

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
AGENDA**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019

2:30 PM PST – 4:00 P.M. PST

In person: School District 8 Kootenay Lake, Board Office, 811 Stanley Street, Nelson, B.C. V1L 6J2

By video conference: Prince Charles Secondary, Room 104, 223 18 Ave S, Creston, BC V0B 1G0

1. Call to Order

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

4. Adoption of Agenda

Proposed Resolution:

THAT the agenda for this December 10, 2019 meeting, **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

5. Receiving Presentations:

- A. Trafalgar Middle School's Journey in Social Emotional Learning – Paul Luck, Principal, Trafalgar Middle School

6. Opportunity for Comments by the Public

7. Consent Package: Nil

8. Adoption of Minutes (p. 3)

App. 8

Proposed Resolution:

THAT the minutes from the October 22, 2019 The Education Committee of the Whole Minutes meeting **BE ADOPTED**.

9. Old Business: Nil

10. New Business

- A. Policy 100: Framework for Reconciliation - Christine Perkins, Superintendent (p. 7)

App. 10A

- B. Mental Health – Javier Gonzalez, Coordinator of Schools Mental Health and Addiction

i. Social Emotional Learning

a. McCreary Report

b. Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) Results

11. Celebration of Learning

Please come prepared to share a recent learning experience.

12. Question Period

13. Meeting Schedule & Reminders (p. 7)

App. 13

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

14. Adjournment

**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
T. 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

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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.

Policy Pro Forma

For more information on policy development and revision, please see Policy 160: Policy Development.

Title of proposed policy (new policy) or title of existing policy (policy revision):

Purpose and rationale for the proposed new policy or the proposed policy revision:

Suggested wording:

Submitted by:

Name

Date

Please save and email your policy pro forma to stefanie.whale@sd8.bc.ca or print and mail to:
School District 8 Kootenay Lake, 570 Johnstone Road, Nelson, BC V1L 6J2

POLICY 100: Framework for Reconciliation

To support the Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake)'s goal of reconciliation, this Reconciliation Framework commits to a shared responsibility across all levels of the district.



Territory Acknowledgement

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 #8.

Reconciliation

“Reconciliation is about establishing and maintaining a mutually respectful relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in this country.” -TRC

*This important work was based on Syeyutsus Reconciliation Framework from SD68

*Artwork Acknowledgement: Freya Emery, student from Mount Sentinel Secondary School, 2019

SD8 Kootenay Lake Reconciliation Framework

This Reconciliation Framework is meant to be a significant step forward for the Kootenay Lake School District. The goal of reconciliation was established in collaboration with SD8 Kootenay Lake Aboriginal Council of Education (ACE), community partners, students, parents, and staff in response to Canada's Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action, United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), and Missing Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Calls to Justice. We commit to working together on the journey of Reconciliation.

Continuing with the four goals of the original Enhancement Agreements, this Framework honours students at the centre of our learning circle as and takes into account feedback from the community, families, staff, and students. This policy commits to a shared responsibility, as we collectively strive toward a more enriched learning environment focusing on the following goals for Aboriginal learners:

1. Belonging - Enhancing Aboriginal students sense of belonging, pride and identity.
2. Success - Addressing the achievement/opportunity gap for all Aboriginal learners.
3. Connections -improving connections between Aboriginal students, families, communities and schools.
4. Awareness - Improving awareness of history, culture, and diversity inside Aboriginal Canada and the local land, as related to students.

SD 8 Kootenay Lake commits to honouring these goals and using the SD8 Reconciliation Framework to guide this important work.

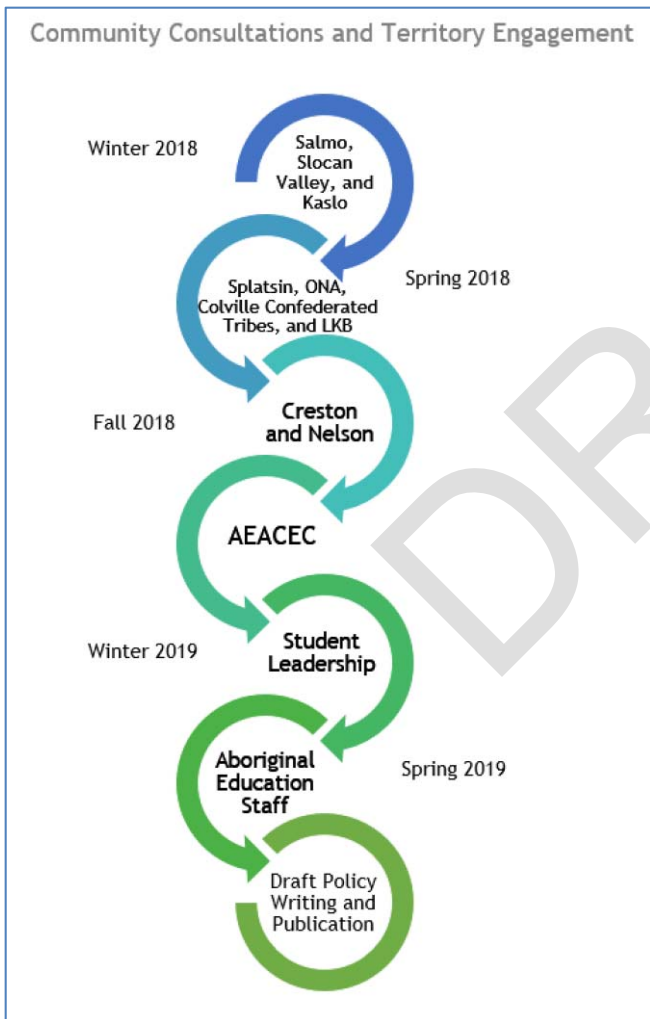
Read about Kootenay Lake's "The story of Reconciliation Framework" below.

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Story of SD8 Kootenay Lake Reconciliation Framework (A Story in Progress)

Our journey began in early 2018, with the start of the new year and with our students at the centre. The Aboriginal Education Department created a timeline for working towards a renewed Enhancement Agreement - our third agreement. We first started in winter of 2018 by meeting with the Salmo, Slocan Valley, and Kaslo Family of Schools. In attendance were parents, grandparents, students, community advocates, Aboriginal Education department staff, school trustees, principals and vice-principals, and the superintendent. Some of these gatherings attracted more people than others; however, discussions related to the efficacy of the 2014-2019 Enhancement Agreement ensued and the voices present were heard.



In the spring of 2018, the District Principal of Aboriginal Education and the Superintendent of Schools began visiting with community partners in their communities, to introduce SD8 Kootenay Lake and extend an invitation to help provide guidance to our district.

In the fall of 2018, community consultations resumed and at this point they were held in Creston and Nelson. Discussions and consultations were then held at the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee and Elders' Council (AEACEC). In the winter of 2019, Aboriginal student leadership groups from Nelson and Kaslo were consulted for their feedback and ideas.

Thematically, at all consultations, we heard that the goals of the 2014-2019 EA were still relevant; perhaps the ways in which we had been going about achieving these goals had been shifting. Since the time of writing that Enhancement Agreement, much has evolved and much progress has occurred, such as Canada's signing of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

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(UNDRIP), the BC Auditor General's Report (2015), the Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) launch of the Calls to Action, the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Calls to Justice, the Indigenization of BC's new curriculum, and the shift in expectations from the Ministry of Education regarding Enhancement Agreements.

Although our partners shared that the meaning behind the goals was still important, we were in need of a new way of working towards these goals. This process ended with a commitment to work together on a journey of Reconciliation through the SD8 Kootenay Lake Reconciliation Framework - a district policy framework.

Essential Reading:

UNDRIP, United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples:

https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2018/11/UNDRIP_E_web.pdf

TRC, Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: <http://www.trc.ca/>

MMIWG, Missing Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls: <https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/final-report/>

BC Curriculum: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

BC Auditor's Report:

https://www.bcauditor.com/sites/default/files/publications/reports/OAGBC%20Aboriginal%20Education%20Report_FINAL.pdf

2019-2020
BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULES

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	MEETINGS	COMMENT
September 10, 2019	12:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Board Office, Nelson	Committees of the Whole	
	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Board Office, Nelson	Open Board Meeting	Audited Financials Approved
October 1, 2019	1:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Board Office, Nelson	Closed & Open Board Meetings	Working Session
October 22, 2019	12:30 pm – 6:00 pm	PCSS, Creston	Committees of the Whole	
	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	PCSS, Creston	Open Board Meeting	
November 19, 2019	1:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Board Office, Nelson	Closed & Open Board Meetings	Working Session
December 10, 2019	12:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Board Office, Nelson	Committees of the Whole	
	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Board Office, Nelson	Open Board Meeting	
<i>Winter Break</i>				
January 28, 2020	3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Board Office, Nelson	Operations & Finance Committee of the Whole	
	5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Board Office, Nelson	Open Board Meeting	Amended Budget
February 18, 2020	1:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Board Office, Nelson	Closed & Open Board Meetings	Working Session
March 10, 2020	12:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Board Office, Nelson	Committees of the Whole	
	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Board Office, Nelson	Open Board Meeting	
<i>Spring Break</i>				
April 7, 2020	1:00 pm – 7:00 pm	PCSS, Creston	Closed & Open Board Meetings	Working Session
April 28, 2020	12:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Board Office, Nelson	Committees of the Whole	
	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Board Office, Nelson	Open Board Meeting	
May 19, 2020	1:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Board Office, Nelson	Closed & Open Board Meetings	Budget Approval, Working Session
June 9, 2020	12:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Board Office, Nelson	Committees of the Whole	
	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Board Office, Nelson	Open Board Meeting	
June 23, 2020	1:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Board Office, Nelson	Closed & Open Board Meetings	Working Session
<i>Summer Break</i>				