

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

HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 08, 2022

In person at the School Board Office and via video conference

Board:

M. J. Blackmore
J. Bremner
S. Chew
K. Etheridge
A. Gribbin
D. Lang
S. Nazaroff
M. Shunter
L. Trenaman

District Staff:

T. Smillie, Superintendent
J. Glaudemans, Secretary-Treasurer
D. Holitzki, Director of Instruction – Equity, Inclusion & Reconciliation
N. Ross – Early Years & Elementary Learning
C. Singh, Director of Human Resources (*via video conference*)
B. Eaton, Director of Instruction – Innovative Learning Services (*via video conference*)
C. Kerr, Acting Director of Operations
S. Bruskowski, Executive Assistant

Student Trustees:

R. Fisher, L.V. Rogers
P. Gatto-Beebe, Kootenay River Secondary
N. Holland, Mount Sentinel
A. Stuart, Salmo Secondary

Guests:

Chief Constable Donovan Fisher, Nelson Police Department
Constable Robert Siu, RCMP
The Honourable Judge Craig Sicotte, Provincial Court of British Columbia

1. Call to Order – Secretary Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

2. Acknowledgement of Aboriginal Territory

3. Oath of Office

The Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that Mary Jayne Blackmore, Julie Bremner, Susan Chew, Kathy Etheridge, Allan Gribbin, Dawn Lang, Sharon Nazaroff, Murray Shunter, and Lenora Trenaman are the newly elected Trustees of the SD8 Board of Education.

The Secretary-Treasurer welcomed the Honourable Judge Craig Sicotte, Provincial Court of British Columbia, Chief Constable Donovan Fisher of the Nelson Police Department, and Constable Robert Siu, of the Nelson RCMP detachment who came to witness the inauguration ceremony of the new Trustees.

The Honourable Judge Craig Sicotte swore in/affirmed all Trustees.

The Secretary-Treasurer declared the Board of Education constituted as per November 08, 2022.

The Secretary-Treasurer introduced and welcomed 2022-2023 Student Trustees and thanked them for bringing in their voice to the Board of the Education.

The Secretary-Treasurer thanked the Honourable Judge Craig Sicotte, Chief Constable Donovan Fisher, and Constable Robert Siu for participating in the oath of office. The Judge congratulated the Trustees and thanked them for taking on the responsibilities of their new roles. The public representatives, the Honourable Judge Craig Sicotte, Provincial Court of British Columbia, Chief Constable Donovan Fisher, and Constable Robert Siu, General Duty Investigations, Nelson RCMP left the meeting.

4. Adoption of Agenda

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 22/23-014

THAT the Agenda for this November 08, 2022 meeting **BE ADOPTED** as circulated.

The motion was carried unanimously.

5. Election of Board Chair Person

Trustee Trenaman was declared Chair of the Board of Education.

The Secretary-Treasurer transferred the meeting Chair position to Chair Trenaman.

Chair Trenaman expressed that she looks forward to working with everyone on the Board and to discuss any concerns.

6. Election of Board Vice-Chairperson

Trustee Lang was declared Vice-Chair.

7. Election of Board Representatives

A. British Columbia School Trustees Association Provincial Council Representative

Vice-Chair Lang explained the work of the BCSTA and the BCPSEA and the roles of their representatives as well as short insights about work that has been done in the past.

Trustee Chew was declared the BCSTA representative.

B. British Columbia Public School Employers Association Representative

Trustee Nazaroff was declared the BCPSEA representative.

C. British Columbia School Trustees Association Provincial Council Alternate

Trustee Shunter was declared the BCSTA alternate.

D. British Columbia Public School Employers Association Alternate

Trustee Gribbin was declared the BCPSEA alternate.

E. Partner Advisory Committee Chairs

- Education Partner Advisory Committee

Trustee Blackmore was declared Education Partner Advisory Committee Chair.

- Operations & Finance Partner Advisory Committee

Trustee Etheridge was declared the Operations & Finance Partner Advisory Committee Chair.

- Policy Partner Advisory Committee

Trustee Bremner was declared the Policy Partner Advisory Committee Chair.

8. Destruction of the Ballots

A. Destruction of Ballots

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 22/23-015

THAT the ballots for the election of School District 8 Kootenay Lake 2022-2023 Board Chair, Vice-Chair, Provincial Representatives, and Partner Advisory Chairs **BE DESTROYED.**

The motion was carried unanimously.

9. Receiving Presentations – Nil

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

No comments or questions were raised from the public.

11. Consent Package

No questions or remarks were raised regarding the consent package.

12. Adoption of Minutes

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 22/23-016

THAT the minutes from the October 11, 2022 Meeting of the Board held in public **BE ADOPTED** as circulated.

The motion was carried unanimously.

13. Future and Action Item Tracking

No questions or remarks were raised regarding future and action item tracking.

14. Education – Reports from Superintendent

A. Early Years Report

The Superintendent outlined that the Early Years Report is a continuing learning report. It provides updates and a deep analysis about specific areas of learning. Further information can be found on the SD8 website.

District Principal Ross presented the Early Years Report, sharing the highlights.

SD8 has three main goals in early learning this year:

- to develop a repository of data sets that enable schools and district staff to understand what is impacting our early years learners focusing on social, emotional and literacy data;
- to seek opportunities for SD8 staff to be involved in provincial and regional initiatives, especially as these focus on school connectedness for learners and their families;
- to strengthen our community early years, partnerships, as we know that this contributes to positive transitions for our children and families as they enter Kindergarten.

The goals in the early years report are aligned with the learning goals in the current SD8 strategic plan and the Enhancing Student Learning Report.

B. Winter Concert Schedule Memo

The Superintendent outlined that winter celebrations will be in person events. Local Trustees will be invited by school principals in the upcoming weeks.

15. Operations and Finance – Nil

16. Governance and Policy – Nil

17. Human Resources – Nil

18. Trustee Reports

A. Trustees

Trustees Blackmore and Gribbin reported from the Indigenous Veterans' Day in Creston they both attended.

Trustees Lang and Nazaroff reported from the Kootenay Branch AGM where school districts of the Kootenays meet, exchange, and build motions together as a region. A branch meeting will be held at the BCSTA Academy in Vancouver.

B. Chair

C. BCSTA

D. BCPSEA

E. RDCK

The Chair reported on the grant assessment that took place in the last RDCK (REC-10) meeting.

F. Other Committees

G. Student Trustees

Student trustees Gatto-Beebe,

Holland, and

Fisher each reported on their work as trustee and areas of focus.

19. Comments or Questions from the Public

No comments or questions were raised by the public.

Meeting Schedule and Reminders

A. Board Meetings

The next Meeting of the Board held in the public is scheduled for December 13, 2022.

20. Adjournment of Meeting

The Meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.



Board Chair



Secretary-Treasurer