

FCTA Executive Meeting

Minutes

June 9, 2021

4:30 pm

Via Zoom

Regrets: Lawrence, Cromarty, Carlson

Guest: Caris Nickerson

A. Call to Order

1. Aboriginal Acknowledgement - Marvell
2. Approval of Agenda – Anderson/McIntosh: Carried
3. Approval of Minutes – May12, 2021 – Ma/Hrynyk: Carried

B. Executive/Committee Reports

1. President

Postings – Lynne continues to work on creating a collaborative and consultative relationship with the new district admin. Most positions filled.

Surplus – Some of it may be spent next year.

Career Education in SD78 – Evaluated by consultant Wade Peary. Report given to the board via Zoom. Lynne attended and was concerned about the assumptions that were made and the negative tone towards teachers. She addressed these concerns in the meeting and followed up in writing with an email to the superintendent.

Labour Enhancement Meeting: Will be reviewing the class size and composition data for the 2021/22 school year in the June meeting.

BCTF Summer Conference is online this year. Let Lynne know if you would like to attend.

TTOC time for Assessments. TTOC's have been provided in the past at some schools so that teachers could carry out assessments. This was done at the discretion of the principal. This is unlikely to continue due to a reduction in school budgets. Lynne has made the case to the superintendent that in order for these assessments to be valid, the teacher and student need the time to complete them unhindered by distractions.

District staff meetings – There will be five. These will not be in addition to school-based meetings.

2. Pro-D –

All staff have presented their proposals for summer pro-d.

MS Teams training will be offered. It needs to be approved by staff for summer pro-d.

It is optional. If teachers attend, then they will get a day in lieu

3. Committee Reports

- **Budget:** May 10: Poulin - No report.

- **Board Meetings:** Marvell – Online learning will be an option through the new Fraser-Cascade Open Learning program. Concern this could endanger small academic classes in high schools. Enrollment in SD78 is expected to stay the same.

- **Operations and Facilities-** BBESS getting solar panels. AESS could get seismic upgrades. Harrison may be replaced. Daytime custodians being considered.

C. School Reports

TREC – Graduation was last week; honouring ceremony tomorrow.

HSS – Graduation ceremony on the weekend; exams start on June 14

Coquihalla – indigenous day coming up; reports due on June 14

Kent - Sports day last week over 2 days

AESS – Grad last weekend; project based final assessment and classes to June 16

TTOC - No issues to report

District– Jeff Cuvelier is the new ELL teacher – 2 teachers for 90 students in the district; meeting next week to discuss with Balan and Renge how the workload will be divided up.

BBESS – No concerns.

D. Unfinished Business

E. Any Other Business

LR BCTF Rep Assembly Report: Smith – Most events will switch to in-person after Summer Conference and bargaining training in October. Motion passed to honour the 215 children found buried at the Kamloops Residential School. Concerns around how the pandemic has increased on-line learning. BCTF will be looking at a campaign to highlight the impact on teachers and students.

F. Next Executive Meeting

Date: TBA

Time: TBA

ADJOURNMENT – Poulin/ Dowson: Carried