

MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD IN PUBLIC
AGENDA
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024

Board: D. Lang, Chair
J. Bremner, Vice Chair
M. J. Blackmore
S. Chew
K. Etheridge
A. Gribbin
S. Nazaroff
M. Shunter
L. Trenaman

Student Trustees: Riordan Fisher, L.V. Rogers Secondary
Cassidy Popoff, Mount Sentinel Secondary

District Staff: T. Smillie, Superintendent
C. MacArthur, Secretary-Treasurer
B. Eaton, Director of Instruction - Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
D. Holitzki, Assistant Superintendent
C. Kerr, Director of Operations
C. Singh, Director of Human Resources
S. Bruskowski, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Nil

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

2. Acknowledgement of Aboriginal Territory

3. Changes to the Proposed Agenda

A notice of motion was brought forward to consider reimbursement for parents who paid for their child's assessment.

4. Consent Package Questions

5. Adoption of Agenda

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:**

23/24-065

THAT the Agenda for this June 11, 2024 meeting **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Receiving Public Presentations – Nil

7. Comments or Questions from the Public regarding items on this Agenda – Nil

8. Adoption of Minutes

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 23/24-066
THAT the minutes from the May 14, 2024 Meeting of the Board held in public **BE**
ADOPTED, as circulated.

The motion carried unanimously.

9. Future and Action Item Tracking

10. Education – Reports from the Superintendent

A. 2023-2024 Enhancing Student Learning Report and School Learning Plans

Superintendent Smillie presented the 2023-2024 Enhancing Student Learning Report which is required by the Ministry of Education and Child Care and part of the reporting cycle to monitor the improvement of student learning outcomes. The presentation included definitions of metrics for each of the continuous learning reports to provide data for decision-making as well as a summary of priority areas. School Learning plans were provided to the Board and are posted on the district website. These plans are reflective of where learners of each school are at and what their community sees as a priority.

Superintendent Smillie answered Trustee's questions. In combined efforts of district and school staff, each student is tracked in their learning process.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 23/24-067
THAT the 2023-2024 Enhancing Student Learning Report and the School Learning
Plans **BE APPROVED**.

The motion carried unanimously.

11. Operations and Finance – Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer

A. Video Surveillance Memo

Manager of Information Technology, Muzzio, provided information on the use of video surveillance within the school district as outlined in Policy 840: Use of Video Surveillance and the School Act.

B. Quarterly Capital Update – Summer 2024

Director of Operations, Kerr, provided an update on progress on capital projects under the Board's Capital Operations Plan. VFA assessment results will be provided to the Board when available.

C. Long-Range Facilities Plan Update 2024

Secretary-Treasurer MacArthur and Director Kerr provided an update to the Board on the 2021 Long-Range Facilities Plan (LRFP). The LRFP reviewed each school's education program requirements, operating capacities, and the condition of existing facilities. Since 2021, the focus has been on energy efficiency as well as flooring and painting.

D. 2023 PSO Climate Change Accountability Report

Secretary-Treasurer MacArthur provided information on the 2023 PSO Climate Change Accountability Report which outlines the district's activities related to climate change and its efforts to reduce carbon dioxide output. The district installs LED lighting, upgrades building envelopes, and replaces or improves mechanical systems which helps reduce emissions and operating costs. The Total Offset Adjustments for 2023 are lower than 2022 due to HVAC upgrades and a milder winter resulting in lower carbon offset costs.

12. Governance and Policy – Nil

13. Human Resources – Nil

14. Trustee Verbal Reports

A. Student Trustees

- Chair Lang thanked all the Student Trustees for their engagement in the past year. The term ends for Student Trustees Fisher and Thomson (both LVR), Luchetta (JVH) as well as Tiwana and Parsons (both KRSS). On behalf of the Board of Education, Chair Lang wished them all the best for their future.
- Student Trustee Fisher reported on a successful grad fundraiser as well as the LVR athletics award ceremony. Graduates are excited for their graduation ceremonies this weekend.

B. Trustees

- Trustee Trenaman attended the Joint Safety Advisory Committee meeting, the BCSTA Bylaw Committee meeting, the school learning tour, as well as partner meetings. She gave a shoutout to the year-end dinner with former Trustee Bill Maslechko.
- Trustee Blackmore attended all the school learning tours where she observed school leaders who are very proud of their schools. The school learning tours provided a sense of community and belonging which is rich at the schools within our district.
- Trustee Chew attended the BCSTA Academy and highlighted presentations around AI and how it can be utilized at schools as well as on communication and relationship building. She was able to attend two out of three partner group meetings which were a good starting point to meet and listen to each other.
- Trustee Shunter thanked Student Trustees for all their contributions. Highlights within the last month were the partner group meetings as well as the school learning tour.
- Vice Chair Bremner gave a shoutout to the school leaders and their teams for building positive cultures at their schools as presented at the school learning tour. She attended the DPAC meeting where hard-working parents are engaged who care about the success of students. She offered her congratulations to the Student Trustees who are graduating.
- Trustee Nazaroff gave a shoutout to the BCSTA learning series that was provided for districts in the region and hosted by School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake). She attended all school learning tour events. One highlight of the past month was the presentation of short films by MSSS Academy at the Civic Centre. The short films were windows of where students are in their lives. Music is back to Mount Sentinel and three bands from Winlaw, Mount Sentinel, and Slocan Valley performed together.

C. Chair

Chair Lang attended BCPSEA meetings, the BCSTS Board chair meetings, the BCSTA learning series hosted by the Kootenay Boundary Branch, meetings with Ministry of Education and Child Care with Superintendents and Board chairs and the school learning tours. She expressed her gratitude to the Executive Assistant, Superintendent Smillie and Secretary-Treasurer MacArthur for their support for Board. She thanked principals and vice principals for their work at the schools, thanked the Board members for their ongoing commitment, and the Student Trustees for taking on a leadership role.

D. British Columbia School Trustee Association (BCSTA) – Nil

E. British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) – Nil

F. District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC) – Nil

G. Other – Nil

15. Comments or Questions from the Public – Nil

16. Meeting Schedule and Reminders


A. Board Meetings

The next Meeting of the Board held in Public is scheduled for September 10, 2024.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 PM.


Board Chair


Secretary-Treasurer