

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020
5:00 PM (PT) – 8:00 PM (PT)**

In person: 811 Stanley Street, Nelson, BC, V1L 1N7
By video conference: Prince Charles Secondary School, Room 104, Creston, BC

BOARD:

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

DISTRICT STAFF:

C. Perkins, Superintendent
M. McLellan, Secretary-Treasurer
B. MacLean, Director of Operations
B. Eaton, Director of Instruction - Innovative Education
D. Holitzki, Director of Instruction – Inclusive Education
N. Howald, Director of Information Technology
N. Ross, District Principal of Innovative Learning
J. Gonzalez, Coordinator for School Mental Health and Addiction
R. Warwick, Health, Wellness, and Safety Officer
S. Rothermel, Manager of Safe Schools
R. Krulitsky, Executive Assistant

STUDENT TRUSTEES:

A. Waterfall, L.V. Rogers Secondary
H. Hofmann-Miller, L.V. Rogers Secondary
K. Jones, Salmo Secondary
B. Jessup, Salmo Secondary
L. Borhaven, Crawford Bay
A. Wilson, Mt. Sentinel
C. DeRosa, Mt. Sentinel

PARTNERS:

S. Metcalfe, DPAC
N. Nazaroff, DPAC
D. Kunzelman, KLTF (*via video conference*)
J. Henri, DPAC

GUESTS:

J. Francis, Principal at Winlaw Elementary
J. Stein, Principal at Hume Elementary
S. Kapoor, Adam Robertson Elementary

J. McMurray, Valley Voice – Media
T. Harper, Nelson Star – Media
Sherry-Lynn McGregor, Teacher at L.V. Rogers
A. Werner, Nelson Police Department – Restorative Justice
L. Heisler, Nelson Police Department – Restorative Justice
K. Winnitoy, Winlaw Elementary
J. Ellis, Winlaw Elementary
K. Ellis, Winlaw Elementary
M. Folinsbee, Winlaw Elementary
C. Tereposky, Brent Kennedy Elementary
L. Stooshnoff, Winlaw Elementary
K. Morris, Brent Kennedy Elementary
E. DuPont, Brent Kennedy and L.V. Rogers
A. Wollenberg, Winlaw Elementary

REGRETS:

C. Singh, Director of Human Resources
C. Wilson, KLTF

1. Call to Order

Chair Trenaman called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

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 No. 8.

3. Insertions/Deletions to proposed Agenda

4. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED by Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Maslechko, and **RESOLVED:**

THAT the Agenda for this January 28, 2020 meeting, **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

5. Receiving Presentations

A. Restorative Justice – Blewett Elementary

L. Heisler and A. Werner from the Nelson Police Department presented the Restorative Justice initiative. An inquiry was made as to any Board support was being sought. L. Heisler confirmed yes, and that the \$4400, in conjunction with other sources funding, would enable them to continue with their work and branch out to other classes through to end of calendar year 2020. The Chair mentioned that the request would be brought to a future agenda.

6. Opportunity for Comments by the Public

A stakeholder inquired about two letters from KLTF submitted to the board. Chair Trenaman advised it would be up to Trustees to pull the letters from the Consent package at that time.

M. Fallensby, Winlaw PAC thanked SD8 Trustees and Staff for their hard work and reported that Winlaw families are in support of the Seamless Day option on the agenda.

Student Trustee Jarvis arrived via video conference at 5:15 PM.

7. Consent Package (p. 4)

A Trustee requested to pull the November 29 letter from KLTF.

8. Adoption of Minutes (p. 65)

MOVED by Trustee Lang, seconded by Trustee Coons, and **RESOLVED**:

THAT the minutes from the December 10, 2019 Regular Meeting, **BE ADOPTED**.

9. Future and Action Item Tracking

A Trustee noted this item was missing from the package.

Chair Trenaman advised it would be included next time.

Chair Trenaman took the opportunity to welcome everyone back to the first meeting of 2020. She reflected on the boards accomplishments in the past year, and shared excitement for the future.

L. Heisler left at 5:31 PM.

10. Old Business

A. Slocan Valley Family of Schools / Winlaw Configuration – Superintendent Perkins

MOVED by Trustee Nazaroff seconded by Trustee Walsh and **RESOLVED**:

THAT the motion for configuration plan proposed at the December 10, 2019 meeting for the Slocan Valley **BE WITHDRAWN**.

Superintendent Perkins introduced the proposed resolutions that had been discussed in the past six months, in addition to two new proposed resolutions. She described the “Seamless Day” pilot project in detail.

A Trustee inquired about the proposal for a new modular building, referencing that the Ministry is moving away from portable structures. Superintendent Perkins clarified that the proposed modular building is much larger than a standard portable, and would be prebuilt to for the specific needs of the proposed programming.

A Trustee asked for clarification on how the modular building would be funded. Superintendent Perkins noted the proposal is for the estimated \$450,000 cost to be split evenly between the Board, various Ministries, and community fundraising efforts.

Trustees inquired if this solution would mitigate overcrowding concerns, and if there would be challenges hiring staff. Superintendent Perkins advised it would manage overcrowding. Secretary-Treasurer McLellan confirmed the additional capacity being added would result in Winlaw Elementary having utilization within the optimum range, over the horizon of the Baragar enrolment projections.

An inquiry was made as to how the program pilot would affect Strong Start. Superintendent Perkins noted Strong Start would remain and that the Seamless Day pilot would be non-profit.

An inquiry was made about the timeline for this project. Superintendent Perkins reported that the building would be ready for September 2020.

A discussion ensued between several Trustees and Staff regarding fundraising and feasibility of the project. Many Trustees recognized the commitment of the community.

S. Metcalfe left at 6:01 PM.

Upon a motion duly moved and seconded, it was **RESOLVED:**

THAT the installation of a customized modular building, approximately 1500 square feet in size, be installed at Winlaw Elementary, at a cost of approximately \$450,000,

AND THAT beginning for the 2020-2021 School Year, Winlaw Elementary “Seamless Day” **BE APPROVED.**

Trustee Gribbin abstained. Motion carried.

A Trustee asked to revisit Policy 410 in the near future. Chair Trenaman agreed.

11. Education

A. 3-year Calendar Committee Approval – Superintendent Perkins (p. 73)

Superintendent Perkins introduced and explained the processes for approval of the calendars.

J. Francis and members of the public left at 6:11 PM.

A Trustee inquired about the total days in the calendar. Superintendent Perkins explained the law changed to calculate minutes over time, and that SD8 is consistent with other districts.

MOVED by Trustee Maslechko, seconded by Trustee Coons, and **RESOLVED:**

THAT the 3-Year Calendars be put out for public consultation.

B. Creston French Immersion – Superintendent Perkins (p. 76)

Superintendent Perkins described possibilities for French Immersion in Creston. She noted that the ARES PAC had been meeting with senior Staff beginning two years ago about the concept of French Immersion in Creston. She stated that there are enough families interested now to create a class for fall of 2020-2021 of grades 5/6/7. She said that Staff was recommending that the Board to support a one-year trial.

A discussion ensued about staffing, the trial period, the possibility of expansion to other grades, and the future of French Immersion in Creston.

MOVED by Trustee Gribbin, seconded by Trustee Beebe and **RESOLVED:**

THAT Late French Immersion is introduced to the Creston Valley in Fall 2020.

Chair Trenaman shared she wished French Immersion could be in all of our communities and congratulated the parents for bringing this initiative forward.

C. Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent Perkins (p. 75)

Superintendent Perkins provided an update from the Ministry of Education and Provincial Health Office on the Coronavirus. She advised the district will follow the lead of Interior Health and the Ministry of Education.

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

- Prince Charles Secondary to Ontario and Quebec (p. 89)
- Trafalgar Middle to Silverwood Theme Park (p. 94)

12. Operations & Finance

E. Approve 2019-2020 Amended Budget – Secretary-Treasurer McLellan

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan introduced the item and shared some highlights. He noted that the Operations & Finance Committee recommended that the proposed 2019-2020 Amended Budget be approved by the Board. He acknowledged Manager of Finance Shaw’s work on the budget.

Chair Trenaman thanked the Finance team and the Chair of the Operations & Finance Committee.

Trustee Lang thanked the Operations & Finance Committee for their assistance.

BE IT RESOLVED:

- MOVED** by Trustee Lang, seconded by Trustee Walsh and **RESOLVED**, **THAT** the Amended Budget Bylaw be given **FIRST READING**;
- MOVED** by Trustee Lang, seconded by Trustee Walsh and **RESOLVED**, **THAT** the Amended Budget Bylaw be given **SECOND READING**;
- MOVED** by Trustee Lang, seconded by Trustee Walsh and **RESOLVED**, **THAT** the Amended Budget Bylaw go forward to third reading;
- MOVED** by Trustee Lang, seconded by Trustee Beebe and **RESOLVED**, **THAT** the Amended Budget Bylaw be **ADOPTED** as read a **THIRD** time.

F. Letter from D. Kunzelman, KLTF dated November 29, 2019

Trustee Gribbin made a Notice of Motion:

THAT the Board ask the provincial government to increase public education funding, specifically a significant increase to the per pupil amount to at least the national average, in order to better meet the needs of students.

13. Governance & Policy Nil

A. Statement – Trustee Gribbin

Trustee Gribbin read the following statement:

“I was floored by Trustee Lang’s statement at the November 19 board meeting which was read into the minutes of that meeting. At that time, I was prevented by the chair to properly responding. In her statement, Trustee Lang accused me of defaming the board of education based upon comments surrounding my censure that I made at the October 22 board meeting. As a result, I have carefully reviewed my speaking notes from the Oct 22 meeting and I am certain that there was nothing that I said that was untruthful and therefor defamatory.

Since Trustee Lang has made this accusation public by having it included in the meeting’s official minutes, I want to know specifically what I had said that she believes was untruthful so that I can properly respond. I also want to know if this statement was solely the work and responsibility of Trustee Lang or if any other trustee or staff member was, in any way, involved in its formulation.”

Chair Trenaman advised that if there were no objections, the statement would be included in the minutes. Discussion ensued between several Trustees seeking clarification. There were no objections.

Trustee Gribbin requested to make another statement, and made an apology to the Chair for comments he made at the November 19 board meeting.

Chair Trenaman accepted and thanked Trustee Gribbin for his apology.

14. Human Resources: Nil

15. Trustee Verbal Reports

Student Trustee Jones shared that Salmo Secondary is working on creating a student council and leadership class. Grade 10 – 12 classes collaborated with Doukhobor community. Grade 9 classes held a pancake brunch to raise money to assists with fires in Australia.

Student Trustee Hofmann-Miller shared that L.V. Rogers is having difficulty fundraising money for their graduation, acknowledging fault of the grad council and apologizing. He advised they are working on a solution. The school has transitioned to a new semester and the Student Trustee noted he is enjoying the growth of independent learning, and would like to see more AP exam availability in the future.

Student Trustee Wilson reported they have finished the first semester and are enjoying the wide range of learning they are able to do now. Mentioned an Upcycling class including learning to embroider.

Student Trustee Jarvis reported about a successful YETI trip to Revelstoke and thanked YETI program for the opportunities. Excited for leadership class and upcoming Student Symposium.

Student Trustee Borhaven shared that Crawford Bay is excited about an upcoming coding workshop, and upcoming peer tutoring and mediation courses.

Trustee Chew reported about attending Calendar Committee meetings, several KLTF management meetings, CUPE management meeting, and the upcoming BCPSEA symposium. Shared about a petition in Salmo that the new tourism class took under their wing.

Trustee Walsh shared that she has a homestay child staying with her for four weeks who is excited about snow, loving skiing, and grateful that students at Trafalgar have been so warm, welcoming, and helpful. Trustee Walsh reported that she was impressed by Capstone projects and interviews at L.V.

Rogers, as well as winter concerts at every Nelson school. Attended KBB Motion Building, PAC meetings, DPAC meetings.

Trustee Nazaroff shared exciting news that their grandchild has been registered for Kindergarten in SD8 and she is looking forward to her journey and for her to meet the staff in the district.

Chair Trenaman reported that she attended the Nelson Winter Celebration, Professional Learning Committee, KBB Motion Building, and DPAC meeting. Stated that the Board would like to work with DPAC and continue growing and building relationships. Chair Trenaman stated she would be attending an upcoming PAC consultation meeting.

16. Question Period

DPAC Vice-Chair thanked the Board for welcoming them, and shared happiness with the solution for Winlaw Elementary reconfiguration. She noted DPAC has concerns with process around reconfiguration for the Nelson Family of Schools and that they are working on a letter. DPAC looks forward to improving relationship with the Board.

A stakeholder with KLTF thanked the board for considering the November 29th letter, but shared concern the BC government sets its budget before the next board meeting and worried that putting the motion off would put them after the budget but thanked the Board for their consideration. He questioned why the Creston French Immersion program would take place at ARES, suggested Canyon-Lister might be better.

Student Trustee Wilson left the room at 7:14 PM.

Superintendent Perkins advised the initiative had come from ARES parents.

Student Trustee Willson returned at 7:16 PM.

17. Meeting Schedule & Reminders (p. 126)

App. 17

A. BCSTA – Provincial Council

Friday, Feb 21 – Saturday, Feb 22, all day, Morris J Wosk Centre for Dialogue, Vancouver

B. Board’s Budget Dinner

Thursday, April 2, at 5pm, at the Prestige, Nelson

C. PVP Meeting with Trustees – Budget Internal Consultation

Wednesday, April 8, 12pm - 2pm, JVH Kaslo

D. BCSTA AGM

Thursday, April 16, 12pm – Sunday, April 19, 12pm, Westin Bayshore, Vancouver

18. Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.


Committee Chair


Secretary-Treasurer