

**MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD IN PUBLIC - MINUTES
HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

In person: School Board Office – 811 Stanley Street, Nelson, BC
and via video conference

Board:

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

District Staff:

T. Smillie, Superintendent
T. Stoneman, Interim Secretary-Treasurer
N. Howald, Director of Information Technology *(via video conference)*
D. Holitzki, Director of Inclusive Education *(via video conference)*
C. Singh, Director of Human Resources *(via video conference)*
B. Eaton, Director of Innovative Learning *(via video conference)*
C. Kerr, Director of Operations *(via video conference)*
N. Ross, District Principal of Innovative Learning *(via video conference)*
T. Malloff, District Principal of Innovative Learning *(via video conference)*
H. Kerr, Executive Assistant *(via video conference)*
S. Whale, Executive Assistant

Student Trustees:

R. Klassen, Kootenay River Secondary School *(via video conference)*
N. Holland, Mount Sentinel Secondary School *(via video conference)*
Z. Lamoureux, J.V. Humphries Secondary School *(via video conference)*
S. Van Donselaar, L.V. Rogers Secondary School *(via video conference)*

Partners:

K. Walgren, KLTF *(via video conference)*
R. Sherman, KLPVPA *(via video conference)*
A. Early, CUPE *(via video conference)*
R. Bens, CUPE *(via video conference)*
C. Bayly, DPAC *(via video conference)*
N. Nazaroff, DPAC *(via video conference)*

Guests:

J. Bate *(via video conference)*
K. Wray *(via video conference)*
P. Wedman *(via video conference)*
T. Harper *(via video conference)*
S. Maloff *(via video conference)*
T. Schafer *(via video conference)*
J. McMurray *(via video conference)*
S. McGregor *(via video conference)*

Regrets:

S. Chew, Trustee

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 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. Changes to the Proposed Agenda

4. Adoption of Agenda

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 21/22-024

THAT the Agenda for this February 15, 2022 meeting **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

5. Receiving Presentations – Nil

6. Comments or Questions from the Public regarding items on this Agenda

A member of the public inquired about a perceived lack of Mental Health Support for students at L.V. Rogers Secondary School and if there might be a change of Service Model. The Superintendent responded that there were no budget cuts to LVR and Mental Wellness Services would be extremely important. She noted that this topic would be followed-up with LVR principal.

7. Consent Package - Nil

8. Adoption of Minutes

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 21/22-025

THAT the minutes from the January 18, 2022 Meeting of the Board held in public
BE ADOPTED.

9. Future and Action Item Tracking

A Trustee requested to have resolution 19/20-079 “Acknowledgement of systemic racism” changed to “in progress” instead of “complete” and have an updated list of actions taken added.

A Trustee asked for an update of resolution 19/20-038 regarding Seamless Day which was provided by the Superintendent.

10. Education

A. COVID-19 Update

The Superintendent reported that:

- The School Board directed the Superintendent to develop a process for Proof of Vaccination regarding COVID-19
- Following that direction on January 27, the local Medical Health Officer issued a directive following an Order, made under the Public Health Act, requiring SD8 to collect vaccination status information for all employees by March 1, 2022
- By March 11 the Administrative Procedure will be in full implementation
- Frequently asked questions document and other supporting documents are posted on website

- SD8 would be supporting Province with distributing rapid test
- Ministry of Education allowed return of extracurricular sports

B. Annual Literacy Report

The Superintendent informed the Board that the attached report describes supports, resources, and goals to ensure all students are literate as they leave the education system.

Two District Principals introduced themselves and presented on the subject including:

- Literacy Goal
- Literacy Action Plan
- Early Literacy Profile
- Intermediate, Middle and Secondary School: Full implementation next year
- Teacher supports provided like Online Literacy Workshops, Literacy Resource Hub, Community of practice

A Trustee inquired about First Nations students in primary level and asked how many Nominal Roll status children would be provided with program and if outreach program would be in place to target Nominal Roll student and status students. The District Principal responded that she would have an answer at a later date. The Trustee inquired to have this item added to the next Board Meeting.

C. Board Authority Authorized Courses and Programs of Choice

The Director of Innovative Learning introduced the BAA courses and programs of choice according to the attachment. No course requests have been submitted.

D. Student Laptop Pilot Project

The Superintendent reiterated that for the 2021-2022 school year the district initiated a student pilot laptop project.

The Director of Innovative Learning noted that the goal of this project was to enable student access to devices to improve and support student success. Furthermore, he noted that the student, parent and teacher survey results were circulated as a handout.

11. Operations and Finance

A. Surplus Property Sales

The Secretary-Treasurer referred to the attached media releases regarding two property disposals namely, Kin Park and Yahk properties.

B. 2021-2022 Amended Budget

The Interim Secretary-Treasurer presented the 2021-2022 Amended Budget in detail, which was previously reviewed and recommended at the Operations & Finance Committee of the Whole meeting.

The Interim Secretary-Treasurer reflected to the Board that at the January 18th meeting a Budget with approximately \$200k deficit was presented. She reported that staffing budgets were revised

with departments and cost savings for this year were identified. These changes allowed the District to reach a balanced budget.

A Trustee requested more details regarding the deficit, which were provided by staff.

Trustees thanked the Interim Secretary-Treasurer for the balanced budget, for providing thorough presentation and for answering many questions prior to this meeting.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 21/22-026

- i. **THAT** the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2021/2022 be read three times at this meeting;
- ii. **THAT** the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2021/2022 **BE APPROVED** as read a first time;
- iii. **THAT** the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2021/2022 **BE APPROVED** as read a second time;
- iv. **THAT** the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2021/2022 as read a third time and final time, be passed and **BE ADOPTED**.

12. Governance and Policy - Nil

13. Human Resources - Nil

14. Trustee Reports

A. Trustees

Trustee Coons reported that she attended a Committee Meeting for the BCSTA Annual General Meeting.

Trustee Lang shared that she attended CUPE Labour Management Meeting, several Bargaining Preparation Meetings, BCPSEA Board Meeting, BCPSEA AGM Committee Meeting, Working Sessions and Facilities Meetings.

Trustee Walsh attended Facilities Meetings, PAC Meetings, Anti-Racism Training and Advisory Council Meeting.

B. Chair

Chair Trenaman attended the Anti-Racism Training and encouraged all Trustees to attend. Furthermore, she shared that she attended an Anti-Racism Advisory Committee Meeting, a motion building Pro-D session, a Crawford Bay and Redfish PAC Meetings, a BCSTA Committee Meeting called Inclusive Education Working Group, a webinar Respectful Workplace and Difficult Conversations and Board Chair Meetings.

C. BCSTA

Trustee Nazaroff attended the BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting.

D. BCPSEA

E. RDCK – Nil

F. Other Committees – Nil

G. Student Trustees

Student Trustee Van Donselaar from L.V. Rogers Secondary School provided an update, including:

- Bathrooms renovations are on-going and they are working on maintenance issues
- Student Council is looking into recycling programs for the school
- Legacy project: change a room to give it a first-year university atmosphere with a lounge as a safe place

Student Trustee Lamoureux from J.V. Humphries Secondary School provided an update, including:

- Exciting initiatives at school like a student parliament, started a breakfast club, weekly high school contests to win hot lunches
- Students run the assembly and weekly joke contest

Student Trustee Klassen, Kootenay River Secondary School Klaassen provided an update, including:

- Basketball Season is wrapping up and girls' soccer is starting soon
- Yeti outdoor education program is a success
- Leadership classes with fun activities around school
- Overall a hopeful atmosphere despite COVID-19

Student Trustee Holland from Mount Sentinel Secondary School provided an update, including:

- Students prepare with Counsellor Pink-Shirt Day activities to include the whole school
- Virtual meeting with BC lions football team
- Grad photos been taken by a local photographer

15. Comments or Questions from the Public

A member from the public inquired if there is a plan in place to ensure children's education would be uninterrupted if teachers would fail to comply with the mandatory rapid antigen testing and go for an unpaid leave.

The Superintendent responded that the District would be collecting vaccination status by March 1, and that staff would be required to submit their preference if they decline to share their vaccine status. She noted that the District would have a plan in place for those that decide to go on a leave.

16. Meeting Schedule and Reminders

A. Board Meetings

The next Open meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2022.

17. Adjournment of Meeting

The Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.



Board Chair



Interim Secretary-Treasurer