

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 (BOUNDARY)

Open Meeting of the Board of Education
November 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:	R. Zitko	Chair
	S. Hall	Vice Chair
	B. Bird	Trustee
	L. Van Marck	Trustee
	M. Danyluk	Trustee
	K. Jepsen	Trustee
	A. Lautard	Superintendent
	M. Burdock	Secretary-Treasurer

Absent:	J. Massey	Trustee
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Acknowledgement of the Indigenous peoples and ancestors.

Adoption of Agenda

MOVED	Hall
2ND	Jepsen

["That the Agenda for November 26, 2024, be adopted as circulated."](#)

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED	Jepsen
2ND	Hall

["That the October 29, 2024, Regular Board Meeting minutes be adopted as amended."](#)

CARRIED

Correspondence

Nil

Business Items

1. Presentation

- Morgan Strohmman, IT Manager, presented an overview of the District's cyber security framework. The presentation included a detailed review of the network's key components, a snapshot of the device inventory, and an outline of common cyber security threats facing the education sector. The presentation highlighted ongoing efforts such as phishing training

for staff and emphasized District security measures, including two-factor authentication and end-user training to strengthen overall cyber resilience.

2. Strategic Plan Update

- Superintendent Lautard introduced the strategic plan update and invited student trustees to share their updates.
 - Elizabeth Tsigonias and Adaline Molloy provided an update for BCSS. Highlights include grad class fundraisers, capstone projects, theatre group production of Chicago, students attending Kiwanis music festival, spirit club Halloween costume contest, road runner day on Fridays school is in session, French class fundraising for Quebec trip next year, school dances, and sports transitioning from volleyball to basketball season.
 - Cerys Hoover and Kenna MacGregor provided an update for GFSS. Student council hosted Spooktacular, grade 9's participated in "Take your kid to work day", ski club held annual ski swap, the GFSS wolves have been successful with swim team headed to provincials, grads held their annual craft fair, beautification of school has included signage and murals, student announcements have encouraged more student voice and participation. The global citizen ship club is running a food drive and participating in the annual Write for Rights. The art gala is on display, and the production of Ten Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse is next weekend. Staff vs student volley ball games and spirit days are coming up.
- Superintendent Lautard highlighted Carol Mitchell's pilot project with the Hutton Harvest Club.

3. Committee Reports

FINANCE

- Secretary Treasurer Burdock presented the Expenditure Report to October 31/2024. Overall, 76% of the budget remains unspent which is on track with prior years; however, substitute continue to trend high and so we will continue to monitor as we develop amended budget.
- Secretary Treasurer Burdock presented the 2025-2026 Budget Process, highlighting the key goals to improve stakeholder engagement and better align with strategic plan priorities.

OPERATIONS

- The District was recently approved for funding through the federal Zero Emission Transportation Fund (ZETF) program. More information to come.

POLICY

- Trustee Bird confirmed the Policy Committee is recommending three policies to be adopted.

MOVED Bird
2ND Zitko

["That the Board adopt the following policies as recommended by the Policy Committee:](#)

- [Policy 410, Severe Allergic Reaction;](#)
- [Policy 420, Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion; and](#)

- Policy 430, Provision of Menstrual Products in Schools.”

CARRIED

- Trustee Bird confirmed the Policy Committee is recommending six policies to be circulated for public notice and comment.

MOVED
2ND Bird
 Hall

“That the Board approve the following revised policies for circulation as recommended by the Policy Committee:

- 510, Financial Management and Reporting (repealing and replacing policy 2074, Financial Management and Reporting);
- 511, Accumulated Operating Surplus (repealing and replacing policy 2073, Accumulated Operating Surplus)
- Policy 530, Expectations for Fundraising (repealing and replacing policy 1320, Fundraising);
- Policy 540, Provision of Child Care Programs (repealing and replacing policy 3071, Provision of Child Care Programs);
- Policy 562, Disposal of Equipment and Assets (repealing and replacing policy 2006, Disposal of Equipment and Assets); and
- Policy 581, Video Surveillance (repealing and replacing policy 2070, Video Surveillance – Exterior of Building AND policy 2071, Video Surveillance – School Buses).”

CARRIED

4. Board Chair Report

- Board Chair Zitko provided a verbal update:
 - Board committees and representative assignments will be finalized in December.
 - Introductory call with the newly appointed Minister of Education and Child Care, Honorable Lisa Beare, is scheduled for this Thursday.
 - BCSTA survey regarding non-voting student trustee participation at AGM is due at the end of the month.

5. Senior Management Reports

- Superintendent Lautard presented her report and highlighted the update on the Indigenous Education Council (IEC) implementation.
- Secretary Treasurer Burdock presented her report and highlighted recent professional learning regarding cyber security, use of AI in K-12, and bargaining preparation.

6. Trustee Reports

- BCSTA Provincial Council – Trustee Jepsen provided a verbal update
- Recreation Commission – Trustee Bird provided a written report
- Boundary Integrated Services Model – Superintendent Lautard provided a verbal update
- BCSTA Kootenay Boundary Branch – AGM held over the weekend
- BCPSEA – Trustee Hall provided a verbal update
- PAC Highlights – Trustees Danyluk, Hall, and Van Marck provided written reports

- Okanagan Labour Relations Council – Secretary Treasurer provided a verbal update
- Trustee Bird provided verbal update on public hearing hosted by City of Grand Forks regarding development of a housing needs assessment

7. Around the Boundary

Future Agenda Items

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Chairperson



Secretary-Treasurer