
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022

TRUSTEES: A. Murphy, C. Dixon, D. Simon, S. Gascon, R. Farrell
STAFF: P. Dubinsky, M. Grenier, M. McLellan, C. Volansky, A. Davidson
OTHERS: JD Mah, Mark Page (Valley Voice), Ric Bardati (ALTA), Naomi Smedbol

1. Call to Order

At 6:02PM Board Chair Chris Dixon called the meeting to order.

We gratefully acknowledge that we live, work and learn on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Sinixt Peoples, and we honour their ongoing presence on the Land.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

Nil

3. Adoption of Agenda

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was resolved: 2022.11.15-1

THAT the agenda for this November 15, 2022 meeting **BE ADOPTED**, as amended.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was resolved: 2022.11.15-2

THAT the minutes from the meeting open to the public on October 18, 2022 **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

5. Presentations

A. Good News in SD10 was reported by Board Chair Chris Dixon

6. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dubinsky reported that three teachers attended a Regional Working Session on Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirements in Kimberly in early November. Information and resources have been shared with other staff to provide support and clarification for implementation for the 2023-2024 school year.

He also spoke to the new graduation requirements in BC, and that the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC), the Ministry of Education, BCPSEA and the BCTF developed and are in favour of the new graduation requirements. Naomi Smedbol, Indigenous Support Teacher, shared her experience at the Regional Working Session on Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirements.

Superintendent Dubinsky advised that SD10's new Board of Education would immediately begin working on a five-year strategic plan. This will involve engaging students, staff, parents, and community in meaningful conversations over the next several months.

7. Trustee, Committee and Organizations Report

Nil

8. Financial Report

A. Monthly Financial Report

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan presented the October 31, 2022 financial report in detail. He reported that while spending is in line with budget, the budget does not reflect the wage increases in place with CUPE and the pending teacher's agreements.

9. Unfinished Business

A. Nakusp Early Learning Childcare Centre Update

As shown in SD10's Good News Report, Superintendent Dubinsky announced that the interior and exterior of The Nakusp Early Learning Childcare Centre is complete. There was positive feedback following November's licensing process. The next stage is recruitment and public engagement to help determine interest. NCC's Tim Van Brummellen, District Lead for the Early Learning Childcare Centre, will be focusing on those areas in the next 6 weeks.

B. 4-Day Week

Superintendent Dubinsky referenced the memo included with the meeting agenda, and noted that at the last Open to the Public Meeting the Board requested that District staff draft survey questions that could be used to obtain preliminary feedback from parents and stakeholders regarding a 4-Day Week. A discussion ensued. The Board determined that members would use the questions to survey parents at PAC meetings at each school

10. New Business

A. CUPE Memorandum of Agreement

Board Chair Dixon reported that at a closed meeting of the Board of Education of November 9th, the Board ratified a Memorandum of Agreement with CUPE Local 2450, which will form part of a new Collective Agreement. The updated Collective Agreement will be in force starting July 1, 2022 through to July, 2025.

She advised that BCPSEA will be compiling each school district's local memoranda along with the new provincial agreement. The District expects to receive a copy of the integrated collective agreement soon and shortly thereafter it will also be posted on the District website.

B. BCTF Memorandum of Agreement – Board Chair

Board Chair Dixon announced that BCPSEA and BCTF have reached a tentative agreement for an updated collective agreement, which is subject to the ratification by BCTF and BCPSEA through a process of voting by their members across the province, including the Arrow Lakes Teacher's Association and the Board of Education. On November 21st, the Board of Education send its representative to vote on the ratification for the Board of Education of School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes).

C. Notice of School Board Office Closure for December Break

Superintendent Dubinsky advised that the School Board Office will be closed for the December Break from December 19, 2022, through to January 2, 2023 (inclusive).

11. Questions from the Public

Nil

12. Next Meeting Dates

- A. BCSTA Trustee Orientation, Academy and Provincial Council: December 1st to 3rd, 2022
- B. Meeting of the Board Open to the Public: December 13th, 2022
- C. Meeting of the Board Open to the Public: January 17th, 2023
- D. Meeting of the Board Open to the Public: February 21st, 2023

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29



C. Dixon
Chairperson



M. McLellan
Secretary-Treasurer