



**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019**

In person: School Board Office, 570 Johnstone Rd, Nelson, BC, V1L 6J2  
By video conference: Prince Charles Secondary School, Room 104, Creston, BC

**BOARD:**

L. Trenaman  
S. Nazaroff  
B. Maslechko  
S. Walsh (*via Video Conference until 6:34 pm*)  
A. Gribbin  
S. Chew  
D. Lang  
B. Coons

**DISTRICT STAFF:**

C. Perkins, Superintendent  
M. McLellan, Secretary-Treasurer  
B. Eaton, Director of Inclusive Education  
D. Holitzki, Director of Human Resource Services  
N. Ross, Acting Director of Innovative Learning Services  
N. Howald, Director of Information Technology  
B. MacLean, Director of Operations  
S. Whale, Executive Assistant  
G. Higginbottom, District Principal  
D. Weager, Coordinator  
J. Beddoes, Principal  
S. Richards, School Psychologist  
C. Riehl, Technician (*via Video Conference at PCSS*)

**STUDENT TRUSTEES:**

E. Solarik  
R. Medhurst  
L. Borhaven  
J. Lamoureux (*via Video Conference*)  
A. Kilpatrick (*via Video Conference*)  
O. Kettle, Student Trustee (*via Video Conference*)

**PARTNERS:**

D. Sabourin, KLTF  
D. Kunzelman, KLTF

**GUESTS:**

Chief Jason Louie, Lower Kootenay Band (LKB) (*arrived at 5:13 pm*)  
Heather Suttie, Director of Operations LKB  
T. Harper, Nelson Star  
*Guests at Creston, PCSS via video conference:*  
Jenneil Peters, Creston Valley Advance  
Jason Shields, Juice FM  
Velle Huscroft, Teacher at Erickson Elementary  
Jason Shields, Grandfather of Student at Erickson Elementary  
Lace Andersen, Parent of Student at Erickson Elementary  
Jaron Sanders, Parent of Student at Erickson Elementary  
Scott Murray, former Teacher  
Laury McPherson, Parent of Student at Erickson Elementary

Several additional guests at SBO who did not sign-in

**REGRETS:** C. Beebe, Trustee

## 1. Call to Order

Chair Trenaman called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

## 2. Acknowledgement of Aboriginal Territory

## 3. Insertions/Deletions to proposed Agenda

The following change was proposed:

- Removed item 12A, Capital Plan (update will follow in fall after the audit process)

## 4. Adoption of Agenda

**Moved** by Trustee Coons, seconded by Trustee Chew, **AND RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the Agenda for this June 25, 2019 meeting, **BE ADOPTED**, as amended. 18/19-131

## 5. Receiving Presentations:

### A. Aboriginal Education – District Principal Gail Higginbottom

District Principal Higginbottom welcomed everyone and thanked them for sharing their valuable time. She presented the results of the AbEd department for the 2018-2019 year, and explained goals for the department of 2019-25020.

*Chief Jason Louie, Lower Kootenay Band (LKB) arrived at 5:13 pm.*

### B. Lower Kootenay Band – Chief and Council

Chair Trenaman welcomed Chief Jason Louie.

Chief Jason Louie opened up his presentation with a statement in Ktunaxa. He switched to English and provided an introduction to the Yaqan Nukiy culture and history.

Chief Jason Louie read the following text:

**“TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT and FLYING OF THE YAQAN NUKIY FLAG**

On April 12, 2019 SD#8 staff unveiled a new two-pronged territorial acknowledgement to LKB Chief and Council. The broader acknowledgement named a number of indigenous nations which SD#8 unilaterally and seemingly arbitrarily, deemed as having some territory within the boundaries of SD#8. The second narrow acknowledgement of sole Ktunaxa territory, was to be used only in Creston.

Although SD#8 is within the ancestral territory of LKB, Council agreed to maintain the current territorial acknowledgement which does not name any indigenous nations. In the face of this conciliatory gesture, it hurtful to read in the June 14, 2019 letter from Chair Trenaman, that SD#8 has “made the decision to not change the Territorial Acknowledgement at this time.”

The LKB reserve lands are in no way a reflection of the boundaries of the ancestral territory of its citizens. When SD#8 says that the yaqan nukiy flag can only fly in Creston schools and that SD#8 only acknowledges Creston as the sole territory of the Ktunaxa, it feels very much like the colonial past of placing people back on the reserve. Flying the flag and acknowledging territory are suppose to be acts of reconciliation. If they turn out instead to be divisive and hurtful, what is the point? SD#8 has no right to make judgements about aboriginal land claims/title.

#### FALSE HISTORY

SD#8 has failed to understand our concern about the presentation made by an activist from another nation making ludicrous cultural and territorial claims. While it is laudable that your staff treats “all guests with respect and dignity.” those same guests were not treating the people of LKB with respect and dignity. Further the guest was not speaking the truth as established by history, archeology and anthropology. What you did can be compared to having a flat earther do professional development for your staff. Educate yourselves as to the real indigenous history of the unceded lands upon which the SD#8 operates and vet the information circulated to staff and students.

#### LACK OF ENGAGEMENT

Your letter of June 14, 2019 discloses a number of facts that come as a complete surprise to LKB:

1. That SD#8 has been working on a Reconciliation Framework Policy “for the last year and a half in consultation with communities and with our Aboriginal Education Advisory Council.”
2. The composition of the Educational Aboriginal Advisory Committee is something that “is continually reviewed with a view to appropriate and effective representation.”
3. That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee is not limiting itself to issues related to education but are making political decisions as to whose territory SD#8 operates.
4. SD#8 is entering into MOUs with various nations but not with LKB.

We will not abide with decisions about the future of our citizens being made without LKB being at the table. LKB expects to be engaged from the beginning and not approached at the end of a process. If you do indeed want LKB’s endorsement on the RFP, you better get us involved sooner rather than later. Any consultations or meetings set up to discuss or make decisions about LKB must include LKB. This includes any consultations or meetings at the Ktunaxa Nation level. The Advisory Council model is not working for LKB.”

Chief Jason Louie inquired how many trustees knew about the change beforehand of the Territorial Acknowledgment. He stated that LKB and SD8 have historically had a good relationship.

Chair Trenaman stated that the Board’s sole interest is in its students and not in any territory. She expressed her hopes of being able to work with LKB in future and her regrets any miscommunication, assuring that no offense was intended.

Chair Trenaman further reminded that LKB has a position at the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee and Elders Council (AEACEC) as stated in Policy 121: Committee Structure. She thanked them for their presentation.

*Student Trustee O. Kettle joined the meeting via Video Conference at 5:36 pm.*

*Chief Jason Louie, H. Suttie, T. Harper and other guests left the meeting at 5:36 pm.*

## **6. Opportunity for Comments by the Public**

Doug Kunzelman, KLTF, described a situation where the Creston Valley Teacher Association (CVTA) supported a teacher to attend a conference in Vancouver for Aboriginal Learning outcomes in mathematics, however, SD8 had already spent their budget for the conference on 2 other teachers, who are not math teachers. He referred to the district policy around outside organizations and noted that CVTA is not acknowledged by SD8.

Superintendent Perkins noted that she was not aware of this situation with the conference and will look at this. As far Association, KLTF is body that we recognize in our district. She suggested to have a discussion to a later point.

Via video conference in Creston Parents, a grandparent and a former SD8 Teacher confronted Superintendent Perkin and the Board about the sex brochure that was mistakenly handed out to Grad 6 and 7 students. There were several questions posed by the public followed by various discussions. Superintendent Perkins reported that immediate apology went out to all parents from her and the public health nurse sent an apology letter, and that counselling had and will be provided for those who want it. Principal Wiens already contacted parents directly and offered counselling for students and parents. Superintendent Perkins assured that all future 3<sup>rd</sup> party material will be reviewed by the Principal and Teacher. Superintendent Perkins noted SD8 School Psychologist S. Richards's presence at this meeting and informed that S. Richards will prepare another letter to parents with more details about counselling.

A discussion ensued. Trustee Gribbin requested a motion be made about the response to the sex brochure, however, since Staff had already responded as suggested, a motion was not necessary.

D. Kunzelman requested that names in the letter from Interior Health on Page 45 of the Correspondence Package are being redacted. Superintendent Perkins confirmed to adapt it.

D. Kunzelman thanked the KLTF bargaining team. He reported the process was respectful and positive throughout.

*Trustee Gribbin left the room at 6:05 pm.*

Chair Trenaman asked for the consent of the Board to sign the Local Matters Agreement between KLTF and SD8.

*Trustee Gribbin came back at 6:06 pm.*

The Board, D. Kunzelman and D. Sabourin from KLTF signed the agreement, which was followed by an applause.

## **7. Consent Package**

- Trustee Walsh inquired to pull letter addressed to Carla Wilson on page 30, which was added to the agenda as Item 11D.
- Chair Trenaman requested that minutes from the June 7, 2019 FAC meeting reflect her regrets.

## **8. Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved** by Trustee Lang, seconded by Trustee Coons, **AND RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the minutes from the May 28, 2019 Regular Meeting and the May 30, 2019 Special Open Meeting, **BE ADOPTED**. 18/19-132

## 9. Future and Action Item Tracking

Repeal of By-Law No.2-2016 & By-law No. 3-2016

Ancillary Resolutions 17/18-150 & 17/18-151

### Proposed Repeal of By-law:

**Moved** by Trustee Lang, seconded by Trustee Maslechko, **AND RESOLVED:** 18/19-133

i. **THAT** the repeal of By-law No. 2-2016 and By-law No. 3-2016 by given **FIRST READING;**

**Moved** by Trustee Maslechko, seconded by Trustee Coons, **AND RESOLVED:** 18/19-134

ii. **THAT** the repeal of By-law No. 2-2016 and By-law No. 3-2016 by given **SECOND READING;**

**Moved** by Trustee Coons, seconded by Trustee Nazaroff, **AND RESOLVED:** 18/19-135

iii. **THAT** the repeal of By-law No. 2-2016 and By-law No. 3-2016 go forward to third reading

**Moved** by Trustee Maslechko, seconded by Trustee Coons, **AND RESOLVED:** 18/19-136

iv. **THAT** the repeal of By-law No. 2-2016 and By-law No. 3-2016 be **ADOPTED** as read a **THIRD** time.

## 10. Old Business

Statement of Disclosure: Conflict of interests were declared by four Trustees at Closed Meetings of the Board held on March 12, 2019, April 23, 2019 and May 28, 2019, June 25, 2019 during which Teacher and CUPE bargaining was discussed. The Board made no resolutions on those matters at those meetings.

## 11. Education

### A. Year-end Highlights of Departments:

- Human Resources Services
- Operations & Transportation
- Information Technology
- Inclusive Education
- Innovative Learning
- International Education
- Elev8

Superintendent Perkins summarized the departmental highlights that were circulated in advance and thanked the Senior Staff team for their hard work, noting it was her first year with a new strategic plan and first year with a full team.

Chair Trenaman thank Supt. Perkins for the thorough report and noted there were no questions.

B. Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent Perkins

Superintendent Perkins presented excerpts from the Superintendent’s report.

*Trustee Chew left the room at 6:18 pm.*

*Trustee Chew came back to the room at 6:20 pm.*

Superintendent Perkins thanked the leaving Student Trustees Olivia Kettle, Eden Solarik and Rowan Medhurst, who are leaving and thanked them for their engagement and time in 2018 and 2019.

C. Student Excursions Outside of Kootenay Lake Zone – Superintendent Perkins

**Moved** by Trustee Maslechko, seconded by Trustee Coons, **AND RESOLVED:** 18/19-137

**THAT** the following Student Excursion Outside of Kootenay Lake Zone, **BE APPROVED.**

- March 19-29, 2020 – LVR to Costa Rica

D. Update on Board’s Self-Evaluation (incl. Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer) – Chair Trenaman

Chair Trenaman reported about a working session meeting with all Board Trustees held on June 10, 2019 and a scheduled Trustees in Action Workshop with the Matishak Group as well as Governance Start up for 2019-2020.

## 12. Finance & Operations

1. Letter from Correspondence Package to C. Wilson

Trustee Walsh brought following motion forward:

**Moved** by Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Nazaroff, **AND RESOLVED:** 18/19-138

**THAT** the Board write a letter of appreciation to Carla Wilson in regards to receiving the Legion Golden Star 2019 award for her student-senior program “Growing Together/Rising Strong”.

B. 2020-2021 Budget Process Schedule – Sec.- Treas. McLellan

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan presented the updated 2020-2021 Budget Process Schedule and noted that outlook invitations would follow.

C. Preliminary Baragar Enrolment Projections – Sec.-Treas. McLellan

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan reported verbally that overall enrolment is estimated to decrease slightly from 5000 students to approx. 4800 over 15 years. More details will follow in fall when the study is complete and updated with September 30, 2019 1701 enrolment data, as part of the long-range facilities planning.

*Trustee Walsh left the meeting at 6:34 pm.*

## 13. Policy & Governance:

A. 2019-2020 Student Trustees

Chair Trenaman acknowledged the student trustees that served for the year 2018-2019 and handed them over a certificate. She thanked them for being great ambassadors of the district.

For next year she welcomed back Jace Lamoureux and Liam Borhaven. She noted that interviews were held with new student trustees. The district will have a total of 10 student trustees next year that alternate with each other.

B. Revised Policies recommended for approval by P&G Committee:

**Section 300: Students**

Policy 321: Student Withdrawal

**Section 600: Finance & Business Operations**

Policy 610: Fiscal Management

Policy 615: Board Signing Authority

Policy 620: Budget Development, Monitoring and Reporting

Policy 621: Accumulated Operating Surplus

Policy 640: Acquisition-Disposal of Board Assets

Policy 641: Gifts

Policy 642: Procurement and Purchasing

Policy 650: Disposal of Real Property and Improvements

Policy 680: Business Community Advertising Sponsorship

**Section 700: Facility Operations & Transportation**

Policy 720: Asbestos

Policy 740: Playground Equipment

Policy 750: Heritage

Policy 760: Animals on School District Property

Policy 770: Student Transportation

Policy 771: Transportation for Independent School Students

Policy 780: Transportation Assistance

Policy 790: Anti-Idling of School Vehicles

*(Policy 730: Pesticides and Herbicides remains under revision)*

**Moved** by Trustee Coons, seconded by Trustee Lang, **AND RESOLVED:**

18/19-139

**THAT** the above revised Policies, **BE APPROVED**, as recommended by the P&G Committee.

## 14. Human Resources

A. 2019-2020 Staffing Update – Director Holitzki

Director Holitzki provided a Staffing Update.

B. 2019-2020 Enrolment Update – Director Holitzki

Director Holitzki provided an Enrolment Update.

Superintendent Perkins gave a year-end speech and thanked everyone.

## 15. Trustee Verbal Reports

Trustee Coons: Attended the Grad Ceremony at PCSS and attended a camping trip with Wildflower School Creston.

Trustee Gribbin: Explained why he excused himself from the CUPE bargaining update.

Trustee Lang: Attended BC Employers Meeting, BCPSEA Review, CUPE Bargaining Meetings, Board Review, JVH Grad and BCPSEA Audit Meeting.

Trustee Chew: Attended BCPSEA Review, Salmo Grad and KLTF Bargaining Meetings.

Trustee Nazaroff: Attended Mt. Sentinel Grad.

Student Trustee Medhurst: Thanked the Board for the upgrade of the Computer Lab at Crawford Bay.

Student Trustee Solarik: Thanked everyone who attended the LVR Grad.

Chair Trenaman: Reported her involvement in the Crawford Bay Principal interviews and Student Trustee interviews. She attended Board performance review, LVR Grad, MoE/BCSTA phone conference regarding pre-announcement funding model update, Golden star award for C. Wilson, Crawford Bay mural, Redfish assembly talent show and BCSTA Professional Learning Committee.

## 16. Question Period

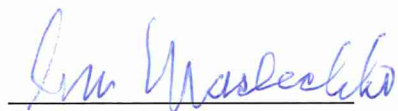
D. Kunzelman mentioned that he visited Crawford Bay. He was asked by staff if there is a way to keep current Principal Erin Gibbs.

## 17. Meeting Schedule & Reminders

Chair Trenaman thanked all staff, student trustees and trustees for a big year and wished everyone a great summer.

## 18. Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.



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Secretary-Treasurer