
Present:

Rachael Weber, Chair
Craig Brennan, Vice Chair
Cory Antrim, Trustee
Sarah Holland, Trustee
Erica McLean, Trustee
Shar McCrory, Trustee
Bob Thompson, Trustee

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

In Attendance:

Kap Manhas, Assistant Superintendent
Lee Karpenko, Assistant Superintendent

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 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**

MOVED and SECONDED

Amend the agenda to include the following items and approve the agenda as amended:

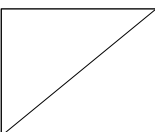
New Business:

- December 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- Policy 1110 – Communications

Presentation:

- District Parent Advisory Council

CARRIED



4. SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Trustee McLean reported on the work happening within the school district towards to provide equity by eliminating athletic fees for all grade 8 students in hopes of promoting participation in sports.

5. PRESENTATION**5.1 Prince George Metis Community Association**

Sylvia Desrocher and Amanda Sopel representing the Prince George Metis Community Association provided a presentation on Indigenous Education and relationship building between the Prince George Metis Community Association and School District No. 57.

5.2 CUPE 3742

Paula Bass, representing CUPE 3742, provided a presentation regarding Seamless Daycare in SD57.

5.3 Prince George District Parent Advisory Council

Laura Weller, representing the Prince George District Parent Advisory Council, provided a presentation on the priorities identified from a recent survey conducted by DPAC.

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**6.1 Regular Public Meeting of September 26, 2023**

MOVED and SECONDED

That the minutes of the regular public meeting of September 26, 2023 be approved as amended to reflect the following:

- That Trustee Sarah Holland was in attendance at the Board meeting of September 26, 2023;
- That no vote in opposition was held for the motion of the addition to the agenda.

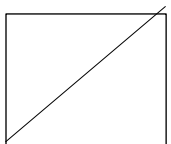
CARRIED

6.2 Record of Minutes of Regular and Special In Camera Meetings

MOVED and SECONDED

That the record of the regular in camera meeting of September 25, 2023 and special in camera meeting of October 11, 2023 be approved as presented.

CARRIED



7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The Board agreed by consensus to include a record of the speakers and topics from the public remarks period in the regular Board meeting agendas.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 December 12, 2023 Regular Public Board Meeting

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education / Committees Annual Work Plan items scheduled to be included on the December 12, 2023 Public Board Meeting be combined with items included on the November 28, 2023 Public Board Meeting in order to eliminate the necessity of holding two meetings within 14 days.

CARRIED

9.2 Policy 1110 Communications

Trustee Brennan assumed the Chair for this item.

MOVED and SECONDED

That consideration be given to the creation of a policy statement that sets parameters around communications with parents about events scheduled in schools;

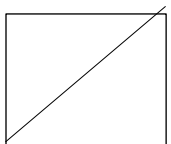
And

That such consideration be referred to the Ad Hoc Policy Committee for review in conjunction with existing Policy 1110 – Communications.

DEFEATED

Trustees Brennan, Holland, McLean, McCrory and Thompson voted in opposition to the motion.

Trustee Weber assumed the Chair.



10. **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

10.1 Committee Report

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Education Committee meeting held on October 3, 2023 be received.

CARRIED

10.2 Ventilation in Schools

The Director of Facility Services reviewed the memorandum related to ventilation in schools that was provided as a handout for information.

11. **BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

11.1 Committee Report

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Business Committee meeting held on October 10, 2023 be received.

CARRIED

11.2 Naming Process for Spruceland Elementary School

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education establishes a policy on renaming schools and accepts the name "Spruceland Community School of the Arts" on an interim basis.

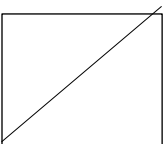
CARRIED

11.3 Revised 2023/24 Board of Education / Committee Work Plan

MOVED and SECONDED

That the revised 2023/24 Board of Education / Committee Work Plan be approved.

CARRIED



11.4 Workplace Culture Survey

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education move forward in developing a workplace culture survey practice through working with staff in areas of: researching best practices in workplace culture surveys in BC Education as well as compiling a list of potential service organizations who specialize in this work with an update provided to the Board by March 2024.

CARRIED

12. **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

12.1 Acting Superintendent of Schools

The Acting Superintendent provided a PowerPoint presentation with a focus on the directions of the Strategic Plan:

13. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

13.1 BC School Trustees' Association

Trustee McLean reviewed the memorandum that was included in the agenda package.

Trustee Brennan provided an overview of the provincial Advocacy Day held in Victoria, BC on October 19, 2023.

13.2 BC Public School Employers' Association

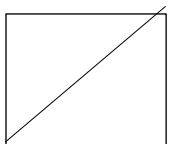
Trustee McLean drew attention to the report included in the agenda package.

13.3 District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Antrim provided an overview of the October 2023 District Parent Advisory Council meeting.

13.4 District Student Advisory Council

Trustee Holland provided an overview of the October 5, 2023 District Student Advisory Council meeting.



14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- Letter dated September 25, 2023 to the Public Sector Employers' Council Secretariat
- Letter dated September 26, 2023 to the Ministry of Education Financial Reporting Branch regarding the 2022/23 Under-Expenditure of Indigenous Education Targeted Grant
- Letter received September 26, 2023 from Don Sabo regarding Addressing Bullying in our Public Schools
- Letter dated October 11, 2023 from the Ministry of Education and Child Care to the Mayor of the District of Mackenzie related to the Union of BC Municipalities Convention in Vancouver

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer

