



**MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD IN PUBLIC
MINUTES**

HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

In person at the School Board Office and via video conference

Board:

L. Trenaman, Chair
S. Nazarov, Vice-Chair
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*)
S. Chew (*via video conference*)

District Staff:

T. Smillie, Superintendent
J. Glaudemans, Secretary-Treasurer
D. Holitzki, Director of Instruction – Equity, Inclusion & Reconciliation
C. Singh, Director of Human Resources
B. Eaton, Director of Instruction – Innovative Learning Services
C. Kerr, Director of Operations
N. Ross, District Principal – Innovative Learning Services
T. Malloff, District Principal – Innovative Learning Services
G. Higginbottom, District Principal – Aboriginal Education
J. Schmidt, District Principal – International Education
F. Maika, Public Engagement Manager
S. Whale, Executive Assistant

Partners:

D. Adams, KLPVPA (*via video conference*)
A. Early, CUPE (*via video conference*)
R. Bens, CUPE (*via video conference*)
D. Leeming, KLTF (*via video conference*)
D. Kunzelman, KLTF (*via video conference*)

Guests:

J. Baumgardner
T. Ziemer (*via video conference*)
S.-L. McGregor (*via video conference*)
J. McMurray (*via video conference*)
Kathy (*via video conference*)
Shelby (*via video conference*)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm.

The Chair welcomed everyone back to the first meeting of the 2022-2023 school year and acknowledged and thanked all SD8 employees.

The Chair discussed the proceedings on conducting the meeting.

2. Acknowledgement of Aboriginal Territory

3. Changes to the Proposed Agenda

Added 11D: Monthly Financial Report

4. Adoption of Agenda

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 22/23-001

THAT the Agenda for this September 13, 2022 meeting **BE ADOPTED**, as amended.

5. Receiving Presentations – Nil

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

7. Consent Package

8. Adoption of Minutes

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 22/23-002

THAT the minutes from the June 21, 2022 Meeting of the Board held in public **BE**

ADOPTED.

9. Future and Action Item Tracking

10. Education

A. 2021/2022 Enhancing Student Learning Report and 2022/2023 School Learning Plans

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 22/23-003

THAT the 2021/2022 Enhancing Student Learning Report and 2022/2023 School Learning Plans **BE APPROVED.**

B. Inclusion, Equity, and Diversity Report

The Director of Instruction – Equity, Inclusion & Reconciliation introduced the first Inclusion, Equity and Diversity Report and noted that this report would speak to meaningful inclusion of all learners. She shared a presentation including:

- Purpose: Increase learners' sense of belonging, connectedness, mental health and wellness
- Guiding document: Special Education Services - A Manual of Policies, Procedures and Guidelines
- Action Plan 2022-2023
- Celebrating our SOGI students & staff
- Mental Health and Social Emotional Learning
- Compassionate Systems Leadership
- Support for Vulnerable Students
- Updated Inclusion Policy 450 (replaces student services policy)

Trustees thanked the Director of Instruction – Equity, Inclusion & Reconciliation and her team for what was presented to the Board.

C. Anti-Racism Report

The District Principal of International Education and District Principal of Aboriginal Education noted that this would be foundational work for both their portfolios and provided a presentation including:

- Purpose
- Next steps for 2022-2023:
 - Focus on learning, reconciliation and resources
 - How to leverage at home, school and community
 - Develop process to monitor
 - Process of restitution

The Chair thanked them for their presentation and in-depth report. The Vice-Chair added that next steps would be challenging work and wanted them to know that the Board would be with them on that journey to help and guide.

Other Trustees expressed their excitement for this work and gratitude as well.

D. Trustee Inquiry - Youth Trades Funding

The Superintendent introduced this topic explaining that this question came up from a Trustee at the last Public Board Meeting.

The Director of Instruction of Innovative Learning Services and the District Principal of Innovative Learning Services provided a brief update on the memo including:

- SD8 offers several programs to support students in career graduation program pathways
- Youth Work in Trades is SD8's apprenticeship program
- Youth Trades Training is a foundation programs with dual credits at the colleges
- 2 college partners in our district: College of the Rockies and Selkirk College
- How program is funded

A Trustee requested more details around the two colleges.

The District Principal of Innovative Learning Services elaborated that the programs at the College of the Rockies and Selkirk College would be very similar in nature and discussed details around length and amount of credits earned.

Another Trustee requested more details around accessibility and support for rural communities. The District Principal of Innovative Learning Services noted that they ensure that students have opportunities through an apprenticeship program and the supports that are provided would be very similar to any of the supports that students and families would be seeking towards post-secondary education.

E. Student Trustee Program 2022-2023

The Director of Instruction of Innovative Learning Services presented the Student Trustee Program for 2022-2023 and noted that the process would be similar to previous years. Applications would start to come in between September 16th and September 26th. He provided more details around Student Trustees' role in the Board of Education and their attendance at Meetings.

11. Operations and Finance

A. Capital Operations Plan Update

The Secretary-Treasurer Introduced the Director of Operations and mentioned that despite labour challenges and increased costs, several of projects were successfully completed.

The Director of Operations discussed each project his team is working on or completed as presented in the enclosed Memo.

B. Ventilation Update

The Director of Operations discussed the Ministry of Education and Child Care's requirements of providing a healthy air standard for all students and staff by the installation of MERV filters and what the additional cost estimate is as outlined in the enclosed Memo.

C. Special Purpose Funds 2022-2023

The Secretary-Treasurer announced that the Ministry of Education and Child Care has provided additional funding of \$175,000 to expand child care on school grounds and a Student and Family Affordability Fund for \$553,554.

The Superintendent discussed details of these funds and advised that the Student and Family Affordability Fund would be a one-time fund that must be spent by June 30, 2023.

A Trustee inquired about the concept of timeline, which was answered by the Superintendent which indicated that she would like to move forward on this as soon as reasonably possible.

D. Financial Report period ended June 30, 2022

A Trustee had an inquiry on page 3 of the handout regarding revenue statement and wondered if the last line \$148k remaining would indicate that grants haven't been received yet.

The Secretary-Treasurer advised that revenues would be slightly lower than what was budgeted and this difference would amount \$148k.

Also, the trustee congratulated staff for a slight surplus by year end.

12. Governance and Policy – Nil

13. Human Resources:

A. 2022-2023 Superintendent Succession Designate

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

22/23-004

THAT the Temporary Superintendent Succession Plan **BE APPROVED.**

14. Trustee Reports

A. Trustees

- Vice-Chair Nazaroff reported that she attended the first PAC meeting last night. She wanted to share that the Oaxaca Program is back, where students would go to Mexico and help build houses with community members.
- Trustee Walsh reported that she participated at the Legends Logos Tour on Kootenay Lake and the Nelson Pride Parade. She attended the first PAC meeting at LVR and is planning to attend the South Nelson PAC.
- Trustee Gribbin reported that a community member put in many volunteer hours at KRSS to upgrade the basketball court.
- Trustee Lang reported that she attended a Legislative Committee Meeting with BCSTA and the Kootenay Boundary Branch Meeting. At that time she was appointed as Chair of the Kootenay Boundary Branch School Trustee Group
- Trustee Chew reported that work on outdoor space projects progressed over the summer in Salmo, and it resulted in pickle ball courts, tennis court and half a basketball court plus and a skate park area, which is very well received in the community.
- Trustee Maslechko thanked Executive Assistant for her support providing him with agendas and that he was surprised to hear that she was leaving SD8.

B. Chair

The Chair reported that she attended the Legends Logos Tour on Kootenay Lake, the Nelson Pride Parade and a BCSTA Board Chair Meeting. She acknowledged that there were only two meetings left with the current Board. Furthermore, she congratulated Trustee Lang and Vice-Chair Nazaroff for taking nominations at the Kootenay Boundary Branch AGM.

C. BCSTA - Nil

D. BCPSEA - Nil

E. RDCK - Nil

F. Other Committees - Nil

G. Student Trustees - Nil

15. Comments or Questions from the Public

A CUPE representative had an inquiry regarding the Financial Report that was answered by the Secretary-Treasurer.

16. Meeting Schedule and Reminders

A. Board Meetings

The next Meeting of the Board held in the public is scheduled for September 27, 2022.

17. Adjournment of Meeting

The Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer