

**EDUCATION PARTNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

Board:

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

Partners

Kathy Centrone, CUPE
Jesse Halton, ACE
Cindy Martin, CUPE
L. MacKay, KLPVPA (*via video conference*)
T. Stokes, DPAC (*via video conference*)

District Staff:

T. Smillie, Superintendent
C. MacArthur, Secretary-Treasurer
J. Brooks, District Numeracy Teacher Coordinator
B. Eaton, Director of Instruction – Innovative Learning
D. Holitzki, Director of Instruction – Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
C. Kerr, Director of Operations
T. Malloff, District Principal
S. Bruszkowski, Executive Assistant

Regrets:

Nil

Due to the vacancy to the Education Partner Advisory Committee Chair role, Vice Chair Lang chaired the meeting. An election of the new Education Partner Advisory Committee Chair was scheduled for the Meeting of the Board held in Public later that day.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 1:05 pm.

2. Acknowledgement of Aboriginal Territory

3. Changes to Proposed Agenda

Item 9B: Equal Schools Discussion, 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 of the September 12, 2023 were adopted as circulated.

9. Unfinished Business

A. Enhancing Student Learning Report and School Learning Plans Implementation

Superintendent Smillie outlined that the School Learning Plans were aligned to the new Strategic Plan. Director Eaton and District Principal Malloff presented the Enhancing Student Learning Report as well as learning outcomes. The School Learning Plans are set up to support student success. With a key focus on literacy and numeracy, collected data is used to create instructional plans as well a school learning plans.

Trustees showed their support for the concept of “culture of curiosity”.

In a data analysis activity, District Principal Malloff invited attendees to analyze and discuss report card data as well a FSA outcomes over time broken down to Indigenous students, students with Diverse Abilities, as well as all students within the district compared to provincial outcomes. One aspect to celebrate is that, Indigenous students in the district are performing very well compared to the provincial average.

The numeracy spring learning series successfully launched in School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) was a success and will be continued.

District Numeracy Teacher Coordinator Brooks invited attendees to participate in an interactive activity “Exploding Dots” which allows learners and educators to explore concepts such as place value, dual numbers, or polynomials in a learning pathway that moves from a concrete to an abstract representation using visualization tools.

The future direction of the district is to inspire and support all students.

B. Equal Schools

“Equal Schools” is a non-profit organization that encourages climate action at schools by providing ideas and giving credits on achievements based on their climate impact. Trustee Shunter will send an email to the agenda setting committee to place the item on the next meeting agenda.

10. New Business – Nil

11. Comments or Questions from the Public – Nil

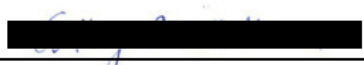
12. Meeting Schedule & Reminders

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for March 12, 2024.

13. Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 pm.


Committee Chair


Secretary-Treasurer