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**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, October 17, 2023**

**TRUSTEES:** A. Murphy, C. Dixon, D. Simon, S. Gascon, R. Farrell

**STAFF:** P. Dubinsky, M. McLellan, A. Davidson, M. Grenier

**GUESTS:** K. Greenhalf, Valley Voice, JD Mah

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**1. Call to Order**

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

*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**

Item 5A Good News Report will be added to the agenda

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

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

2023.10.17-1

**THAT** the agenda for this October 17, 2023 meeting is **ADOPTED**, as circulated.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

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

2023.10.17-2

**THAT** the minutes from the meeting held in public on September 26, 2023, are **ADOPTED**, as circulated.

**5. Presentations**

*Nil*

**6. Superintendent's Report**

A. Strategic Plan

Superintendent Dubinsky presented a draft of the Board's five-year Strategic plan. The plan will be shared with each school community, staff and students for feedback. Further consultations, including an online feedback option, are available until November 2, 2023. The Board will consider all feedback before the strategic plan is on the agenda for proposed adoption at the November meeting of the Board in public.

B. New District Website

Superintendent Dubinsky reported the new District website is live, with improved look and functionality. School sites are also being updated and will align in appearance and functionality with the district site. The goal was to upgrade the districts' websites to be user-friendly, targeting all types of users, to provide information to parents, students and staff, including prospective staff being recruited.

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan noted that all new sites will be live with the new format and security and visual identity by the end of the calendar year.

**7. Trustee, Committee and Organization Reports**

The reports are posted on the district website.

**8. Financial Report**

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan presented the monthly report in detail. He explained there is a deficit this time every year due to the timing and gaps in funding.

**9. Unfinished Business**

A. 2023-2024 Enrolment

In September, Superintendent Dubinsky reported an anticipated full-time equivalent enrollment of 519 and a headcount of 513 students.

B. 4-Day School Week

Superintendent Dubinsky reported that upon completion of the district's strategic plan there will be a focus on the process of evaluating and consulting about the possibility of a 4-day school week.

The consultations with partner groups and PACs and the online surveys will be complete by December. The Board is scheduled to meet in January, planning to make a decision. This would give the calendar committee ample time to meet regarding the district's 2024-2025 calendar, which is to be submitted to the Ministry by the end of March.

A Trustee requested an MDI and FSA comparison between Southern Zone Schools and other schools. A discussion ensued.

**10. New Business**

A. Policy 690 – Public Interest Disclosure Act – Secretary-Treasurer McLellan

**Notice of Motion:**

**THAT** the Board of Education adopt Policy 690 – Public Interest Disclosure Act

The policy committee will meet on October 26, 2023, to review the draft policy, which will come forward at November's board meeting open to the public.

B. Accessibility Committee

Human Resource Manager Grenier reported on new legislation regarding school accessibility plans. The district has formed an accessibility committee, and work is underway to ensure each of our schools is accessible. There will also be an accessibility page where the public can report any barriers.

**11. Next Meeting Dates**

- A. Meeting of the Board in Public: November 21, 2023
- B. Meeting of the Board in Public: December 19, 2023

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at