



# School District No. 54 (BULKLEY VALLEY)

## AGENDA REGULAR BOARD MEETING MAY 21, 2019 TWIN SULLIVAN ELEMENTARY, HOUSTON, B.C. 7:00PM

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Traditional Welcome / Opening Remarks
- 3) Adoption of Agenda
- 4) Learning Portion – HSS / TSEA – The Evolution of a Campus
- 5) Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2019  
Synopsis In-Camera Meeting – April 16, 2019
- 6) Administration Report M. McDiarmid Report Attached
- 7) Committee Reports:
  - a) Operations Committee L. Kearns Report Attached
  - b) Policy Committee F. Farrell Report Attached
  - c) Trustee Report J. Krauskopf Report Attached
    - Trustee Report L. Kearns Report Attached
    - Trustee Report F. Krishan Report Attached
    - Trustee Report J. Williams Report Attached
    - Trustee Report F. Farrell Report Attached
- 8) Unfinished Business
  - 8.1) 2019-2020 Draft Annual Budget Bylaw
- 9) New Business
  - 9.1) 2019 – 2020 Capital Bylaw
  - 9.2) Rural Leaf Application
- 10) Other Business
  - 10.1) Expenditure Summary – April 30, 2019
- 11) Reading File

Ltr. Frm. Ministry of Education Feb 15, 2019 Partner Forum Summary
Ltr. Frm. Ministry of Education Partner Forum Survey Questions
Ltr. Frm. Ministry of Education to Education Partners re: February 15, 2019 Partners Meeting
Ltr. Frm. SD05 to Premier Horgan and Minister Fleming re: BC Graduation Program Assessment
Ltr. Frm. SD28 to Minister Fleming re: Funding Model Review Recommendations
Ltr. Frm. SD38 to Minister Fleming re: Funding Model Review Recommendations
Ltr. Frm. SD44 to Assistant Deputy Minister Bawa re: Funding Model Review Report
Ltr. Frm. SD63 to Implementation Advisory Committee MOE re: Funding Model Review
Ltr. Frm. SD75 to Assistant Deputy Minister Bawa re: Feedback regarding FMR Recommendations
Ltr. Frm. Smithers Secondary School re: Commencement Invitation

12) Closing Remarks –Next regular Board Meeting will be held on June 30, 2019 in Smithers at the School Board Office, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

13) Adjournment

14) Public Remarks\*\*

**NOTES:**

**\*\*Public Remarks:** Just a reminder to everyone that this portion of the meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for members of the public to make comments to the Board. Public remarks should be relevant to items on the approved agenda. The Board will listen respectfully to comments but not respond to questions during this time.

**Delegations:** This item is intended to provide an opportunity to members of the public to make a presentation to the Board. Individuals wishing to be included on the agenda must submit a written request to the Secretary Treasurer at least one week prior to the meeting stating the subject of their presentation and including any background information to be considered by the Board. (Board Policy # 1.190) <http://www.sd54.bc.ca/index.php/school-board/board-policy>



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 54 (BULKLEY VALLEY)  
APRIL 16, 2019  
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, SMITHERS B.C.

**PRESENT:** Trustees: F. Farrell, J. Williams, L. Kearns, J. Krauskopf, E. Quinlan, F. Krishan

Regrets: P. Michell

Staff:  
C. van der Mark – Superintendent  
M. McDiarmid – Assistant Superintendent  
D. Margerm – Secretary Treasurer  
T. Bancroft – Director Facilities & Maintenance  
B. Kingsmill – Recording Secretary

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

### 2. TRADITIONAL WELCOME / OPENING REMARKS

- Chairperson Williams acknowledged that we are gathered on the home of the Wit'suwit'en Nation, traditional territory of the Gidmt'en – Bear Wolf Clan.
- Chairperson Williams welcomed all guests present. Condolence to community of Witset were sent out. Trustee Michell sends her regrets. Chairperson Williams welcomed Mr. McDiarmid and Ms. van der Mark to their first board meeting in their new positions.

### 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Chairperson Williams requested that 8.2 Lake Kathlyn School Time Line update be added to the agenda.

**MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee Quinlan and seconded by Trustee Farrell.***

*"That the amended agenda be accepted as presented."*

CARRIED

### 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- The Chairperson asked if there were any corrections to the regular meeting minutes of March 12, 2019 or the synopsis of the in-camera meeting minutes of March 12, 2019. There being none, the regular meeting minutes of March 12, 2019 and the synopsis of the in-camera meeting minutes of March 12, 2019 were declared approved as presented.

### 5. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Superintendent McDiarmid presented the District initiatives report to the Board. District staff been working on the teacher staffing the 2019-20 school year. The District was informed that we would be receiving 90% of the 2018-2019 Classroom Enhancement Funds (CEF) for the 2019-2020 school year. The enrolment projection for September 2019 shows a small decline of enrolment at SSS. Although overall staffing pictures look the same. There will be 18 District Authority Scholarships to be awarded this year. The third PLC/NOII meeting will take place on April 29<sup>th</sup>,

where teachers from across the district will share their inquiry projects. SD54 administrators will be travelling to Vancouver on April 25/26 to attend the spring BCSSA Spring Forum. There were many professional development sessions held in the district on the April 5<sup>th</sup> Pro-D Day. SD54 was nominated for a 'Healthier You Award' in the category of Workplace Wellness.

- Superintendent McDiarmid presented the student based initiatives report to the Board. SSS musical theatre and technical theatre students will be putting on William Shakespeare's "**The Tempest**" on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>. MME Concours ( French speaking competition) competition took place recently and once again the MME students did fantastic and Scotia Lancaster and Catherine Degisi will be moving on to the provincials in Surrey

### **Field Trip Proposals**

- The following field trips have been approved by the Assistant Superintendent:
  - **SSS** - 12 +/- Outdoor Ed students in grades 11-12 from Smithers Secondary to travel to Bowron Lakes on May 27, 2019 to June 5, 2019. The purpose of this trip is to support the Outdoor Ed Curriculum around backcountry camping skills, paddling techniques and leadership skills. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
  - **SSS / MME** - 15 +/- Trades and Career Students From SSS in grades 9-12 and students from Muheim Memorial in grades in 6-7 to travel to Abbotsford on April 16-18, 2019. The purpose of this trip is to attend the Tradex , participate in the BC Skills Competition , attend the Girls in Trade Conference and tour the BCIT campus. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
  - **TSE** - 21 +/- Grade 7 students from Twain Sullivan Elementary to travel New Aiyansh (Gitlaxt'aamks) on June 18-21, 2019. The purpose of this trip is to build community, learn about local ancient civilization and First Nations culture. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
  - **WPS** - 50 +/- Grade 7 students from Walnut Park Elementary to travel Rock Nest Ranch on June 20-21, 2019. The purpose of this trip is for their year-end celebration, community building, health and physical fitness and core competencies. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.

### **6.a) OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

- Operations Chairperson Kearns presented the Operations Committee's Report from the April 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2019 committee meeting.
- Next Meeting Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### **6.b) POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT**

- Operations Chairperson Farrell presented the Policy Committee's Report from the April 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2019 committee meeting.
- **Policy #6.800** – The committee recommended that the draft Policy # 6.800 be sent out for public consultation.

**MOTION: It was moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Quinlan.**

*"That the Board send draft Policy #6.800 Records Retention and Disposal Policy be sent out for public consultation."*

CARRIED

- Next Meeting Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**6.c) TRUSTEE REPORTS**

- There were no Trustee reports this month.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- There was no unfinished business this month.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- **8.1) 2019-2020 Draft Annual Budget Bylaw** – The Operations Committee recommended that the Board proceed with the first two readings of the Draft 2019-2020 Budget Bylaw. Secretary Treasurer Margerm presented a report to the Board on the draft 2019- 2020 budget.

**MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Quinlan.***

*“That the Board proceed with the first two readings of the 2019 - 2020 Annual Budget Bylaw.”*

CARRIED

- **8.2) – Lake Kathlyn Elementary School Timeline Update** - The Board approved to release the timeline of Lake Kathlyn into the public. Secretary Treasurer Margerm reviewed the time and commented that just because the Ministry has provided us with approval to sell the property, it doesn't mean that we are going to sell it. The disposal of the Lake Kathlyn property will continue to be an **“In-Camera”** item. All SD54 facilities will be reviewed at the November 2019 Facilities Review meeting.

**Lake Kathlyn Property Timeline**

June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	School closure approved by Board
June 2017	District ask for expressions of interest for Lake Kathlyn
February 2018	Board received consultation input and advised to continue to allow public input and proposals.
May 2018	Board advised that suitable rent proposal had been received from daycare organization and would be proceeding with a contract given the Ministry mandate for school districts to support early childhood services with vacant or surplus facilities.
November 26, 2018	District received Ministry approval to dispose.
January 2019	Board requested Mr. Margerm research and prepare a board report outlining considerations and specific options for the Lake Kathlyn property for the November 2019 Facilities Review.
February 2019	Board requested Mr. Margerm respond to any inquiries concerning disposition or rental/lease of the Lake Kathlyn property as an in-camera item, and that the Board will be making no decisions around until November 2019 Facilities Review.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

- The March 31, 2019 expenditure summary was included in the Trustee Board packages.

**10. READING FILE**

**MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee Kearns and seconded by Trustee Quinlan.***

*"That the information contained in the Trustee Reading File be received and filed."*

CARRIED

**11. CLOSING REMARKS**

- Closing Remarks –Next regular Board Meeting will be held on May 21, 2019 at the Twain Sullivan Elementary in Houston B.C., commencing at 7:00 p.m.

**12. ADJOURNED**

- The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.

Approved by:

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Les Kearns, Vice - Chairperson  
of the Board of Education

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Dave Margern  
Secretary Treasurer



**SYNOPSIS  
OF  
IN-CAMERA MEETING  
SCHOOL DISTRICT #54 (Bulkley Valley)  
APRIL 16, 2019  
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, SMITHERS B.C.**

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:01pm and the Board resolved to go in-camera.

- The Chair asked if there were any corrections to the In-Camera meeting minutes of March 12, 2019. There being none, the In-Camera meeting minutes of March 12, 2019 declared approved as presented by the Chairperson.
- Administration reported on routine staffing, labour relations and school suspensions.
- The Operations Committee reported on a real property matter.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:26pm.

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## REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

to the  
Board of Education  
May 21, 2019

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### Student Achievement

- **SSS Drama** - Last week the SSS drama, theatre, and music students performed '*The Tempest*' to packed houses at the Della Herman Theatre. Once again, the quality of the show was sensational! Thanks to everyone who helped make it such an amazing event.

### Innovation / Initiatives

#### District Based Initiatives

- **Changing Results for ALL Learners (CR4AL)** – On May 30th wrap up for Changing Results to be held at 4:00 pm at The Old Church. The CR4AL project was facilitated by Lynn Rutley, Sandra McAulay and Jo-Anne Goble. There were four cohorts: K-1, 2-3, 4-6 and 7+ high school. These four cohorts met three times over the year to learn and share. There was a wide range of investigations, including mental health, literacy and inquiry.
- **District Elementary Track** - On Friday, June 7th the Annual Elementary Track Meet will be held at SSS. Contact your local elementary school for more info.
- **Network of Inquiry and Innovation** - Educators and administration from SD54 joined others from around the province on May 10-11 in Vancouver at this annual learning conversation. We were proud to have Ms. Jana Fox and Ms. Nicole Davey selected to facilitate this conference. We also had several well received presentations from our schools at this event.

On May 31, SD 54 will be hosting the regional Network Celebration. The group will be learning and sharing from teams from around the region. Great to see our teachers and administrators continue in this leadership role.

- **OECD / BC Education meeting**- Superintendent McDiarmid and District Principal Matthew Monkman will be attending this two-day session in Vancouver on May 22-23. Should be excellent information about future directions in education in the Province and around the world.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rural Secondary School Think Tank- Northern Version**- Assistant Superintendent van der Mark will be attending with Dwayne Anderson, Jody Barber and Kari Niven on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at UNBC. School district teams from around the region will be coming together to consider ways in which we can continue to further develop pedagogy, community engagement and the development of a strong relationship with Place, People and Land.
- **Local Bargaining** - The District is pleased to report that local bargaining has concluded. Several changes to the contract were agreed to and there were good discussions about several that we could not come to an agreement on. The BVTU team were respectful and very professional in their approach. A good learning experience for both groups.

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## Student Based Initiative

- **Graduation Ceremonies** – Graduation dates for Smithers Secondary and Houston Secondary are June 7<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>, respectively.

## Field Trip Proposals

- The following field trips have been approved by the Assistant Superintendent:
  - **TSE** - 51+/- Grade 3-5 students from Twain Sullivan Elementary to travel Fort St. James Historical Site on June 18-19, 2019. The purpose of this trip is to engage in hands on and real world experiences to enhance curriculum learned in the classroom. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
  - **HSS** - 20 +/- Grade 11 and 12 Biology students from Houston Secondary to travel to Vancouver, B.C. on June 23-June 28, 2019. The purpose of this trip is to support the Biology 11/12 curriculum. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
  - **SSS** - 18 +/- Grade 11 and 12 Outdoor Ed students Smithers Houston Secondary to travel to the Silverking Trail and Joe L'Orsa Cabin on May 14-16, 2019. The purpose of this trip is to support the Outdoor Ed curriculum. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
  - **SIL** - 17+/- Kindergarten students from Silverthorne Elementary to travel to Vanderhoof, BC on May 3, 2019. The purpose of this trip is to participate in the releasing of juvenile sturgeon and to support the baby animal unity of the Kindergarten curriculum. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
  - **SIL** - 40+/- Grade 2-4 students from Silverthorne Elementary to travel to Fort Babine Fish Fence on May 16, 2019. The purpose of this trip is to support the Indigenous curriculum. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
  - **MME** - 32+/- Grade 7 students from Muheim Memorial to travel to the Bear Claw Lodge on June 24-27, 2019. The purpose of this trip is to support the Outdoor Ed curriculum and the Grade 7 year-end field trip. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
  - **HSS** - 18 +/- Active Living students in Grades 8-12 from Houston Secondary to travel to Rock Nest Ranch on numerous trips between May 15 and June 21, 2019. The purpose of these trips is to support the Active Living curriculum by practicing their padding and fly-fishing skills. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
  - **SIL** - 20+/- Grade 2-3 students from Silverthorne Elementary to travel to Rough Acres Bible Camp on June 19-20, 2019. The purpose of this trip is to support the Indigenous curriculum. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
  - **WPS** - 98+/- Grade K-2 students from Walnut Park Elementary to travel to Tyhee Lake on June 21, 2019. The purpose of this trip is to take part in the primary year-end celebrations. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.

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## Board Authority Course Applications

### 1. Snow School 11

This course is designed to develop the knowledge and skills required to participate in the snow sport of their choice as life-long participants. The Snow School course focuses on competencies that will support the learner in acquiring the knowledge and skills needed to safely participate in skiing and snowboarding for themselves and a diverse community.

Snow School 11 will be offered as a flex option (online), which will create flexibility and time with the students' schedules to allow for greater accessibility to snow sports and activity/practice time without sacrificing other elective or academic options for students. While experiencing these benefits, students will also be encouraged to develop a "mountain culture" and capacity to contribute back to their respective sports through service learning.

### 2. Principals of Sport 10 – Basketball

This course is a sport specific program designed to develop student- athletes on a continuous, yearlong basis. As a result, and given the nature of sport it is essential that technical skills and knowledge of basketball be reinforced year to year. This course is designed to have students learn a variety of scientific principles, techniques and methodologies pertaining to the human body. Topics will include physical training, practices that support mental wellbeing and preparation, sports nutrition, the evolution of the sport and the relationship to personal development and identity. In addition, important life skills will also be developed. These skills include: goal-setting, leadership, time management, conflict resolution, communication and social responsibility. Through a focus on developing knowledge and competencies in the sport of basketball, students will acquire insights for lifelong health and fitness.

### 3. Principals of Sport 11 – Basketball

This course is a sport specific program designed to develop student- athletes on a continuous, yearlong basis. While this course many build Principals of Sport 10 – Basketball, it is not a required prerequisite. An added area of focus is on having students themselves coach the skills, knowledge and strategies of basketball. Other course topics will include physical training, practices that support mental wellbeing and preparation, care of athletic related injuries, sports nutrition, the evolution of the sport of basketball, and the relationship to personal development and identity. In addition, students will develop leadership skills in supporting physical activities for others. These skills will include: officiating, coaching, equipment management, and event organization.

### 4. Principals of Sport 12 – Basketball

This course is a sport specific program designed to develop student-athletes on a continuous, yearlong basis. This course builds on Principals of Sport 11 – Basketball. A main area of focus at this level is the ability to fully officiate a basketball game. Topics will include physical training, practices that support mental wellbeing and preparation, care of athletic related injuries, sports nutrition, the evolution of the sport, and the relationship to personal development and identity. In addition, students will develop leadership skills in supporting physical activities for other. These skills will include: officiating, coaching, equipment management, and event organization.

## Operations

- **Muheim Elementary School** - School District 54 (Bulkley Valley) has received a playground grant of \$105,000 to support a new playground at Muheim Elementary School. The maintenance department will be wrapping up installation of this playground shortly.

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**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
*Regular*

May 7<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

5:00 PM

School Board Office

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Administration</b>
L. Kearns, Chair P. Michell, Alternate J. Krauskopf	M. McDiarmid, Superintendent D. Margerm, Secretary Treasurer C. van der Mark, Assistant Superintendent
J. Williams (ex officio)	
<b>Regrets</b>	

Meeting was conducted from 5:01-5:48 pm

**Welcome:**     *Before we begin, I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered here today on the home of the Wit'suwit'en Nation, traditional territory of the Gidmt'en - Bear Wolf Clan."*

**REPORT**

**1.     2019-2020 Draft Budget**

Mr. Margerm advised the committee that the first two readings of the Budget Bylaw conducted in April 2019 would need to be redone, as Trustees were not in possession of the bylaw document at the time of the reading. The paperwork was inadvertently missed in the board package sent to Trustees.

Mr. Margerm provided an overview of the 2019-2020 Draft Budget to the committee. It was also presented at a public meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 after the committee meeting, and again at the public board meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> in Houston. Details of a balanced draft budget was presented.

***Motion: Committee recommends proceeding with repeating the first two readings of the 2019-2020 Budget Bylaw again at the May Board meeting.***

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2. **Capital Plan 2019-2020 Bylaw Approval**

The District needs approval for the 2019-2020 Capital Bylaw that registers Ministry capital funding of \$926,320 for School Enhancement Muheim Elementary: Mechanical & HVAC Upgrades –Phase 1 program.

***Motion: Given unanimous consent of all Trustees, the Committee recommends proceeding with all three readings of the 2019-2020 Capital Bylaw that registers Ministry capital funding of \$926,320.***

3. **AFG Plan Update**

***Information Item:*** As presented, Mr. Margerm updated the committee on the current plans for the Annual Facilities Grant for 2019-2020.

4. **District of Houston – Community Plan Amendments**

***Information Item:*** Mr. Margerm advised the committee that the District of Houston is planning to amend their Official Community Plan and is providing the School Board with an opportunity for input. If interested, the Board should provide Mr. Margerm with input prior to May 31, 2019 in order that he can pass on to the District of Houston.

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**Date & Time of Next Meeting: June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 5:00pm.**

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## POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

3:00 PM

School Board Office

Voting Members	Administration
F. Farrell, Chair E. Quinlan, Alternate F. Krishan  J. Williams (ex officio)	M. McDiarmid, Superintendent D. Margerm, Secretary Treasurer C. van der Mark, Assistant Superintendent
<b>Regrets:</b>	

Meeting conducted from 2:55-4:10 pm.

**Welcome:**     *Before we begin, I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered here today on the home of the Wit'suwit'en Nation, traditional territory of the Gidmt'en - Bear Wolf Clan."*

## REPORT

### PREVIOUS MEETING OF April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

Policy	Description	Type	Status	Consultation
6.800	Records Retention and Disposal Policy	New	In-Committee	Yes
	Policy & AP Framework	_____	On-going	Not required

## NEW BUSINESS

Revisions

Policy	Description	Type	Status	Consultation
6.400	Volunteers	Revision	In-Committee	Yes (Complete)
11.300	Student Travel Supervision	Revision	In-Committee	Yes (Complete)
4.700	Impairing Substances in the Workplace	New	In-Committee	Yes (Complete)
9.120	Student Involvement with Drug & Alcohol	Revision	In-Committee	Yes (Complete)
9.300	Physical Restraint & Seclusion in School Settings	Revision	In-Committee	Yes (Complete)
1.200	Superintendent Evaluation	Revision	In-Committee	Yes
	Environmental Sustainability (BN-P-1)	New	In-Committee	Yes
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	Policy & AP Framework		On-going	Not required

Type:           New, Revision, Deletion  
 Status:         In-committee, on-going, approved  
 Consultation   Yes, Not required, Complete, Rejected

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1. **Policy 6.400**      **Volunteers**

Mr. Margerm advised the committee on any stakeholder feedback from the public consultation process.

**Motion: Committee recommends that the "Board approve the draft Policy 6.400 Volunteers"**

2. **Policy 11.300**      **Student Travel Supervision**

Mr. Margerm advised the committee on any stakeholder feedback from the public consultation process.

**Motion: Committee recommends that the "Board approve the draft Policy 11.300 Student Travel Supervision"**

3. **Policy 4.700**      **Impairing Substances in the Workplace**

Mr. Margerm advised the committee on any stakeholder feedback from the public consultation process.

**Motion: Committee recommends that the "Board approve the draft Policy 4.700 Impairing Substances in the Workplace"**

4. **Policy 9.120**      **Student Involvement With Drug & Alcohol**

Mr. Margerm advised the committee on any stakeholder feedback from the public consultation process.

**Motion: Committee recommends that the "Board approve the draft Policy 9.120 Student Involvement With Drug & Alcohol"**

5. **Policy 9.300**      **Physical Restraint & Seclusion in School Settings**

Mr. Margerm advised the committee on any stakeholder feedback from the public consultation process. Revisions were recommended to Administrative Procedure 9.300.

**Motion: Committee recommends that the "Board approve the draft Policy 9.300 Physical Restraint & Seclusion in School Settings"**

6. **Policy 1.200**      **Superintendent Evaluation**

Mr. Krishan raised the question of whether the Board would be interested in considering revising the current policy on Superintendent Evaluation. With a new Board and new Superintendent, this may be an opportunity to review the policy. There may be a need for a more defined policy with greater plan and/or criteria, definitions, roles & responsibilities, cycles/timelines. Mr. Krishan referenced the BCSTA recommendations and other district's policies. Mr. Krishan will also provide examples of more extensive Superintendent Evaluation policy from other school districts.

**Recommendation: Policy Committee proceed with reviewing Superintendent Evaluation Policy with the intent of providing greater specifications and/or process to an evaluation/growth plan.**

Type: New, Revision, Deletion  
Status: In-committee, on-going, approved  
Consultation: Yes, Not required, Complete, Rejected

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## **7. Environmental Sustainability Policy**

Senior Management raised the option of the committee working on creating a district policy on environmental sustainability. This framework would provide some strategic direction or vision for student, staff, schools and facilities throughout the district. This type of policy would help to support best practices in the area of environmental sustainability or allow for funding or resources to support district or school programs. Sample policies have been provided as examples.

***Recommendation: That the Policy Committee proceed with developing a district policy regarding environmental sustainability outlining a district strategic direction and/or possible best practices.***

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**Date & Time of Next Meeting: June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 3 pm**

Type: New, Revision, Deletion  
Status: In-committee, on-going, approved  
Consultation: Yes, Not required, Complete, Rejected



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*"To empower all learners to live the challenges of a diverse and changing world."*

## TRUSTEE REPORT BCSTA AGM April 25-28, 2019

It seems that every time I go to a trustee function I find useful information that I can apply to something we are dealing with in our district at any given time. Well this time was no different and even more so the case. I also learned that Trustee Quinlan has a new tattoo. It wouldn't be a complete trip without learning something new about our peers would it?

I have been trying to wrap my head around how we can utilize the Lake Kathlyn space and also deal with the issues we are having with a particular user group. Something that is positive, perhaps even a legacy we can leave behind for years to come and that the community will talk about and appreciate for years. One quote that resonates with me from a previous session and rings true to me is "make the positives so loud that they drown out the negatives". This is exactly what we will do with Lake Kathlyn Elementary.

A few days before leaving for Vancouver I ran into Michelle Story from Bright Beginnings who is currently occupying the Lake Kathlyn with her business partner Tiffany Houle. I have to admit, I knew we were renting a space to them for their daycare but had no idea how significant their operation is. According to Ms. Storey they have 125 children attending and up to 14 staff. Wow! I honestly had no idea and this has left me wanting to learn more. Of course I put on my thinking cap immediately, haha. My first thought was "*Why are we not promoting this more and what can we do to work with them to fill the section of school that they are not using with a complimentary user group?*"

Upon closer inspection of my itinerary for the weekend and after talking to Trustee Williams, I noticed that there was a session titled "*Building Child Care On School Grounds With the Childcare BC New Spaces Fund*". BOOM ... this is it I thought. I immediately got excited and hoped that it was going to be informative and answer some of my questions. It was. In a nutshell the Ministry Of Children And Family Development has LOTS of money and they are looking for ways to disburse it. It almost seems too easy, but I'm sure we will find out. The session was run mostly by Michelle Kirby with some input from Minister Chen. They seem excited, energetic and very excited to help out. I also get the impression that because this is a new program and they are looking for support that they will work with us and get creative as to how they will hand out money. Lake Kathlyn is an older facility and I'm sure will need work soon, one idea is that we could use this money to update and make the portion of the school that's not rented useable or to help grow the daycare that is already in there.

Depending on the type of organization that is looking for money and the use for the money they have anywhere from \$2,000 - \$1,000,000 to give away. They have a 10 year vision to start with this project and are a couple years in. Ms. Kirby and Minister Chen proceeded to give example after example of districts that have partaken in the program throughout the province. All with super positive feedback and all quite unique in their own way. A few districts have done exactly what I believe we should do with Lake Kathlyn and partnered up complimentary user groups and created centers.

In closing I believe we have an excellent solution for Lake Kathlyn right under our noses!

Respectfully submitted,

Trustee Jason Krauskopf



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## TRUSTEE REPORT BCSTA AGM April 25-28, 2019

On April 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> I attended the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the British Columbia School Trustees Association, which was held in Richmond BC. The following is a summary of my activities.

### Day 1

- At an early afternoon meeting, attended by BCSTA directors, board chairs and vice-chairs, we had an opportunity to discuss questions regarding the new Ministry funding proposals. The participants' consensus was a definite lack of information.
- The opening ceremonies took place in the evening. This included a wonderful keynote address by Gabrielle Scrimshaw. Gabrielle is Indigenous and grew up in a small town in northern Saskatchewan. She battled through family problems and lack of self-confidence, to graduate from both Stanford and Harvard. She discussed the importance of educators, the changing indigenous demographics, and the importance of the Truth and Reconciliation process.

### Day 2

- The day began with our attendance at the North West Branch meeting. We elected a new president and vice-president and listened to school district reports and an education report.
- The first plenary was by Monique Gray Smith, an Indigenous Canadian writer, who deals with the Residential school system and the Truth and Reconciliation process by writing books for both children and adults. She was wonderful.
- Plenary 2 was presenter Dr. Chris Bart, who spoke about "A Culture of Great Governance". He was both excellent and enthusiastic.
- Plenary 3 was conducted by Colin McPherson, who works in the Office of the Ombudsperson and spoke on the topic of "Preventive Fairness Education and Appeals". He is a very experienced investigator and his comments were very informative.
- We had presentations by both the Minister of Education, Rob Fleming and the Official Opposition Education Critic, Dan Davies. Both were very interesting.
- The highlight of the day had to be the Queneesh Extreme Super Team Drummers, a grade 6 and 7 group of students from SD 71. They had the place "rockin"!

### Day 3

- This was our business day and we managed to elect a new president, vice-president and 4 directors. We dealt with 32 resolutions and managed to be done shortly after 4PM. It was a very good day.

The 3 days were very well done and well worth the time and effort. I came home feeling better prepared to do my job as a school trustee.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustee Les Kearns

I attended the 115<sup>th</sup> **BCSTA Annual General Meeting** on April 25-28, 2019 at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond, BC. As this is my first Annual General Meeting I found it encouraging that 46% of trustees are new at this year's AGM.

For a more detailed version of this report please visit my Facebook page: **floyd krishan - school district 54 trustee**

#### April 25<sup>th</sup>

The AGM started for me with a pre-conference workshop titled "Strategic Planning Always Boils Down to People and Relationships". The speaker for the workshop was Deborah Grey – Former Member of Parliament and first female Leader of the Opposition in Canadian history. Deb Grey gave us an inside view into her experiences being an elected official as well as a school teacher. She acknowledged that some days were just plain hard. She gave us advice on how to balance a public and personal life.

The next portion of the day led us to opening ceremonies and the singing of Oh Canada by grade 12 student, Cedric Yasey, from the Richmond Secondary School.

Gordon Swan, outgoing BCSTA President then introduced the Keynote Speaker, Gabrielle Scrimshaw. Ms. Scrimshaw is a global thought leader in Indigenous leadership. Being Indigenous, Gabrielle was born with some daunting numbers stacked against her. She told us how mentors throughout her life helped guide her to a bright future. She now feels the responsibility to do the same with Indigenous youth.

#### April 26<sup>th</sup>

Friday started off with a breakfast branch meeting. School District 54 is a part of the BCSTA Northern Branch. SD50 Haida Gwaii, SD52 Prince Rupert, SD82 Terrace, SD87 Stikine, and SD92 Nisga'a make up the rest of the Northern Branch school districts. During the meeting branch elections were held.

After district branch meetings, Trustees listened to a presentation from Monique Gray, a Canadian writer. Ms. Gray shared her story of how truth and reconciliation led her on a journey to write three books (Tilly, a Story of Hope and Resilience).

Next the Hon. Minister of Education, Rob Fleming spoke to the Trustees about current government accomplishments and the future for education in BC. He spoke of how the BC NDP is focusing on the mental health of our students. All 60 School Districts in BC has been given funds for improving mental health and well being of students.

The Minister also noted that the government is continuing to focus on recruiting and training new teachers. There is a focus to sponsor Indigenous teachers to fill spaces.

Dr. Chris Bart, educator, consultant and author, spoke to the Trustees next. Dr. Bart acknowledged stories of some Boards and Directors failing in their governance roles and strategic responsibilities. He instilled in the Trustees the importance of doing a "Governance Audit" to test Board cohesion on both strategy and governance processes. He reminded Trustees that Boards must do their due diligence by asking questions before decisions are made.

Next Trustees were treated to a student presentation. The Queneesh Extreme Super Team Drummers from Queneesh Richmond Elementary in SD71 showed off their bucket drumming skills.

For the remainder of the day Trustees had their choice of 5 educational concurrent sessions. I chose a session titled Preventative Fairness Education and Section 11 Appeals held by the Office of the Ombudsperson.

Speaker – Colin McPherson, Ombudsperson Officer

This session provided an overview of the Office of the Ombudsperson. The Ombudsperson Officer, Colin McPherson, focused on administrative fairness and natural justice. To make the session relevant to the AGM, he referred to complaints received from members of the public about school districts. For more information, please visit: [www.bcombudsperson.ca](http://www.bcombudsperson.ca). After the concurrent education sessions, the Board of Directors had an All Candidates' Forum. Candidates running for election to the Board of Directors had an opportunity to answer questions from the Trustees before election day.

The day finished off with a CUPE sponsored reception.

#### April 27

I was unable to attend the Saturday portion of the AGM. On the final day the Trustees elected the 2019/2010 BCSTA Board of Directors. After the election, the Trustees debated the substantive and extraordinary motions. I found the AGM very informative and thought it was worthwhile to have attended the event. I found the election process (the part I was able to attend) to be very interesting and hope to be involved in future AGM's. I also thought that the speaker presentations were pertinent for Trustees to hear. I found the presentation from Dr. Bart and the presentation from the Office of the Ombudsperson particularly useful.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trustee Floyd H Krishan



# School District No. 54 (BULKLEY VALLEY)

*"To empower all learners to live the challenges of a diverse and changing world."*

## TRUSTEE REPORT

### BCSTA AGM

April 25-28, 2019

#### Day 1

After arriving in Richmond I made an excursion over to North Vancouver. The Girls Rugby Team from HSS were playing in the Rugby 7's provincials. There were also a few girls from SSS who teamed up with girls from Vanderhoof to form a Northwest team. I was able to watch the HSS junior team in action. Unfortunately they lost that game but won their next one.

#### Session with Board of Directors, Board Chairs and Vice -Chairs

##### Opening Ceremonies and Keynote Speaker

The Keynote speaker was Gabriele Scrimshaw, because Gabrielle is Indigenous, she was born with some daunting numbers stacked against her. She was eleven times more likely to be reported missing, three times more likely to be unemployed, be underfunded in her quest for education, and was more likely to drop out of high school than finish it. In the face of these circumstances, Gabrielle journeyed from a small town of 800 in north-central Saskatchewan, to graduating from both Harvard and Stanford. In this informative and inspirational tale, she discussed how educators put her on a different path, how Indigenous demographics are changing Canada, and the key role education plays in the reconciliation process.

#### Day 2

##### Branch Meetings

Business: Chair- Shar Mcrory Coast Mountains. In the fall there will be a joint Branch meeting hosted by SD91.

**Plenary 1:** Monique Gray Smith: Monique shared her journey toward truth and reconciliation and how that journey led her to write three new books.

**Plenary 2:** Dr. Chris Bart – Educator, Consultant and Author, This session involved a review of governance best practices resulting from his proprietary and ground-breaking research as well as ample practical advice designed to help School Board Trustees.

**Celebrate Public Education:** The Queneesh Extreme Super Team Drummers are a bucket drumming group from Queneesh Elementary in SD71 Comox Valley

**Concurrent session IT'S IN THE CARDS:** • It's in the Cards is an experiential social justice approach to learning about Indigenous reconciliation.

**Dan Davies, CD** – Member of the Legislative Assembly – Province of British Columbia – Peace River North – Education Critic for the Official Opposition out being and working in groups.

##### Candidates form

#### Day 3

##### Business Day of the AGM

If you have any questions regarding the AGM please refer to the BCSTA website or send me an email.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jennifer Williams  
Trustee/ Board Chairperson

On April 25-28 I attended the 15<sup>th</sup> annual BCSTA General Meeting held at the Sheraton Airport Hotel, Richmond, BC. The event was participated by Trustees from across the province including some of my fellow School District Trustees.

On Thursday I attended two preconference's. Firstly, I attended inclusion activist and consultant Shelley Moore on the difference between segregation, exclusion and inclusion. Her high energy presentation engaged participants in break out sessions discussing what is inclusion. The second preconference was provided by Former Reform Party MP Deborah Grey. She discussed Strategic Planning from her days as the First Elected Reform party MP in Canada to even everyday life planning a family trip.

In the Evening, Gabrielle Scrimshaw, a global leader in Indigenous leadership talked about her upbringing, her path to success, and how residential schools shaped how she struggled to find hope for her future. Her inspiring life instilled the notion that a life's upbringing can grow through acts of kindness in the midst of despair. How educators can inspire students beyond the basic curriculum can also be a lesson from the uplifting presentation.

From the Friday and Saturday sessions some of the highlights include:

- Northwest Branch meetings where we elected a new President and Vice-president along with Education rep. Moreover, we set the stage for another joint Northwest- Northern Interior Branch meeting in Prince George in September.
- Monique Gray Smith – Weaving love and joy into the journey of Truth and Reconciliation. Great children's author who inspires love in all
- My Finance Committee of the BCSTA meeting where we passed motion to bring the drafted 2019-20 budget to the Saturday Provincial Council meeting.
- Preventative fairness education and section 11 appeals. Colin McPherson, Ombudsman Officer gave us an overview of the types of appeals that reach his office and how fairness in the process determines which appeals are heard.
- Saturday morning Provincial Council meeting where both the Drafted 2019-20 budget was up for approval along with approving of auditors Smyth LLP as the BCSTA auditors going forward.
- Re-election of the present board of the BCSTA with Gordon Swan stepping down to become past President and Stephanie Higginson becoming the new BCSTA President. Carolyn Brody becoming the new Vice- President.
- Motions which ranged in scope were debated and the final accepted template will be used to lobby the ministry on behalf of member boards.

In final the event was engaging and continues to elevate the proceedings with fresh perspective coinciding with 46 percent newly elected Trustees. Although, as we go on we all are becoming more seasoned in the governance of Public Education in present day form. For more information contact BCSTA.org.

Respectfully submitted  
Frank Farrell  
Trustee.