

GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020

BOARD:

L. Trenaman

S. Walsh S. Chew D. Lang

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

N. Howald, Director of Information Technology D. Holitzki, Director of Inclusive Education

C. Singh, Director of Human Resources (via video conference)

R. Krulitsky, Executive Assistant

PARTNERS:

M. Bennett, CUPE

A. Early, CUPE

N. Nazaroff, DPAC (via video conference)
C. Wilson, KLTF (via video conference)
D. Kunzelman, KLTF (via video conference)
E. DuPont, DPAC (via video conference)

GUESTS:

R. Bens, CUPE (via video conference)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 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

The Committee Chair provided an overview of procedures for the meeting:

- Virtual attendees to keep their microphones muted
- Raise hand or use Zoom chat function to ask questions
- Trustee Gribbin is participating as an observer only due to censure

It was noted that item 9A would be removed from this agenda and postponed until the next meeting.

4. Adoption of Agenda

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED**:

THAT the agenda for this November 10, 2020 meeting, BE ADOPTED, as amended.

- 5. Receiving Presentations: Nil
- 6. Opportunity for Comments by the Public: Nil
- 7. Consent Package: Nil
- 8. Adoption of Minutes

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED**:

THAT the minutes from the September 22, 2020 Governance & Policy Committee of the Whole meeting **BE ADOPTED**.

- 9. Old Business: Nil
- 10. New Business
 - A. Section 600 Finance and Business Operations
 - Policy 610: Fiscal Management
 No changes were made to this policy.
 - Policy 615: Board Signing Authority
 The changes suggested in advance were accepted.
 - Policy 620: Budget Development, Monitoring and Reporting The changes suggested in advance were accepted.
 - Policy 621: Accumulated Operating Surplus
 The changes suggested in advance were accepted.
 - Policy 640: Acquisition-Disposal of Board Assets
 The changes suggested in advance were accepted.

Trustee Beebe entered the video conference at 12:40 PM.

- Policy 641: Gifts
 The changes suggested in advance were accepted.
- Policy 642: Procurement and Purchasing The changes suggested in advance were accepted.
- Policy 650: Disposal of Real Property and Improvements
 The changes suggested in advance were accepted. Additionally, the final paragraph was updated to read 'Prior to the sale of a property or a lease of a property exceeding ten years, the Board of Education will adopt a by-law approving the disposition or deemed disposition.'

A Trustee inquired whether the district ever signs a lease over ten years. The Secretary-Treasurer said no, but clarified that you can have an annual lease that you renew annually for twenty years without exceeding the Ministry threshold for a deemed sale.

- Policy 660: Child Care Providers in Schools
 The changes suggested in advance were accepted.
- Policy 680: Business, Service Group and Community Sponsorship and Partnership

The changes suggested in advance were accepted.

A community partner inquired about some items that had been removed from Policy 680. The Secretary-Treasurer noted those items had been moved into Administrative Procedures.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED**:

THAT Policies 610, 615, 620, 621, 640, 641, 642, 650, 660 and 680 **BE RECOMMENDED** to the Board for approval, as amended.

Trustee Coons temporarily exited the video conference at 12:40 PM.

B. Emotional Skills for the Board Room: Know the Rules

The Superintendent exited and re-entered the room at 12:54 PM.

Trustee Coons re-entered the video conference at 1:00 PM.

- "12 emotional habits of effective board members" by L. Gershfeld
- "Emotional Intelligence in the Boardroom" by D. Rosati

The Superintendent introduced the above governance topics, gave time for attendees to read through both, and then broke everyone into groups for discussion.

The Superintendent thanked everyone for participating.

C. The Ethical Imperative and the Environment, Social and Governance Imperative

- "The Directors College Code of Ethical Conduct"
- "The Legal and Fiduciary Duties of Directors"
- "Sustainability: Environmental and Social Issues Briefing"

The Superintendent requested that attendees share their thoughts on how the district is environmentally focused. The following feedback was received:

- Pride in food security programming, poverty reduction, green initiatives
- Celebrating student activism, engagement, and voice
- Thoughtfulness of Aboriginal Education department in thinking about who their audience is and how best to connect

- New busses
- Inclusion of technology ie: Zoom, less travelling
- Positive switch to LED lighting
- Use of social media platforms to share content
- Sharing of information regarding grants, social networking opportunities

11. Policy Priority List/Annual Plan

12. Question Period

The Board Chair made a note that Committee Chairs will be elected at the next meeting in March.

13. Meeting Schedule & Reminders

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for March 9, 2021 at the Nelson Board Office.

14. Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 PM.

Committee Chair

Secretary-Treasurer