



**EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**Minutes**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake), Board Office  
570 Johnstone Road, Nelson, B.C.  
**September 25, 2018**  
**2:30 - 4:00 P.M.**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:** Lenora Trenaman, Bill Maslechko, Sharon Nazaroff, Rebecca Huscroft, Dawn Lang (2:44pm)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Christine Perkins, Superintendent; Bruce Maclean, Director; Nick Hawold, Director; Deanna Holitzki, Director; Naomi Ross, Director; Nina Letham, CUPE; Anita Early, CUPE; Sherry-lynn McGregor, KLTF; Monica Doyle, District Teacher; Sandy Prentice, Principal; Brent Firkser, District Teacher (2:58 pm)

**REGRETS:** Heather Suttie, Trustee; Bob Wright, Trustee; Martha Wilson, DPAC.

**VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Cody Bebee, Trustee

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee Trenaman called the meeting to order at 2:37pm

**2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ABORIGINAL TERRITORY**

*We acknowledge, respect and honour the First Nations in whose traditional territories the Kootenay Lake School District operates and all Aboriginal people residing within the boundaries of School District #8.*

**3. INSERTIONS/DELETIONS TO PROPOSED AGENDA**

Nil

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution:**

Moved by Trustee Huscroft and seconded by Director MacLean and  
**RESOLVED THAT:**

The Education Committee of the Whole agenda for the September 25, 2018 meeting BE ADOPTED, as circulated.

**5. RECEIVING PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

- A. Professional Development for the 2018/2019 School Year, Acting Director Ross, Innovative Learning Services

Acting Director Ross introduced the Innovative Learning Services Team and provided an overview of the work the Department will be supporting this year.

Questions:

S. McGregor noted that there was nothing in the Focus.Learn.Excel schedule of learning events specifically for science teachers. Christine asked her to submit a proposal outlining the costs event that the science teachers would like to attend, the dates and how many teachers would attend.

Trustee Trenaman thanked the District for the opportunity to attend the District Pro-D day. She asked if Trustees could be invited to more learning events when appropriate.

B. myBlueprint, Monica Doyle, Teacher, Innovative Learning Services

M. Doyle gave a brief overview of the myBlueprint platform and how it will impact schools.

Questions:

S. McGregor asked if there is a way to streamline FIPPA process so that the teachers can get the portfolios up and running first thing in September. Response: The hope is to streamline the process as we move forward.

Trustee Hushcroft asked if myBlueprint moves with a student across the country. Response: A student's profile has the potential to move with them from province to province.

Trustee Nazaroff: Does this replace MyEd? Response: It aligns and can interface with MyEd but does not replace it as an SIS.

C. K-9 Reporting Pilot, Monica Doyle, Teacher, Innovative Learning Services

Sd8 is participating in the K-9 Pilot Reporting Pilot this year. Principal of Brent Kennedy School, S. Maloff, is the District Lead and M, Doyle will be assisting her in the implementation of this project. SD8 will trial the pilot at BK, WEG, and Winlaw Schools. The goals of this pilot is to:

1. Inform revisions to provincial legislation, policy, and support guidelines.
2. To collect feedback on key research questions and to recommend where relevant, future changes to the reporting policy for Grades 10-12.

CR4YC, Monica Doyle, Teacher, Innovative Learning Services

M. Doyle described the mandate of Changing Results for Young Children. The working members of the group represent StrongStart coordinators, Early Childhood Educators and Kindergarten teachers.

E. Youth Work in Trades/Youth Train in Trades, Brent Firkser, Teacher, Innovative Learning Services

SD8 is streamlining the trades training offerings. Discover the Trades is being added this year. B. Firkser is also facilitating a Trades Sampler program in partnership with Selkirk College, to be piloted at LVR. In addition, students can enroll in the Youth Train in Trades or Youth Work in Traded programs.

There will be a Trades Teachers Summit on October 30, 2018. Representatives from ITA, Selkirk College, trades teachers, counselors and AO's from SD8 and other districts will be in attendance.

**Questions:**

Trustee Nazeroff asked if students can move from school to school to try out different pieces of equipment. Response: There is currently no program in place to facilitate moving student between the secondary schools to do this, however, the ILS department will soon have a small Makerspace with various pieces of equipment that will soon be available for students to use under supervision of a teacher.

Trustee Hushcroft asked whether or not the students have the opportunity to receive certificates during their trades training.

Response: Each of the Trades Training programs provides opportunities for certifications relevant to that trade. Eg: WHIMIS, Level 1 First Aid, FoodSafe, etc.

Trustee Lang asked if there is a costs to the students enrolling in the Youth Train in Trades program. Response: There are some costs that are not covered by the District, for example: work boots and travel expenses, however, the ILS Department has applied for various grants that will be made available to students in order to mitigate the costs. The students are enrolled in the various college programs for about the ½ of what the cost would be if they were to enroll after graduation.

**D. Interculturalization, Sandy Prentice, Principal, International Program**

S. Prentice had everyone participate in a group exercise on interculturalization.

**6. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC**

Nil

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

**8. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Resolution:**

Moved by Trustee Maslechko Seconded by Trustee Nazaroff and  
RESOLVED THAT:

9. The Education Committee of the Whole minutes from the June 1. 2018 meeting BE ADOPTED.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Action**

Nil

**B. Information/Discussion**

10. Nil

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Action**

- a) Education Committee of the Whole Terms of Reference

**Resolution:**

Moved by S. McGregor Seconded by A. Early and RESOLVED THAT:

The Education Committee of the Whole Terms of Reference recommended to the Board for approval.

- b) Education Committee of the Whole 3 year Plan

**Resolution:**

Moved by Trustee Maslechko and Seconded by S McGregor that the Education Committee of the Whole 3 Year Plan be recommended to the Board for approval.

The 2018-2019 Education Committee of the Whole Annual Plan recommended to the Board for approval.

**B. Information/Discussion**

- a) Celebration of Learning Stories of Academic Success, Creativity and Imagination, Citizenship, Resiliency

Director Holitzki went to the bus drivers pro-d event on Thursday. A Bus Rodeo was held and there were presentations by District staff.

Trustee Hushcroft shared a story about meeting a nursing student at a recent event. The student grew up in the city and wanted to live in a rural area. COTR now provides the opportunity to complete the entire 4 year BSN program at the Cranbrook campus. Superintendent Perkins noted that SD8 has entered into a partnership with Kwantlen Polytechnic University to provide practicum opportunities for their nursing students and currently has a nursing student at Blewett Elem.

Trustee Trenaman enjoyed the September 21<sup>st</sup> Pro-D day. She appreciated seeing all employee groups there and saw how inspired and rejuvenated everyone seemed to be.

She also shared her excitement regarding the Multi-sport Complex above LVR Secondary School. SD8 partnered with the Nelson Tennis Club and a variety of local businesses and community organizations to complete this initiative.

Trustee Nasaroff attended the BCSAT Kootenay Boundary Branch Meeting. She highlighted some of the discussions regarding diversity, and inclusion.

S. McGregor recently received an email from a former student thanking her for the way in which she taught chemistry.

A Early shared her appreciation for the September 21<sup>st</sup> mental health workshop attended by CUPE and teachers. The presenter,

Vanessa Wolff, is willing to come back and work with SD8 staff at other events.

She also shared her daughter's successful experience with JVH's Outdoor Ed program.

Director Eaton attended a recent meeting in Salmo to discuss Positive Behavior Intervention Support as a school wide approach to supporting behavior. Salmo will be a demonstration school for this school wide approach. The intention is that, in the second year, other schools will go to Salmo to observe the program in action.

Superintendent Perkins thanked all employees who worked throughout the summer to ensure that all staffing and programs were in place for start-up and the schools were cleaned and looking fabulous. She shared information about the upcoming learning event being held for employees from the Maintenance Dept. with the Midas Group.

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QUESTION PERIOD

12. An opportunity to ask for clarification.

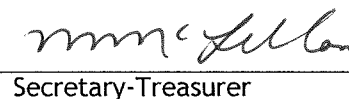
NEXT MEETING DATE

13. The next Education Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for Nov 27<sup>th</sup>.  
at the Nelson Board Office.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Trenaman adjourned the meeting at 4:05 pm

  
Chair

  
Secretary-Treasurer

