

Board Chair Report – Chair Dixon

October 1 Board Chairs Zoom Meeting

Dr. Gustafson reported that vast transmission of Delta is in the home and in social settings. There is no fundamental risk of spread in schools. The variant is more infectious but creates a remarkably mild illness in children.

Possible Mandate of SD10 Staff Vaccination

The announcement two weeks ago, regarding mandating vaccination against COVID-19, was new information for all school boards. School staff are employees of school boards of education and not the provincial government. To discuss the complexity of this action, the Ministry of Education has established a committee, on which the BC School Trustees Association sits, to address the complexity of this issue.

Once the committee has submitted its findings, the Board will need time to review the implications for our local district. We will be in communication with our local health authority to understand what actions are appropriate.

Trustee Dixon Reports

NSS PAC, September 29 – held in the NSS Library

Election of officers were held and

Chair – Leah Gilliland

Vice Chair – Cindy Howe

Secretary – Pamela Holland (probably but was not present. No other nominations.)

Treasurer – Richelle Coates

Directors – Carlee Hughes, Sarah Sanders, and Joanne Lamarsh

The bank account is healthy and PAC is anticipating applications for funds from clubs, field trips, and graduation.

There are 33 grads this year. There is already a year book committee.

Hot lunches and breakfasts are well underway, with many offerings every week.

There was a presentation on International Students given by SD8 representatives. They invited family applications and outlined the benefits and responsibilities of hosting a student.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 27 at 5:15 p.m.

NSS Indigenous (Orange Shirt) Day – Sept. 29

I attended the events in the library. Pearl Last, NSS's indigenous elder was present to answer students' questions about her childhood and life in residential school. There were various activities and assignments for the students, one of which was to transplant sweet grass to be given as gifts.

Hot Lunch, Tuesday, October 5

I attended to assist in the service of the lunch meal. I had the opportunity to speak with two graduating students, while we served, about their lives and their plans after graduation. Very enjoyable time!

COMMITTEE REPORT Oct. 19 2021

DPAC:

-next meeting to be announced

BCSTA-Provincial Council

-virtual meeting to be held on October 23

BCSTA: Kootenay Boundary Branch:

-AGM was held virtually on Sunday, Sept. 26 at 1:00 pm

-23 District trustees and staff attended as well as 2 BCSTA reps and the Indigenous rep from SD68

-**District Sharing** – new superintendents in 3 districts, school start up going well, indigenous language learning, respectful workplace training, electric buses

-**Nominations Committee** – President – Cindy Strukoff, SD51

Vice-Pres – Bev Bellina, SD5

Professional Learning Committee – Jaime Massey, SD51

PLC Alternate – Sheri Walsh, SD8

Lenora Trenamin SD8 asked for an explanation of “member at large” on the KBB executive

-If a district does not have a member representative on the Branch executive, a trustee is elected to act as member at large to represent their District on the executive, so that each District is represented on the Board

-SD6, 10 and 20 will need to elect a member at large

-**Tim Bennett, our Branch BCSTA rep, shared the update for BCSTA**

-Mike Roberts retired as of Sept. 29, but will attend the Academy

-the Academy is hoping to be held in person Dec 2-4

-Board Chair meeting and Ministry of Ed meeting will be virtual

-Provincial Council will be virtual

-lots of change at BCSTA – Mike retired, Audrey Ackah is on maternity leave (twin girls), and Jodi Olstead has retired from Financial Advisor

Budget was approved

-no District assessment fees for this year as with no meetings, no money spent

Host District for 2022 AGM – SD10 will be the host as Boundary has put a lot of effort and planning the last two years just to have it cancelled

-so we should start planning soon for date, keynote presenters, locations etc

Questions on holding the AGM just before the trustee elections in October was questioned

-it is in the constitution that we must hold an AGM in September – President Cindy will look into and have the executive work on it

BCPSEA:

-Kootenay Boundary Branch Trustee Consultation on Teacher Provincial Collective Bargaining was held October 13-the timeline was shared – preparation September to November, local bargaining November to February, and implementation provincially March to June

-local teacher bargaining is new this time

- a long list of who BCPSEA consults with was shared –BCPSEA Board of Directors, Boards of Education, PSEC, Min of Ed, BCSTA, BCSSA, BCASPO,
- the process includes Zoom meetings, information at the BCPSEA Symposium in November, a survey of Boards of Education, and District Senior staff, strategic discussions with PSEC and Min of Ed and BCPSEA Board of Directors
- the local process involves only local matters and must be ratified by local Boards of Education and the BCPSEA Board of Directors
- the Provincial process must have an approved bargaining plan
- consultations inform the bargaining plan
- the Memorandum of Agreement is approved by the BCPSEA Board of Directors and a vote of Trustee Reps
- Alan Chell shared highlights of the last bargaining round
- the current climate in the province will affect the bargaining such as COVID, BC government finances, Truth and Reconciliation, online learning, class size and composition, recruitment and retention, mandates and budget

**Respectfully submitted,
Lora Lee Brekke, Trustee**