

MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD IN PUBLIC
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023

Board:

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

District Staff:

T. Smillie, Superintendent
C. MacArthur, Interim Secretary-Treasurer
B. Eaton, Director of Instruction – Innovative Learning
D. Holitzki, Director of Instruction – Equity, Inclusion & Diversity
C. Kerr, Director of Operations
N. Muzzio, Manager of Information Technology (*via video conference*)
C. Singh, Director of Human Resources
S. Bruskowski, Executive Assistant

Student Trustees:

R. Fisher, LVR
N. Holland, Mount Sentinel
S. Piller, Mount Sentinel

Guests:

Samantha Gambling, *BC Chapter Coordinator – The Coalition of Healthy School Food BC*

Regrets:

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1. Call to Order

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

2. Acknowledgement of Aboriginal Territory

3. Changes to the Proposed Agenda – Nil

4. Adoption of Agenda

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 22/23-055

THAT the Agenda for this June 13, 2023 meeting **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Receiving Presentations

A. BC Chapter of the Coalition for Healthy Food

This agenda item was deferred to after agenda item 10A. Minutes are kept here to align with the agenda structure.

Samantha Gambling held a presentation on behalf of the BC Chapter of the Coalition for Healthy Food and asked the Board for support in their advocacy for a national healthy school food program. The goal of the program is to improve food literacy as well as access to nutritious food for all students in Canada.

The BC Chapter of the Coalition for Healthy Food encourages the School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) Board of education to support their work by joining others to advocate for the program.

The Board will consider next steps in a future meeting.

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

Interim Secretary-Treasurer MacArthur outlined that some payments are processed at the end of the school year and will be reflected in the *Transactions over 50k* report as part of the next agenda package.

7. Consent Package – Nil

8. Adoption of Minutes

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 22/23-056

THAT the minutes from the May 09, 2023 Meeting of the Board held in public **BE**

ADOPTED, as circulated.

The motion carried unanimously.

9. Future and Action Item Tracking – Nil

10. Education

A. Enhancing Student Learning Report and School Learning Plans

Superintendent Smillie invited Director Eaton to present the Enhancing Student Learning Report and School Learning Plans for approval. The Enhancing Student Learning Report is aligned with strategic priorities of the district as well as the mandate of the district. The report as well as the School Learning Plans can be found on the SD8 website. Director Eaton thanked senior staff, the district leadership learning team, as well as the family of schools for their work on creating the framework and the School Learning Plans.

Trustees expressed their gratitude for the School Learning Tours and support for the work to develop the reports.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 22/23-057

THAT the 2022-2023 Enhancing Student Learning Report and School Learning Plans

BE APPROVED.

The motion carried with one opposed.

Samantha Gambling held a presentation on behalf of the BC Chapter of the Coalition for Healthy Food (see item 5A of the minutes).

11. Operations and Finance

A. Video Surveillance Memo

Interim Secretary-Treasurer MacArthur explained that the district is required to have an annual review of the video surveillance practices. Manager of IT Muzzio declared that there were no changes in the district's video surveillance practices from the previous year.

12. Governance and Policy

A. Approve 2025-2026 School Calendar

Superintendent Smillie presented the 2025-2026 School Calendar for approval. The calendar had been posted for field testing. No feedback was received from the public.

Superintendent Smillie outlined the process that allows unions, partners, staff, and the public to provide input.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 22/23-058

THAT the 2025-2026 School Calendar **BE APPROVED.**

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Policy Approval

Superintendent Smillie presented Policy 771: Transportation for Independent School Students for approval. The policy was revised to incorporate a standing resolution into an existing policy to ensure all cost for providing these services are covered. No feedback was received during field testing.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 22/23-059

THAT Policy 771 **BE APPROVED.**

The motion carried unanimously.

13. Human Resources – Nil

14. Other Items – Nil

15. Trustee Reports

A. Trustees

- Trustee Bremner sent her congratulations to the LVR graduates. She enjoyed their graduation ceremony as well as the school learning tours where she received a lot of positive feedback from schools on the new Strategic Plan.
- Vice-Chair Lang expressed her gratitude to everyone on the Board, to the committee chairs, the Superintendent, and the entire staff for their hard work.
- Trustee Shunter reported from a meeting with Lower Kootenay Band and gave a shoutout to the Student Pow-Wow. Trustee Shunter added a shoutout to former Superintendent Bill Maslechko who attended the Hume celebration and held a speech.
- Trustee Blackmore reported from the meeting with Lower Kootenay Band as well as the district Pow-Wow. The Festival of the Arts allowed students from different schools to connect. School learning tours showed connections between schools that help students in their transitions.
- Trustee Nazaroff showed her gratitude for the school learning tours as well as the Winlaw grade 4-6 project on sustainable farming.
- Trustee Chew showed her appreciation to all the Trustees, as well as the Superintendent and her team. At the school learning tours she felt the compassion of school leaders for their schools.

B. Chair

The Chair reported from the 100-year anniversary celebration of the Hume school with great presentations. She attended all the school learning tours and received positive feedback that resource allocations were aligned with priorities from the Strategic Plan. The speeches by grad students were very encouraging.

C. BCSTA – Nil

D. BCPSEA

Vice Chair Lang reported from a virtual offering for all those who could not make it to the regional meeting in Cranbrook.

E. RDCK – Nil

F. Other Committees – Nil

G. Student Trustees

- Student Trustee Piller reported from significant improvements in the English Literacy Assessments at Mount Sentinel. The academy received great audience feedback for their year-end theatre production. Graduation is coming up in two weeks.
- Student Trustee Fisher informed the Board about the successful grad fundraisers that allowed for a great graduation ceremony at LVR, as well as a performance at the Capitol Theatre and successful provincial sport tournaments.

Chair Trenaman thanked each Student Trustee for their service.

Chair Trenaman expressed her gratitude to all the Trustees for providing valuable lenses and contributions on various matters and showed her appreciation for every employee of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake).

16. Comments or Questions from the Public – Nil

17. Meeting Schedule and Reminders

A. Board Meetings

The next Meeting of the Board held in the public is scheduled for September 12, 2023.

18. Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 PM.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer