
EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Minutes

TUESDAY, June 9, 2020

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm PST

Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/402928242>

BOARD:

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

DISTRICT STAFF:

C. Perkins, Superintendent
M. McLellan, Secretary-Treasurer
N. Howald, Director of Information Technology
B. Eaton, Director of Innovative Learning
N. Ross, District Principal
J. Schmidt, District Principal of International Education
G. Higginbottom, District Principal Aboriginal Education
N. Lynn, Learning Innovator

PARTNERS:

R. Bens, CUPE Alternate (*via Video Conference*)
S. Kalabis, KLPVPA (*via Video Conference*)
L. Mackay, KLPVPA (*via Video Conference*)
C. Wilson, KLTF
M. Bennet, CUPE
A. Early, CUPE

GUESTS:

C. Ziefflie, Canyon-Lister Elementary Teacher (*via Video Conference*)
T. Martin, L.V. Rogers Teacher (*via Video Conference*)
C. Morton, L.V. Rogers Teacher (*via Video Conference*)
T. Malloff, L.V. Rogers/REACH Principal (*via Video Conference*)
J. Beddoes, Adam Roberston Elementary Principal (*via Video Conference*)
B. Douma, Prince Charles Secondary Teacher (*via Video Conference*)
M. Radonic, Prince Charles Secondary Teacher (*via Video Conference*)
M. Nelson, Prince Charles Secondary Vice-Principal (*via Video Conference*)
M. Hurley, W.E. Graham Elementary/Secondary Principal

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Trenaman called the meeting or order at 2:00 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 Coons , seconded by Trustee Walsh, **AND RESOLVED:**

THAT the agenda for this June 9, 2020 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 A. Early, seconded by M. Bennet , **AND RESOLVED:**

THAT the minutes of the April 28, 2020 Education Committee of the Whole meeting **BE ADOPTED** as amended.

9. Old Business: Nil

10. New Business

A. Remote Learning during Covid-19

i. Elementary School Experience during Covid-19

a. Principal Joanne Beddoes – Adam Robertson Elementary School

Principal J. Beddoes provided a presentation to the Education Committee of the Whole regarding learning that has taken place during the Pandemic.

Adam Robertson Elementary School has been an Essential Service Worker site since the pandemic began hosting approximately 10 students per day. Learning in action also took place where some students were in the classroom with teachers prior to Phase 3, and some students were supported by Educational Assistants.

With respect to classroom learning, staff used google classroom to provide tutorials and some staff used their individual websites.

Adam Robertson Elementary School has started using Zoom to deliver the morning announcements which has provided a nice way to connect and build together as a school community.

During Stage 4 at Adam Robertson Elementary School staff have taken the opportunity to do a “clean sweep” of the school, cleaning and removing everything from walls. This has been beneficial as the school has become a much calmer and more peaceful environment.

Principal Beddoes also reported that the basement at the school has been renovated, which will provide a new art room, and a new ADST room. Principal

Beddoes shared what an amazing job Al Krause has done with the basement changes in the school.

b. Principal Mike Hurley – W.E. Graham Elementary/Secondary School

Principal M. Hurley provided a presentation to the Education Committee of the Whole regarding learning that has taken place during the Pandemic.

W.E. Graham opened their Essential Service Site but only had one student attend. W.E. Graham opened up as a school earlier than most as the parents in the community needed the support of the school. Many children came for an hour or two a day, and the school was able to schedule the students accordingly.

Principal Hurley discussed how proud he has been of his teachers to get on board with technology with respect to e-learning for their families.

Principal Hurley shared a video that a W.E. Graham teacher created for students.

Teachers at W.E. Graham have been using Class Dojo to connect with families during the Pandemic.

ii. Secondary School Experience during Covid-19

a. Vice-Principal Mike Nelson, Prince Charles Secondary School

Vice-Principal M. Nelson provided a presentation to the Education Committee of the Whole regarding learning that has taken place during the Pandemic.

Vice-Principal Nelson shared how younger teachers have been supporting older teachers with respect to technology during the Pandemic. All teachers are set up and feeling secure with their abilities to operate in the digital world. Moving forward communication will continue in an electronic way with students.

Vice-Principal Nelson shared an example of the staff calendar that is being used. Staff add their name to a room number so that there is someone in charge of each room. Students are to stay in one room, and teachers move from room to room.

M. Radonic and B. Doumas, PCSS Teachers shared a presentation showcasing the PCSS grad.

Superintendent Perkins thanked everyone for attending the recent retirement presentation. She also thanked Vice-Principal Nelson for all his hard work, and all the hard work of M. Radonic and B. Douma to make the PCSS graduation so successful and noted that they were featured in the Ministry weekly newsletter called LEARN.

b. Principal Tamara Malloff, L.V. Rogers Secondary School

Principal T. Malloff provided a presentation to the Education Committee of the Whole regarding learning that has taken place during the Pandemic.

Principal Malloff shared that at L.V. Rogers during Stage 3, there were 40 students at the school per day. A Covid-19 Video has been provided to students when they come into the school. L.V. Rogers has been using google classroom for staff and students, and a grade 12 virtual classroom. The school has been using Jamboard for collaboration on what they are trying to achieve.

Principal Malloff shared details on the L.V. Rogers upcoming graduation.

C. Morton, L.V. Rogers Teacher shared the initiative of Grade 9 Matters with the Education Committee of the Whole. The initiative supports Grade 9 students in their transition to high school. The new initiative allowed teachers to see how the students progressed through the year and were able to help determine which students needed further connection with teachers. This was a partnership with Trafalgar Middle School.

B. International Update - District Principal Jann Schmidt

Deferred to Board meeting.

C. Aboriginal Education Update – District Principal Gail Higginbottom

Deferred to Board meeting

11. Celebration of Learning

Due to time constraints, the celebration of learning didn't take place.

12. Question Period

Trustee Walsh asked if it's possible to fine out how things have been going for students who are at the schools.

Superintendent Perkins shared that many of the presenters today are teachers at schools, and things have been going very well for students.

Chair Trenaman expressed how proud the Board of Education is of everyone during this difficult time of Pandemic and thanked all of the teachers and board office staff.

13. Meeting Schedule and Reminders

The next meeting of the Education Committee of the Whole is scheduled for September 2020 at 2:30 pm at the Nelson Board Office.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.