committee meeting held on November 22, 2022 be received.

CARRIED

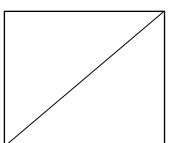
13. **NEW BUSINESS**

13.1 Trustee Committee and Liaison Appointments – December 2022

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Trustee Committee and Liaison Appointments - December 2022 be approved.

CARRIED



13.2 Renaming and Redesigning of SD57

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board suspend the SD57 Renaming and Redesign process to focus on other items.

CARRIED

Trustees Bekkering, Burnett and Thompson voted in opposition to the motion.

14. **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

14.1 Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent extended gratitude and acknowledgement to the staff, student, parents and community of the school district.

The Superintendent provided a PowerPoint presentation on the following:

- Graduation Rates 2021-2022 School Year
 - o 5 Year – Completion Rate
 - Non Indigenous Graduation Rates
 - Indigenous Graduation Rates
 - o 6 Year – Completion Rate
 - Non Indigenous Graduation Rates
 - Indigenous Graduation Rates
- Deeper Dive – 6 Year Graduation Rates
- Student Learning Survey
 - o All Schools, Grade 4
 - o All Schools, Grade 7
 - o All Schools, Grade 10
- Early Years Evaluation

The Superintendent responded to questions from the Trustees.

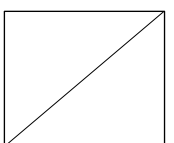
15. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

15.1 BC School Trustees' Association

Trustee McLean provided an overview of BCSTA Provincial Council meeting held on December 2, 2022.

15.2 BC Public School Employers' Association

Trustee Bekkering provided an overview of the recent activities and upcoming events of the BC Public School Employers' Association.



15.3 District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Antrim expressed gratitude and acknowledged the hard work of the District Parent Advisory Council.

15.4 District Student Advisory Council

Trustees Bekkering and McLean provided an overview of the December 6th District Student Advisory Council meeting.

15.5 Indigenous Education Leadership Table

The Board Chair provided an overview of the Indigenous Education Leadership Table meeting held on November 16, 2022.

15.6 Trustee Activity Reports

15.6.1 Trustee Bekkering

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

15.6.2 Other Trustees

Trustee Thompson spoke positively regarding the recent BCSTA Trustee Academy held in Vancouver, BC.

Trustee Burnett expressed gratitude for the opportunities to meet and collaborate with a variety of groups since being sworn in at the November 7th Inaugural meeting.

16. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board Chair drew the Board's attention to the following correspondence that was included in the agenda package:

- o Letter of Support for Northern BC Crime Stoppers dated October 25, 2022 - Spruce Credit Union Legacy Fund Grant Application
- o Letter of Response dated November 3, 2022 from Minister Whiteside regarding the district's request for additional funding

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer

