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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023

**1. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM.*

*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**

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved that:

**THAT** the agenda for this January 2023 meeting is **ADOPTED**, as circulated.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved that:

**THAT** the minutes from the meeting held in public on December 13, 2022 are **ADOPTED**, as circulated.

**5. Presentations**

A. Good News Report

The Good News Report was presented by Trustee Murphy.

**6. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Dubinsky introduced Vice-Principal and District Childcare Lead (VP & DCL) Tim Van Brummelen, to provide an update on plans for the Nakusp Early Learning and Childcare Centre (NELCC). VP & DCL Brummelen provided information including:

- Articulating the District "dream" for the centre;
- Showed pictures and details from the NELCC Open House days held the prior week, with approximately 40 people visiting during the Open House;

- Regarding staffing of the centre, postings have been made for ECE, ECE A and Responsible Adult positions. There have been some strong candidate applications received;
- We are wanting to listen to the community, to best meet community needs, as it may impact on registration and staffing.
- Showed photos of the childcare rooms and before and after school rooms. The centre is fully stocked with lots of science activities, art activities, sports equipment.
- Plan is to do year full-day care and before as well as after school care once we are up and running.
- Many funding streams from the Ministry of Education and Childcare. We have secured CCOF and CCFRI funding, plus ACCB funding can be made available for families on an individual basis. Total fees charged to parents after ACCB funding would be between \$200 and \$600 per child for full-time care.
- The NELC will be opening soon, precise date to be announced soon. We are looking forward to seeing the dream come to fruition.

Superintendent Dubinsky noted that there have been learning and challenges at all levels of government to create and open childcare centres like the NELCC. Recruitment of ECEs and especially ECEs with Infant-Toddler certification is especially hard, partly due to the number of new childcare spaces being added across the province.

Superintendent Dubinsky introduced Acting Principal Cook regarding an important initiative for better communicating student learning at Burton Elementary School (BES).

Acting Principal Cook gave a presentation about a pilot project at BES to enhance student learning through regular and interactive use of student self-assessments. 'Student Learning Profiles', which are aligned with provincial standards, help students learn to organize their own learning towards their stated goals, and for which they would be accountable to parents and teachers. From Kindergarten to the end of their education, they can set their goals, work towards their goals and attain their goals, and this is transferred from teacher to teacher as the student progresses through the grades.

As an example, a student came in after the Winter Break and wanted a reassessment to prove that he had made it to the next goal on his own plan. And he had achieved his goal. Now he wants to go to the next level.

A Trustee inquired as to whether the system was applicable for both early ages and intermediate students? Acting Principal Cook stated that it was possible and better to do this for students as young as kindergarten, albeit with simplified goals.

A discussion ensued.

Superintendent Dubinsky added that the District is being innovative in developing new educational techniques and pedagogies like this. The District has set aside funding for teachers and administrators to help develop these types of systems in-District.

A discussion ensued, and Trustees asked questions, to which Acting Principal Cook and Superintendent Dubinsky responded, including:

- How students responded to their plans in comparison to provincial standards;
- What impacts there are social-emotionally when students hit their goals;
- How plans and goals are adapted to students with unique needs and abilities;
- The important of learning at home in addition to what students are learning at school;
- How clear, attainable goals, can help parents help students.

## **7. Trustee, Committee and Organizations Report**

Board Chair Dixon noted that a Liaison Report from Trustee Farrell regarding the LESS PAC meeting is posted on the District website.

## **8. Financial Report**

### **A. Monthly Financial Report**

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan noted that the Monthly Financial Report presented at the December 13, 2022 Board Meeting covered the period that ended December 31, 2022. Since then, there have

been negligible changes in the financial position of the District, so no new results from operation will be presented tonight. However, there are a few items to note.

- Regarding this year's Special Purpose Funding, with a couple of exceptions, District spending is in line with the budget.
- The first exception is the \$55,400 received for Seamless Day program. Due to staffing, the District will not be spending these funds, however, the funding can be carried forward into 2023-2024.
- The second exception is the Student and Families Affordability Fund funding of \$250,000. The District has used the funds to reduce fees, reduce activities costs, and to enhance food programs at schools. Many Districts in the province, especially the other small-enrolment district who received the floor amount of \$250,000, are, like SD10, not on track to spend all the provided funded. The District plan is to spend the funds over the course of this year and next year 2023-2024, as we have no reason to believe that the MECC won't announce the possibility of carrying-forward the use of these funds into next year.
- Regarding Capital Funding: as you have heard, the NELCC capital project is now essentially complete. The facilities construction is 99% complete, and the refurbishing of the childcare spaces – both indoor and outdoor – are also nearing completion. The total funding provided to the district will total \$3,150,000, comprised of \$3,000,000 in funding from the MECC and \$150,000 from Columbia Basin Trust. We can say with certainty that the capital funding for the project will cover all costs, and that excellent, modern early learning environments have been built onto NES.
- For the NSS HVAC project, this phase of the project is also nearing completion, within budget to the line, as any surplus funding will be used to purchase heat pumps and materials to further the project. A third phase of the project was requested as part of our capital submission for next year 2023-2024, and we will find out if the funding will be provided by March this year.
- The three EV buses have been purchased, two are running, and, once the new charging station is installed in the Southern Zone, all three will be running.
- Of the three vans to be purchased by the Board, the first van, a Chrysler Pacifica, was delivered here on Tuesday last week. On Wednesday, it was in use by NSS. Both District vans are now seeing use in this past week. As for the two larger 10-passenger Ford Transit

Vans, the dealership recently confirmed that there is no confirmed expected delivery date, however, there remains a reasonable chance of the vans being received prior to September this year for school start-up.

- Under the Board's approved use of surplus for this year, the District will be looking at the new lawnmower replacement and a new used maintenance truck this spring.
- The next meeting of the Board is February 17, 2023. At that meeting the Board will be presented with an Amended Budget for this year, 2022-2023. Note that a budget for the operating of the NELCC will be included in the amended budget as a special purpose fund. To ensure financial viability of the NELCC, the District has applied for all available provincial funding.

#### **9. Unfinished Business - Nil**

#### **10. New Business**

##### **A. Public Meeting Video Conferencing**

Trustees raised concerns about the functioning of the District's videoconferencing for public meeting. A discussion ensued. Superintendent Dubinsky shared that new equipment had been ordered and was to be installed soon, with testing to follow.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved that:

**THAT** staff investigate ways to optimize and improve the usage of zoom and technology in general at Board meetings.

##### **B. 2021-2022 Statement of Financial Information**

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan noted that the District's Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) report was posted on the District website and on the provincial website.

A Trustee inquired as to why there is a discrepancy between one Trustee's expenses and another. The Secretary-Treasurer explained that the expenses include the cost of attendance at BC School Trustee Association conferences and travel.

#### **11. Questions from the Public**

*There were none.*

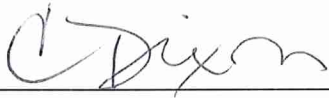
#### **12. Next Meeting Dates**

- A. Meeting of the Board Open to the Public: February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

- B. BCSTA Provincial Council: February 24, 2023
- C. Meeting of the Board Open to the Public: March 28, 2023

### **13. Adjournment**

*Adjourned at 7:05PM*



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C. Dixon  
Chairperson



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M. McLellan  
Secretary-Treasurer