

**EDUCATION PARTNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

Board:

L. Trenaman, Chair (via video conference)
D. Lang, Vice-Chair
M. J. Blackmore, Committee Chair
J. Bremner
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A. Gribbin
S. Nazaroff
M. Shunter

District Staff:

T. Smillie, Superintendent
C. MacArthur, Interim Secretary-Treasurer
B. Eaton, District Director of Instruction – Innovative Learning
D. Holitzki, District Director of Instruction – Equity, Inclusion & Diversity
C. Kerr, Director of Operations
T. Malloff
C. Singh, Director of Human Resources
S. Bruskowski, Executive Assistant

Partners:

M. Bennett, CUPE
A. Early, CUPE
D. Kunzelman, KLTF
D. Leeming, NDTA
L. MacKay, KLPVPA
N. Nazaroff, DPAC
T. Stokes, DPAC (via video conference)
S. Kalabis, KLPVPA

Regrets:

K. Etheridge

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 12.04 PM.

2. Acknowledgement of Aboriginal Territory

3. Changes to Proposed Agenda

Item 10C: Site Specific Educational Issues was added to the agenda.

4. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as amended.

5. Receiving Presentations - Nil

6. Opportunity for Comments by the Public regarding items on this Agenda – Nil

7. Correspondence - Nil

8. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes were adopted as circulated.

9. Unfinished Business - Nil

10. New Business

A. Terms of Reference

PAC Chair Blackmore asked for questions and comments regarding the Education Partner Advisory Committee's Terms of reference to be reviewed by the Board of Education.

Partners expressed their wish for open discussions.

The Board Chair clarified that discussions and feedback must address the agenda items that provided to the committee.

One partner suggested a "round table" as a standing item on the agenda structure.

One partner stated their satisfaction with the structure of the meetings.

B. Enhancing Student Learning Report and School Learning Plans Implementation

This agenda item was deferred to the next meeting as the remaining time would not allow for the planned activities.

C. Site Specific Educational Issues

One partner requested the district find resources to reopen the Jewett Elementary school forest in a safe way. The partner furthermore suggested the district ensure funds for students with a designation are spent on that student specifically.

One partner showed their support for enhanced student learning and thanked Human Resources on their efforts in hiring staff. The partner asked to find more ways for staff retention as this may have effects on student learning.

The Board Chair responded that staff retention continues to be a concern across the province and is addressed within the district and partner organizations such as the BCSTA.

Superintendent Smillie clarified that the comments received will be reviewed at the Policy Review Committee which will then bring a proposal to the Board.

11. Comments or Questions from the Public

12. Meeting Schedule & Reminders

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for November 14, 2023.

13. Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 12.44 PM.



Committee Chair



Secretary-Treasurer