
EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Minutes

TUESDAY, September 22, 2020

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm PST

Via Zoom: <https://sd8.zoom.us/j/68453688313?pwd=T2pvVUtvcGoxZmJ3VHhXUkxzVEw5UT09>

BOARD:

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

DISTRICT STAFF:

C. Perkins, Superintendent
M. McLellan, Secretary-Treasurer
B. MacLean
N. Howald, Director of Information Technology
N. Ross, District Principal
T. Malloff, District Principal
J. Schmidt, District Principal of International Education
N. Lynn, Learning Innovator

PARTNERS:

S. Kalabis, KLPVPA
L. Mackay, KLPVPA
A. Early, CUPE
R. Bens, CUPE Alternate
M. Bennet, CUPE
C. Wilson, KLTF
C. Ziefflie, KLTF
C. Bendig, KLTF

REGRETS:

B. Eaton, Director of Innovative Learning
G. Higginbottom, District Principal Aboriginal Education

GUESTS:

B. Dickerson, Parent
J. McMurray, Editor of Valley Voice
N. Nazaroff, Parent

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Maslechko called the meeting to order at 1:45 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 by Trustee Coons , **AND RESOLVED:**

THAT the agenda for this September 22, 2020 meeting, **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

5. Receiving Presentations: Nil

NIL

6. Opportunity for Comments by the Public

B. Dickerson, Trafalgar Middle School PAC Co-Chair – learning Mathematics in a 5 week time.

7. Consent Package: Nil

NIL

8. Adoption of Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the June 9, 2020 Education Committee of the Whole meeting **BE ADOPTED**.

9. Old Business: Nil

NIL

10. New Business

A. Education Committee of the Whole Terms of Reference and Annual Plan 2020-2021.

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

THAT the Education Committee of the Whole Terms of Reference and Annual Plan 2020-2021 **BE RECOMMENDED** to the Board for approval with amendments.

B. District COVID-19 Update – Superintendent, Dr. Christine Perkins

Superintendent Perkins –

- Stage 2 with respect to COVID-19 in the Province. SD8’s updated Stage 2 Pandemic Plan. Public Health is coordinating all communication in the event of confirmed COVID-19 cases.
- Acknowledgement and thank you to all SD8 staff who worked over the summer to get Stage 2 in place. Stage 2 has been a team effort. Thank you to the SD8 Board of Education for their support.
- Confirmed that the gargle test is available to all SD8 students.

Director MacLean –SD8 is currently getting set up and organized for the election. Protocols are being established for a COVID friendly process.

C. International Update – District Principal, Jann Schmidt

- International students have arrived in SD8 and have completed their 14 day quarantine. All students have been cleared and are in schools.
- Not one case of COVID-19 has been brought to Canada from an international student.
- There are 11 international students currently enrolled in SD8 for the 2020-21 school year. These students are at PCSS and LVR.

D. Seamless Day Update – District Principal, Naomi Ross

- The 2020 application to the Ministry of Children and Family Development’s Childcare BC New Spaces fund was approved for approximately \$267,000 and the project is now underway.

Director MacLean –

- The modular is now on site and is currently being positioned.

Superintendent Perkins –

- Formal communication will be coming from the Ministry soon.

E. Strong Start/Early Learning Update – District Principal Naomi Ross

Overview of Innovative Learning for 2020-21—District Principal Naomi Ross & District Principal Tamara Malloff

- Innovative Learning Services goals for the 2020/2021 school year
- Explanation of how Innovative Learning goals relate directly to the 2020/2021 Education Committee Annual Plan.
- School Celebration of Learning virtual Presentations. The format of the presentations will include presentations from students, staff and parents. The school’s growth plan as well as an opportunity for asking questions will be included. The presentations will be posted on the school website. Parents and committee members are all welcome to attend.

DESK and Elev8 update: District Principal Malloff:

DESK and Elev8 students will be included in the data set and will be included in all Professional Development events.

Superintendent Perkins –

- A presentation about DESK and Elev8 will be made to the Education Committee this year.
- Additional teachers are currently being hired for Elev8.
- A newsletter will be coming out shortly from Elev8.

Director Holitzki – 2020-21 Food Security Plans for SD8 families

- SD8 has a plan for distributing food resources out to students and families facing challenges. Schools have plans in place and food is getting to students. This is in direct reference to the MDI data that illustrates students in SD8 are experiencing challenges relating to adequate nutrition and sleep.
- An analyst has been hired to look at food programs in SD8 and will be providing a report after Christmas.

- Connections have been made with BC Fruit and Vegetable program and a program will start in October which will run through the year.

F. 2018/2019 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) – Superintendent, Dr. Christine Perkins

- FESL overview. The FESL is a multi-year school and district plan based on meaningful evidence from the EDI, MDI, Literacy, Numeracy and Student Learning Surveys. It is a capacity building document and is meant to be impactful on all levels.

Director Holitzki – Kindergarten Education Assistant supports in classrooms:

- Kindergarten students don't start full days until later into September. EAs are in the schools they worked in the previous year until shifting takes place in October.

Superintendent Perkins – 3 year Graduation Plans

- Every student in SD8 will have a 3 year grad plan this year.
- Data analysis will be brought back to the Board of Education regularly this year. All students, including DESK and Elev8 will be included in the data.

11. Celebration of Learning

Trustee Walsh –

- She is excited about the Ani-Racism journey that the district will be taking this year.
- Shared From the Heart poster.

Trustee Lang –

- She participated in the installation of the Pride side walk and flag in Kaslo.

Teacher C. Bendig –

- Thanked the Trustees for taking part in the September 18 Professional Development day.
- Trafalgar has started a Pod Cast called the Trafalgar Thunder Cast.

<https://anchor.fm/trafalgar-thunder>

Superintendent Perkins –

- Thanked everyone for the Professional Development day on September 18.

12. Question Period

Trustee Walsh –

- PAC questions regarding SD8 secondary school timetabling.

B. Dickerson –

- Shared his current experience tutoring SD8 students in mathematics.
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Superintendent Perkins –

- L.V.R. is one of several schools who are doing the 5 week model. The school will send out a survey to students, parents and staff regarding the 5 week model.
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13. Meeting Schedule and Reminders

- The next meeting of the Education Committee of the Whole is scheduled for November 10, 2020 at 2:30 pm at the Nelson Board Office.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.