

**EDUCATION PARTNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022**

Board:

L. Trenaman, Chair
D. Lang, Vice-Chair (*via video conference*)
M. J. Blackmore
J. Bremner
S. Chew (*via video conference*)
K. Etheridge (*via video conference*)
A. Gribbin
S. Nazaroff
M. Shunter

District Staff:

T. Smillie, Superintendent
J. Glaudemans, Secretary-Treasurer
B. Eaton, District Director of Instruction – Innovative Learning
D. Holitzki, District Director of Instruction – Equity, Inclusion & Diversity
C. Kerr, Director of Operations (*via video conference*)
C. Singh, Director of Human Resources
S. Bruskowski, Executive Assistant

Partners:

M. Bennett, CUPE
A. Cavicchi, CUPE
J. Halton, ACE (*via video conference*)
T. Stokes, DPAC (*via video conference*)
K. Walgren, KLTF (*via video conference*)
T. Ziemer, DPAC (*via video conference*)

Regrets:

S. Kalabis, KLPVPA
L. MacKay, KLPVPA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:36 PM.

2. Acknowledgement of Aboriginal Territory

3. Changes to Proposed Agenda - Nil

4. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda for this December 13, 2022 meeting, was adopted, as circulated.

5. Receiving Presentations - Nil

6. Opportunity for Comments by the Public regarding items on this Agenda –

A member of the public asked whether the Strategic Plan will be expanded to address pre-Kindergarten students as well.

The same member of the public pointed out that the abbreviation “PAC” can be misleading as it is used both for Parent Advisory Council as well as Partner Advisory Committee. The Superintendent announced that the full name of either is to be used in the future in minutes and agendas.

7. Correspondence - Nil

8. Adoption of Minutes – Nil

9. Unfinished Business – Nil

10. New Business

A. Terms of Reference

The Superintendent presented the Terms of Reference for the Education Partner Advisory Committee.

One Trustee asked whether questions can be raised during meetings or if they should be handed in ahead of time. The Superintendent clarified that the intention of the Partner Advisory Committees is to allow open discussions, so questions can be brought up during the meetings.

B. Strategic Plan Public Engagement

The Superintendent outlined the Strategic Plan Public Engagement as provided in the agenda and presented the process to update the Strategic Plan. This will articulate the Board’s vision and mission, values, and priorities for Education in School District 8 (Kootenay Lake). The process will include public engagement and in each stage of the engagement process SD8 will keep partners informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how partner input influenced the Strategic Plan.

C. Framework for Enhancing Student Learning

The Superintendent invited the Director of Instruction – Innovative Learning, B. Eaton to present the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning. District goals are aligned with partners in Education such as the Ministry of Education and Childcare. Director Eaton presented data levels for decision making such as school surveys. The goal for Enhancing Student Learning is that students will meet or exceed curricular expectations in areas like literacy and numeracy proficiency, or career development. Proficiency in these as well as postsecondary transitions can be indicators for the outcome of Student Learning. School District 8 (Kootenay Lake) aims to increase graduation rates, gain parity between Indigenous and non-Indigenous learners, and provide support to students with diverse needs. The 2022-2023 School Learning Plans have a new structure where the spiral of inquiry is embedded throughout.

11. Comments or Questions from the Public - Nil

12. Meeting Schedule & Reminders

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for January 10, 2023. The time will be set at the agenda setting meeting December 14.

13. Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 PM.

[Redacted Signature]

Committee Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer