

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019  
2:30 PM PST – 4:00 P.M. PST**

In person: School District 8 Kootenay Lake, Board Office, 811 Stanley Street, Nelson, BC  
By video conference: Prince Charles Secondary, Room 104, 223 18 Ave S, Creston, BC

**BOARD:**

L. Trenaman  
C. Beebe  
S. Chew (*via Video Conference*)  
B. Coons  
A. Gribbin  
D. Lang (*via Video Conference*)  
B. Maslechko (*via Video Conference*)  
S. Nazaroff  
S. Walsh

**DISTRICT STAFF:**

M. McLellan, Secretary-Treasurer  
B. Eaton, Director of Innovative Learning  
G. Higginbottom, District Principal (*via Video Conference*)  
D. Holitzki, Director of Inclusive Education  
R. Krulitsky, Executive Assistant  
N. Lynn, Learning Innovator (*via Video Conference*)  
L. Mackay, Principal (*via Video Conference*)  
A. Parks, IT Technician (*via Video Conference*)  
N. Ross, District Principal (*via Video Conference*)  
C. Singh, Director of Human Resource Services  
S. Whale, Executive Assistant

**PARTNERS:**

L. Arsenault, CUPE  
C. Bendig, KLTF  
D. Kunzelman, KLTF  
C. Wilson, KLTF (*via Video Conference*)

**GUESTS:**

**REGRETS:**

C. Perkins, Superintendent  
N. Howald, Director of Information Technology  
B. MacLean, Director of Operations  
S. Metcalf, DPAC  
N. Nazaroff, DPAC  
L. Quattrocchi, DPAC  
S. Kalabis, KLPVPA  
L. MacKay, KLPVPA  
M. Bennett, CUPE  
R. Bens, CUPE  
A. Early, CUPE

**1. Call to Order**

Committee Chair Maslechko called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**2. Acknowledgement of Aboriginal Territory**

*We acknowledge, respect and honor the First Nations in whose traditional territories the Kootenay Lake School District operates and all Aboriginal people residing within the boundaries of School District No. 8.*

**3. Insertions/Deletions to proposed Agenda: Nil**

**4. Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved** by Trustee Walsh, seconded Trustee Beebe , **AND RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the agenda for this October 22, 2019 meeting, **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

**5. Receiving Presentations: Nil**

**6. Opportunity for Comments by the Public: Nil**

**7. Consent Package: Nil**

**8. Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved** by Trustee Walsh, seconded Trustee Beebe, **AND RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the minutes from the Sept 10, 2019 The Education Committee of the Whole Minutes meeting **BE ADOPTED**.

**9. Old Business: Nil**

**10. New Business**

A. SD8 Aboriginal Education Program: Gail Higginbottom, District Principal

G. Higginbottom, District Principal Aboriginal Education, shared her Ignite presentation. The presentation provided an overview of an Indigenous Educator's Perspective, the Aboriginal Education shift in school districts recently, history on residential schools, indigenization of curriculum from K-12 which is required in British Columbia, and a brief overview of the new curriculum. The presentation focused on aboriginal supports at a district level, which include including equity – pedagogical core, learning environment and policy and governance, as well as first peoples principals of learning, and local knowledge and inquiry. Students are provided with choice based on interest.

a. Program goals for Enhancing Student Learning in SD8 for 2019-20

ABED District Principal Higginbottom provided an overview of the program goals for Enhanced Student Learning in the district.

1. Grow ABED academic support in literacy and numeracy through land base learning
2. Provide opportunities for students to share their individual stories: “The truth about stories, is that is all we are” T. King
3. Truth before reconciliation: Deepen relationships with Traditional Territories and Metis Nation

Higginbottom shared some of the 2019 highlights for Enhanced Student Learning ABED.

- b. SD8 Indigenizing the Curriculum Professional Development Day – April 20, 2020

ABED District Principal Higginbottom shared a video on indigenizing curriculum called “Speaking Our Truth – Why We Need to Learn” created by Monique Gray Smith.

Monique Gray Smith will be one of the guest speakers at the April 20, 2020 Pro-D day.

- c. Equity Scan review and discussion from October 1, 2019 Board meeting

The group broke up into partners to share what each person holds in their heart or mind on their journey forward.

The group shared some of their thoughts after their conversations.

- B. 2018 New Data Trends – Middle Learning Development Index (MDI)

Ben Eaton, Director of Innovative Learning provided an update on the MDI, which is a population, gauged survey, which looks at social and emotional health of children in grades 4 and 7.

<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/maps/mdi/nh/sd8/>

Trustee Beebe inquired about how the information in the MDI is being used to make decisions at a district or school level. B. Eaton noted that SD8 now has the Manager of Safe Schools, and the Coordinator of Mental Health who are both addressing issues that have been indicated in the MDI.

- C. Celebration of Learning

Director Eaton – Shared the Great Canadian Shake Out that took place on October 17.

C. Bendig, KLTF – Shared various indigenizing opportunities, which have recently taken place at Trafalgar. J. Dexter has shared a new resource to learn Metis language. J. Halton facilitated Orange Shirt Day at Cottonwood Lake.

11. Question Period: Nil

**12. Meeting Schedule and Reminders**

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for December 10, 2019 at 2:30 pm at the Nelson Board Office.

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.