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**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, November 21, 2023**

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

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

**GUESTS:** Chelsea Hanet, NG, Valley Voice

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:59PM by Secretary-Treasurer McLellan.

*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:

*C2023.11.21-1*

**THAT** the agenda for this November 21, 2023 meeting is **ADOPTED**, as circulated.

**4. Elections**

A. Election of Board Chair

For the position of Board Chair, there were three calls for nominations. Trustee Gascon and Trustee Murphy were each nominated for Board Chair. Both indicated they accepted the nominations.

Trustee Murphy provided a brief statement.

There was a vote by secret ballot. Trustee Gascon was voted as Board Chair.

Trustee Gascon then presided over the meeting.

B. Election of Board Vice-Chair

There were three calls for nominations of the Board Vice-Chair. Nominations were made, only Christine Dixon accepted the nomination, and she was acclaimed for the position of Board Vice-Chair.

**5. Adoption of Minutes**

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

*C2023.11.21-2*

**THAT** the minutes for the October 17, 2023 meeting are **ADOPTED**, as circulated.

## **6. Presentations**

### **A. Good News Report**

Trustee Gascon presented the Good News Report.

## **7. Superintendent's Report**

### **A. Mental Health Update**

Chelsea Hanet, the District's new Mental Health Outreach Coordinator, gave a presentation explaining that the district is executing health initiatives. She provided a brief background about herself. A survey of approximately 150 students was undertaken to ascertain what supports could be helpful. There will be continued collaboration with the Youth networks in Nakusp and New Denver.

### **B. Arrow Lakes Distributed Learning Update**

Superintendent Dubinsky expressed appreciation of Principal Nicholas Graves.

Principal Graves expressed gratitude for the seven year he had been with the district. He gave a presentation about Arrow Lakes Distributed Learning (ALDL) School. MECC made changes to distributed learning this past year, and ALDL – along with most districts in the province – are no longer allowed to offer distributed learning to students living outside its boundaries. As a result, Grade 10 to 112 enrolment the school declined by approximately 15 students. Parents are being contacted to determine more why parents are choosing for their children to join or leave ALDL. Selkirk program is well attended. REACH turnout is good with 16 students, including eight students from LESS and the other eight from ALDL and NSS. ALDL enrolment went from 40 to 107 during the height of COVID, now managing the decline, which has flattened and is now healthy.

## **8. Trustee, Committee and Organization Reports**

Reports are posted on the district website.

## **9. Financial Report**

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan presented the monthly report in detail.

## **10. Unfinished Business**

### **A. 4-Day School Week**

Superintendent Dubinsky discussed the memoranda regarding the 4-day week, including the next steps in the consultation process.

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan shared results from the first two weeks of surveys and described a very robust set of responses. He reported receiving further correspondence from partner groups and community members and indicated the board will soon receive reports about staffing etc. He noted that that if the Board is not ready to decide in January, they have until March.

B. Strategic Plan

Superintendent Dubinsky presented the board with the final strategic plan and explained that the next step is implementation. A working group is taking the four priorities and making plans. Staff will report successes and challenges to the Board.

**11. New Business**

A. Policy 131 – Executive Limitations

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved: C2023.11.21-3

**THAT** the Board of Education rescind Policy 131 – Executive Limitations.

B. Policy 610 - Signing Authority

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved: C2023.11.21-4

**THAT** the Board of Education amend Policy 610 - Signing Authority.

C. Policy 690 – Public Interest Disclosure Act

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved: C2023.11.21-5

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

D. Notice of Motions Regarding Policies – Secretary-Treasurer McLellan

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved: C2023.11.21-6

**THAT** the Board of Education adopt or amend the following policies:

- Policy 110 – The Board's Purpose & Values
- Policy 120 – Role of The Board & Governance
- Policy 121 – Trustee Code of Conduct
- Policy 125 – Role of the Board Chairperson
- Policy 130 – Delegation of Authority
- Policy 410 – Role of the Superintendent
- Policy 412 – Evaluation of the Superintendent
- Policy 415 – Role of the Secretary-Treasurer
- Policy 421 – Evaluation of Exempt Staff

**12. Questions from the Public.**

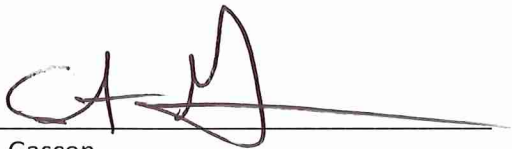
ALTA president Greenhalf asked if the survey results would be shared. Superintendent Dubinsky reported that they would be collated and shared.

### **13. Next Meeting Dates**

- A. Meeting of the Board in Public: December 19, 2023
- B. Meeting of the Board in Public: January 16, 2024

### **14. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53PM



S. Gascon  
Chairperson



M. McLellan  
Secretary-Treasurer