
Present:

Rachael Weber, Chair
Craig Brennan, Vice Chair
Cory Antrim, Trustee
Sarah Holland, Trustee (Zoom)
Erica McLean, Trustee
Shar McCrory, Trustee
Bob Thompson, Trustee (By Zoom for
items 1 through 8)

Pam Spooner, Acting Superintendent of Schools
Lynda Minnabarriet, Acting 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 4:02 p.m.

2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY**

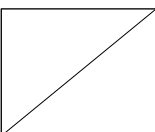
The Board Chair provided a formal acknowledgement of the ancestral lands, culture and people of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, McLeod Lake Indian Band and Simpcw Nation.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED and SECONDED
That the agenda be approved as presented.

MOVED and SECONDED
To add Board Election Procedures as item 4 of the agenda.
CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED
To remove BC Public School Employers' Association Trustee Report from the agenda.
CARRIED



MOVED and SECONDED

To add Policy 1110 Communications under New Business of the agenda.

CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. **BOARD ELECTION PROCEDURES**

The Acting Secretary Treasurer reviewed the Board election procedures that were provided as a handout.

5. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

5.1 Nominations

The Superintendent called 3 times for nominations for chairperson.

Trustee Antrim nominated Trustee Weber, who declined the nomination.

Trustee McCrory nominated Trustee Holland, who accepted the nomination.

Trustee Weber nominated Trustee Brennan, who accepted the nomination.

5.2 Ballots

The Acting Secretary Treasurer and Executive Assistant conducted an election by secret ballot.

5.3 Declaration of Election

Acting Superintendent declared Trustee Brennan elected as chairperson.

5.4 Motion to Destroy Ballots

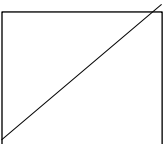
MOVED and SECONDED

That the ballots of the election for Chairperson be destroyed.

CARRIED

5.5 Elected Chairperson Assumes Chair

Trustee Brennan assumed the chair.



6. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

6.1 Nominations

The Board Chair called three times for nominations for vice-chairperson.

Trustee McCrory nominated Trustee Holland, who accepted the nomination.

Trustee Antrim nominated Trustee McLean, who accepted the nomination.

6.2 Ballots

The Acting Secretary Treasurer and Executive Assistant conducted an election by secret ballot.

6.3 Declaration of Election

The Board Chair declared Trustee McLean elected as vice-chairperson.

6.4 Motion to Destroy Ballots

MOVED and SECONDED

That the ballots of the election for vice-chairperson be destroyed.

CARRIED

7. **ELECTION OF BCSTA PROVINCIAL COUNCILLOR**

7.1 Nominations

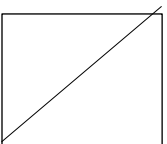
The Board Chair called three times for nominations for BCSTA Provincial Councillor.

Trustee Holland nominated Trustee McCrory, who accepted the nomination.

Trustee Antrim nominated Trustee Weber, who accepted the nomination.

7.2 Ballots

The Acting Secretary Treasurer and Executive Assistant conducted an election by secret ballot.



7.3 Declaration of Election

The Board Chair declared Trustee Weber elected as BCSTA Provincial Councilor.

7.4 Motion to Destroy Ballots

MOVED and SECONDED

That the ballots of the election for vice-chairperson be destroyed.

CARRIED

8. **ELECTION OF AN ALTERNATE TO THE BCSTA PROVINCIAL COUNCILLOR**

8.1 Nominations

The Board Chair called three times for nominations for an alternate to the BCSTA Provincial Councilor.

Trustee Holland nominated Trustee McCrory, who accepted the nomination.

Trustee McLean nominated Trustee Antrim, who accepted the nomination.

8.2 Ballots

The Acting Secretary Treasurer and Executive Assistant conducted an election by secret ballot.

8.3 Declaration of Election

The Board Chair declared Trustee Antrim elected as the alternate to the BCSTA Provincial Councilor.

8.4 Motion to Destroy Ballots

MOVED and SECONDED

That the ballots of the election for vice-chairperson be destroyed.

CARRIED

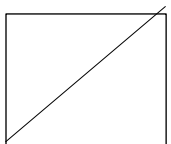
Trustee Thompson excused himself from the meeting.

9. **ELECTION OF BCPSEA REPRESENTATIVE**

A recess was called at 4:48 p.m., and the meeting reconvened at 4:52 p.m.

Trustees Holland and McCrory declared a potential conflict related to an immediate family member which would not allow them to serve as the BCPSEA representative.

Trustee Weber volunteered for the position.



The Board Chair called a second and third time for nominations and heard none.

Trustee Weber was acclaimed to the position of BCPSEA representative.

10. ELECTION OF AN ALTERNATE TO THE BCPSEA REPRESENTATIVE

The Board Chair called three times for nominations of an alternate to the BCPSEA representative.

Trustee Weber nominated Trustee Antrim, who accepted the nomination.

Trustee Antrim was acclaimed to the position of an alternate to the BCPSEA representative.

11. SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Trustee Antrim provided positive comments on the Junior Volleyball Provincials held in Prince George.

Trustee Weber recited a letter of appreciation to principals for the extraordinary dedication and hard work put into leading our schools.

12. PRESENTATION

12.1 Shas Ti Kelly Road Family of Schools

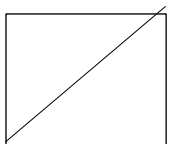
Principals and Vice Principals from the Shas Ti Kelly Road Family of Schools provided a presentation on learning in their schools as it relates to the priorities of the Strategic Plan.

12.2 College Heights Secondary Family of Schools

Principals and Vice Principals from the College Heights Secondary Family of Schools provided a presentation on learning in their schools as it relates to the priorities of the Strategic Plan.

12.3 Prince George District Teachers' Association

Daryl Beauregard representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association provided a presentation related to employee retention.



12.4 CUPE 3742

Paula Bass representing CUPE 3742 provided a presentation related to employee retention.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education approves the extension of this meeting for 30 minutes.

CARRIED

12.5 Prince George District Parent Advisory Council

Laura Weller, representing the Prince George District Parent Advisory Council provided a presentation regarding collaboration.

13. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

13.1 Regular Public Meeting of October 24, 2023

MOVED and SECONDED

That the minutes of the October 24, 2023 regular public meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

13.2 Record of Minutes of Regular and Special In Camera Meetings

MOVED and SECONDED

That the record of the regular in camera meeting of October 23, 2023 and special in camera meeting of November 1, 2023 be approved as presented.

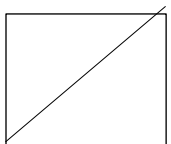
CARRIED

14. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

15. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.



16. **NEW BUSINESS**

16.1 Trustee Request for Reimbursement – Policy 7 Section 7.5

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education approves compensation to Trustees McCrory and Weber to participate in the December short-listed interviews for the position of Superintendent.

CARRIED

Trustee McCrory abstained from the vote.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education approves compensation to Trustee Antrim to participate in the December short-listed interviews for the position of Superintendent.

CARRIED

Trustee Antrim abstained from the vote.

16.2 Policy 1110 Communications

MOVED and SECONDED

To amend Policy 1110 Communications by adding two additional words to the existing policy. The additional words are “and timely”. By adding these two words to the policy it would read as follows:

*The Board of Education of School District No. 57 (Prince George) and its administration will foster an environment of open **and timely** communication.*

MOVED and SECONDED

That this item be referred to the Ad Hoc Policy Committee.

DEFEATED

Trustees Antrim, Brennan and Weber voted in opposition to the motion.

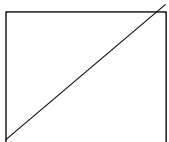
The discussion returned to the original motion:

MOVED and SECONDED

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*The Board of Education of School District No. 57 (Prince George) and its administration will foster an environment of open **and timely** communication.*

DEFEATED



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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education approves the extension of this meeting for 30 minutes.

CARRIED

17. **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

17.1 Committee Report

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Education Committee meeting held on November 7, 2023 be received.

CARRIED

18. **BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

18.1 Committee Report

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Business Committee meeting held on November 14, 2023 be received.

CARRIED

18.2 Class Size Report

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Class Size Report be received as presented.

CARRIED

18.3 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Report

MOVED and SECONDED

That the attached Statement of Financial Information for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 be received.

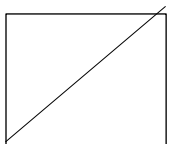
CARRIED

18.4 Year-to-Date Financial Information to September 30, 2023

MOVED and SECONDED

That the attached 2023-24 Operating Fund Report and Governance Expenses for the Quarter ended September 30, 2023 be received.

CARRIED



19. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

19.1 Committee Report

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Advisory Committee meeting held on November 21, 2023 be received.

CARRIED

19.2 Draft Policy 26 Whistleblower

MOVED and SECONDED

That draft Policy 26 Whistleblower Protection be approved

CARRIED

20. **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

20.1 Acting Superintendent of Schools

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

21. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

21.1 BC School Trustees' Association

Trustee McLean drew attention the memorandum that was included in the agenda package.

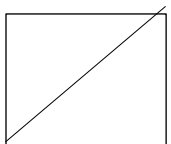
Trustee Holland provided an overview of the breakfast meeting held on October 27, 2023 with BCSTA representatives.

21.2 District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee McCrory provided an overview of the November 6, 2023 District Parent Advisory Council meeting.

21.3 District Student Advisory Council

Trustee Holland advised that the District Student Advisory Council will be making a presentation at an upcoming Board meeting.



22. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Email received November 14, 2023 from Duchess Park Secondary Student regarding a Four-Day School Week
- Letter dated November 7, 2023 from the British Columbia School Trustees Association to the Minister of Education and Child Care requesting support for equity, diversity and inclusion.
- Elections BC – Notice of Disqualifications for Josh Silva and Mike Rositano

23. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer

November 28, 2023

PUBLIC REMARKS

SPEAKERS' LIST

	NAME	ORGANIZATION (If applicable)	TOPIC
1.	Don Sabo	Parent / Past Chair District Parent Advisory Council	Addressing Bullying in Public Schools

