



## MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD IN PUBLIC - MINUTES

HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 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  
B. Coons (*via video conference*)  
A. Gribbin (*via video conference*)  
B. Maslechko (*via video conference*)  
C. Beebe (*via video conference*)  
S. Chew

### **District Staff:**

T. Smillie, Superintendent  
J. Hanlon, Interim Secretary-Treasurer  
T. Stoneman, Interim Secretary-Treasurer (*via video conference*)  
N. Howald, Director of Information Technology  
D. Holitzki, Director of Inclusive Education  
C. Singh, Director of Human Resources  
B. Eaton, Director of Innovative Learning  
C. Kerr, Director of Operations (*via video conference*)  
G. Higginbottom, District Principal Aboriginal Education  
N. Ross, District Principal of Innovative Learning (*via video conference*)  
T. Malloff, District Principal of Innovative Learning (*via video conference*)  
F. Maika, Manager of Public Engagement  
S. Shaw, Manager of Finance  
H. Kerr, Executive Assistant  
S. Whale, Executive Assistant

### **Student Trustees:**

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

### **Partners:**

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

### **Guests:**

P. Wedman (*via video conference*)  
J. McMurray (*via video conference*)  
S. L. McGregor (*via video conference*)  
C. Berger (*via video conference*)  
S. Motoki (*via video conference*)  
Shelby (*via video conference*)  
A. Nobert (*via video conference*)

**1. Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order at 5:03 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**

Item 12A updated resolution to send Policy 251 back to staff for review.

Item 12C updated resolution to send Policy 330 back to staff for review.

Added Item 12D: Policy 642: Procurement and Purchasing.

**4. Adoption of Agenda**

**UPON** a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 21/22-029

**THAT** the Agenda for this March 8, 2022 meeting **BE ADOPTED**, as amended.

**5. Receiving Presentations – Nil**

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

*The public will post comments or questions in the Q&A area on the webinar. These will be read aloud during the meeting.*

**7. Consent Package**

**8. Adoption of Minutes**

**UPON** a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 21/22-030

**THAT** the minutes from the February 15, 2022 Meeting of the Board held in public

and the February 24, 2022 Special Meeting of the Board held in public **BE ADOPTED**.

**9. Future and Action Item Tracking - Nil**

**10. Education**

A. COVID-19 Update

The Superintendent provided a summary on COVID-19 updates including:

- Proof of Vaccination Procedures implementation has been extended to April 11<sup>th</sup>
- Summary of changes to Public Health Orders

B. Numeracy Report

District Principals of Innovative Learning introduced themselves and outlined the annual Numeracy Report for the 2021-2022 school year.

The Board thanked the District Principals and their team for their efforts.

C. Trustee Inquiry: Early Learning Participation Query

District Principal of Aboriginal Education elaborated on this inquiry that came forward by a Trustee at the February Board Meeting. She noted that it was a one-time school specific initiative in 2021 and the intention would be that SD8 uses the knowledge district wide.

**11. Operations and Finance**

A. Enrolment Projections 2022-2023

The Interim Secretary-Treasurer announced that annual projections have been completed by February 15, 2022. She noted that an enrolment decline was recorded which will create a funding challenge for the District.

Points of clarification by Trustees were responded to.

B. Long-Range Facilities Plan

The Interim Secretary-Treasurer reported that the Board organised Facilities Meetings with all six families of schools. The Board received minimal feedback and interaction with the public and therefore it was suggested that the Board would include facility discussions in the preliminary annual budget discussions.

**UPON** a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 21/22-031

**THAT** Resolution 16/17-036: 'The Board have an annual meeting in each family of schools to talk about the Facilities Plan.', **BE RESCINDED.**

C. 2022-2023 Budget Development & Schedule revised

The Interim Secretary-Treasurer advised that the attached Budget Development Process & Schedule has been slightly updated.

**12. Governance and Policy:**

A. Section 200 Policies

- Policy 250: Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Devices
- Policy 251: Cannabis
- Policy 260: Scent Free Environment

The Superintendent updated about the suggested changes which were reviewed at the G&P Committee Meeting earlier in the day and noted that Policy 251 would be sent back to staff for further review.

**UPON** a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 21/22-032

**THAT** updated Policy 250 and 260 **BE APPROVED** for field testing.

B. Policy 530: Public Interest Disclosure

The Superintendent reported that this policy has been updated, renamed and aligned directly to the legislation.



**UPON** a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 21/22-033

**THAT** the revised and renamed Policy 530: Public Interest Disclosure **BE APPROVED** for field testing.

C. Section 300 Policies

- Policy 311: Illegal Use of Drugs and/or Alcohol
- Policy 320: Student Attendance
- Policy 321: Student Withdrawal
- Policy 330: Sexual Orientation Gender Identity

**UPON** a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 21/22-034

**THAT** the updated Policies 311 and 320 **BE APPROVED** for field testing;

and **THAT** Policy 321 **BE RESCINDED**;

and **THAT** the contents of Policy 321 be reviewed by staff for inclusion in the Administrative Procedures 321.1.

It was noted that Policy 330 would be sent back to Staff for further review.

D. Policy 642: Procurement and Purchasing

**UPON** a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 21/22-035

**THAT** the updated Policy 642 **BE APPROVED**.

*One Trustee was opposed.*

**13. Human Resources: Nil**

**14. Trustee Reports**

A. Trustees

Trustee Lang reported that she attended CUPE Labour Management meetings, Facilities meetings, BCPSEA meetings, the Student Symposium and she worked in a recruitment committee for a senior level executive position.

Trustee Walsh shared that she attended Facilities meetings, D-PAC and PAC meetings, the Student Symposium, Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Webinars, presentations on various topics, the Aboriginal Education Committee and the Anti-Racism Advisory Council.

Trustee Coons reported that she attended the Anti-Racism Advisory Council, a D-PAC meeting, BCSTA meetings and she is taking reconciliation online course.

B. Chair

Chair Trenaman reported that she attended a Joint Safety Committee meeting, BCPSEA Chair and Superintendent meetings, D-PAC and PAC Crawford Bay meetings, the Anti-Racism Advisory Council, the Student Symposium, Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Webinars and BCSTA Board Chair meetings.

C. BCSTA

Vice-Chair Nazaroff reported on the upcoming BCSTA AGM in Vancouver from April 21-23, 2022.

Trustee Coons noted that this event will be led by elders and it would be a very special event.

D. BCPSEA

E. RDCK

F. Other Committees

G. Student Trustees

Student Trustee Piller from Mount Sentinel Secondary School shared the following updates:

- Celebrating 7 years “From the Heart” with a film at the Capitol Theatre
- Raised \$180 with Pink Shirt Day which will be donated to the BC children hospital
- Student Trustee Piller and Student Trustee Holland attended the Student Symposium and were glad to be part of it

Student Trustee Klassen from Kootenay River Secondary School shared the following updates:

- Participation at Student Symposium was an enlightening educational experience and they had meaningful conversations
- Basketball season coming to close, Teams did well
- Everybody is wrapping up activities for spring break and there is lots of springtime happiness at school

S. Van Donselaar, L.V. Rogers Secondary School shared the following updates:

- Student Trustee Van Donselaar and Student Trustee Kitch attended the Student Symposium, which was very impactful for them
- Celebration of International Women’s Month and specifically today was International Women’s Day where students and staff wore purple clothes
- Fund raiser planned with a bake sale to donate for the women’s shelter
- Seminars planned around gender equality for students and staff to learn ways to support students that have experienced discrimination.

The Chair thanked Student Trustees for their attendance at the Board Meetings and she acknowledged that it was a long Board Meeting day.

## 15. Comments or Questions from the Public

Members from the public made inquiries and comments about the following topics:

- Safety regarding rapid testing
- Process of rapid testing
- Reason for redacting items in the consent package
- If there are any chances the Board may consider rescinding the vaccination policy
- What tools and support the administrators were given to understand the complexities of anti-racism for choosing the students for the Student Symposium
- What SD8 had in mind for next year's Black diaspora culture and history month in February
- Distribution of antigen tests to students and lack of communication for some parents

The Superintendent responded to all questions and received all comments for further consideration.

## 16. Meeting Schedule and Reminders


### A. Board Meetings

The next Meeting of the Board held in the public is scheduled for April 26, 2022.

## 17. Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

  
Board Chair

  
Past Interim Secretary-Treasurer