



EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 4:00 P.M.

IMC Facility

Behind the School Board Office

Pages

1. Call to Order

2. Appointment of Secretary-Treasurer for the September 16, 2020 Education Committee of the Whole

As per Section 69(4) of the School Act, in the absence of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Board may designate another employee of the Board to attend the meeting in place of the Secretary-Treasurer to perform the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer at the meeting.

MOTION:

That the Education Committee appoint Todd Manuel as Secretary-Treasurer for the September 16, 2020 Education Committee of the Whole.

3. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

That the agenda be approved.

4. Presentations

4.1 Anti-Racism in Education

On July 24, the Ministry of Education released information on combating racism in schools, and its commitment to developing an Anti-Racism plan to strengthen the K to 12 curriculum.

- <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EDUC0051-001372>
- <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EDUC0050-001364>

During our August administrator's meeting, former SD67 student Mr. Abhishek Lekhi provided a presentation on his families experience with racism in Summerland this Summer, as well as some considerations for educators in understanding barriers faced by students of colour and ways to support anti-racism education in our schools. Mr. Lekhi will provide a brief presentation on these themes.

5. Information Items

5.1 Education Restart Plan - Update

Superintendent Manuel will provide an update on the Education Restart Plan as schools welcomed students back to classes.

6. Action Items
7. Question Period
8. Adjournment



School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
Office of the Superintendent

MEMORANDUM

September 16, 2020

TO: Board of Education **FROM:** Todd Manuel, Superintendent
RE: Education Restart Plan - Update

Our September 8 – 11 orientation week allowed school staff to meet and have their Joint Health and Safety Committees receive detailed information and address any gaps on how the updated BCCDC guidelines will work in their schools. These guidelines were then reviewed and implemented as students returned to schools on September 10 and 11 through a gradual re-entry and orientation process. Superintendent Todd Manuel, OSTU local president Kevin Epp and CUPE Unit Chair Tammy Carter visited each school during the orientation week to receive feedback on school orientation and joint health and safety committee processes.

The district is grateful that the Ministry of Education has provided flexibility to districts to best meet the needs of our community in our planning. As the Board is aware, in response to parent feedback and with the support of the Ministry of Education, we have added a flexible transition back to school option.

As communicated to parents/guardians and students, our Restart Plan includes the following options:

1. Return to Full-time in class instruction

- Students will be attending regular in-class instruction. Having students in classrooms is the best way to minimize learning gaps and provide the academic, social, and emotional supports essential for learning.

2. On-Line Learning (ConnectEd)

- Students complete courses online through ConnectEd school at their own pace. Registration through ConnectEd is required. This option requires parents to contact their school administrator to discuss this registration process.

3. Homeschooling

- Homeschooling is an alternative method of teaching offered outside the B.C. educational system. Typically, a family member is solely responsible for delivering the entire educational program. Homeschool programs are not supervised by an SD 67 teacher. Parents are required to contact their school administrator if they are choosing this option.

4. Transition Back to School Plan

- This plan is suited to families who wish to have their child return to in-class instruction but want more time and require a more gradual transition. Families will be primarily responsible to support their child's learning. Teacher communication will begin the week of September 21.
- Parents who identify the need for a gradual transition back to school will retain their school spot and receive the curriculum through print and/or online support. School staff will check in with families to see if re-entry is possible by early October. Ideally, students on this system should plan on returning to school by the end of the first term/quarter.

District staff will provide a further update on our restart process at the September 28 Board Meeting.