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FEBRUARY 2, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Council: Rebecca Blair, Janine Fraser, John Hall, Jeffrey Jones, Teresa Rezansoff, Ted Riecken, Fred Robertson, Peter Van Huizen, Cathy Lambright, John Tyler, Matthew Cooke, Monty Palmantier, Ramona Soares, Susan Wilson, Laurence Greeff, Jim Iker,

Absent:

Staff: Wilma Clarke, Shawn McMullin, Frank Dunham, Eric Tso, Sally Mercer, Katarina Hodak, Peta Brookstone, David Wilkie, Tina Cheng, Pauline Klyne, Pepi Kotsalis, Erin Stockwell, Andrew Crawford, Alexandra Gillis,

Public Members:	Kit Krieger	BC Principal's & Vice Principal's Association
	Harry Janzen	Vancouver Island University
	Juanita Coltman	First Nations Education Steering Committee
	Kimberly Franklin	Trinity Western University
	Tricia Stobbe	Christian Educators of BC
	Christine Stewart	BC Teacher's Federation
	Jane Worton	Queenswood Consulting

The Chair, Rebecca Blair, called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

1. INTRODUCTION AND RECOGNITION OF THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES

The Chair welcomed members of the public and recognized the traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.

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2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

REZANSOFF/TYLER

Motion: That the agenda for February 2, 2017 be approved.

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CARRIED

3. 2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT UPDATE

The Chair informed Council that the Annual Report was submitted to the Minister on November 4, 2016. The report was made public on the TRB website and the Ministry posted a news release to notify the public on December 19, 2016.

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4. CHAIRS REPORT OUT

The Chair informed Council that the CPD Advisory Council has been exploring what a provincial CPD Framework might look like.

5. REVIEW OF THE 2016-2017 WORKPLAN

The Council reviewed their 2016-2017 Workplan:

1. Continue the review of the Standards for Educators in BC
 2. Analysis and strategic release of the data from the New Teacher Survey
 3. Establishment, implementation of an Interim Teacher Education Program Review Process (Completed)
 4. Development, implementation of a Council Communication Plan
 5. Ongoing review of Council's policies, procedures and meeting rules
 6. Review of the certification and teacher education program standards – with recommendations to be tabled with the Council for consideration.
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6. CORRESPONDENCE

The Council reviewed the following correspondence:

- Letter from Ministry of Education, Director of French Education
 - Letter from First Nations Education Steering Committee
 - Referred to the Director of Certification
 - Letter to Trinity Western University
 - Letter to University of Northern British Columbia
 - Letters from/to Osberg
 - Referred to the Director of Certification
 - Will present to the Council in April
 - Letter to BC Student Alliance
 - Letter to University of British Columbia Okanagan
 - Letters from/to Ministry of Education, ADM George Farkas
 - Letters from/to Simon Fraser University
 - Letter from Ministry of Education, Kim Abbott
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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

7. MOTION: RELEVANCE OF TALKING BREAKS

LAMBRIGHT/GREEFF

Motion: That Council discontinue the Talking Breaks during Council meetings.

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CARRIED

8. CERTIFICATION AND TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM STANDARDS REVIEW UPDATE

Katarina Hodak, Acting Director of Certification, Frank Dunham, Assistant Director TEP Reviews, and Jane Worton of Queenswood Consulting, presented a review of the Certification Standards and Teacher Education Program Standards.

JONES/GREEFF

Motion: That the Council receive the report to discuss the recommendation at their next meeting.

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CARRIED

9. REPORTING TEMPLATE FOR EXTERNAL COMMITTEE WORK

JONES/LAMBRIGHT

Motion: That the reporting template draft be approved for use by Council representatives on external committees.

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CARRIED

10. REPORT OUT: FRENCH LANGUAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

John Hall informed Council that he attended the French Language Advisory Committee meeting on October 3, 2016. The next meeting of the French Language Advisory Committee will take place on March 8, 2017.

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11. NOTICE OF MOTION

Regarding second language instructors will be brought forward to the April meeting.

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12. REPORT OUT: K-12 ABORIGINAL EDUCATION PARTNERS TABLE

Laurence Greeff presented the New Teacher Survey to the K-12 Aboriginal Education Partners Table on October 3, 2016. Their next meeting is on February 22, 2017. Laurence will use the new reporting format to update the Council in April.

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13. INTERIM TEP REVIEW COMMITTEE – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Chair informed Council that the ITEPRC Terms of Reference state that the ITEPRC consists of five representatives as elected by the Council annually at the first meeting of the calendar year. As such, the election of the ITEPRC will take place tomorrow but nominations would be accepted today.

LAMBRIGHT/VAN HUIZEN

Motion: That the voting outcome will be determined by a rule of fifty percent plus one.

HALL/ROBERTSON

Amendment: Until other rules are established, this will be our election rule.

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CARRIED

LAMBRIGHT/VAN HUIZEN

Motion: That the voting outcome will be determined by a rule of fifty percent plus one. This will be the Council's election rule until other rules are established.

TYLER/GREEFF

Replacement Motion: To use our existing voting rules of the election of the Chair and Vice Chair with the exception of timelines for the voting for sub-committee members. This will be the Council's election rule until other rules are established.

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CARRIED

BREAK

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14. PRESENTATION: COMMISSIONER'S 2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT

The Commissioner for Teacher Regulation discussed his 2015-2016 Annual Report which contains complaint and discipline statistics from the previous year.

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LAMBRIGHT/COOKE

Motion: That the Council extend the meeting to address the last two items on the agenda.

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15. INTERIM TEP REVIEW COMMITTEE – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS CONTINUED

Matthew Cooke, Jeff Jones, Rebecca Blair, Ted Riecken, and Jim Iker were acclaimed to the 2017 Interim TEP Review Committee.

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16. REVIEW OF MINUTES

FRASER/HALL

Motion: That the minutes be approved

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17. ADJOURNMENT

TYLER/COOKE

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

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COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 4:08 PM

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FEBRUARY 3, 2017

ATTENDANCE

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Absent: Teresa Rezansoff,

Staff: Wilma Clarke, Shawn McMullin, Frank Dunham, Eric Tso, Sally Mercer, Maureen Dockendorf,

Public Members:	Kit Krieger	BC Principal's & Vice Principal's Association
	John Yamamoto	University of British Columbia
	Juanita Coltman	First Nations Education Steering Committee
	Christine Stewart	BC Teacher's Federation
	Andrew Kitchenham	University of Northern BC

The Chair, Rebecca Blair, called the meeting to order at 9:07 am.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed Council and members of the public.

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2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

LAMBRIGHT/VAN HUIZEN

Motion: That the agenda for February 3, 2017 be approved.

CARRIED

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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3. PRESENTATION: PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS – FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION STEERING COMMITTEE

Juanita Coltman, FNESC's K-12 Policy Manager, presented to the Council on the Professional Standards as they relate to First Nations Learners in BC.

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BREAK

4. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS REVIEW

Cathy Lambright and Fred Robertson presented the Professional Standards review process to date and the desired next steps of the committee. The Council then reviewed the proposed draft of Professional Standards.

HALL/FRASER

Motion: That the description of Standard One be changed from “Aboriginal worldviews and perspectives” to “Aboriginal and other worldviews and perspectives.”

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CARRIED

IKER/FRASER

Motion: That the description of Standard Three be changed from “learning differences and unique needs” to “learning differences and special needs.”

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DEFEATED

GREEFF/FRASER

Motion: That the description of Standard Three be changed from “learning differences and unique needs” to “learning differences and needs.”

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CARRIED

HALL/LAMBRIGHT

Motion: That Standard Four be changed from “Educators value the involvement, collaboration, and support” to “Educators value the involvement and support.”

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CARRIED

IKER/HALL

Motion: That the description of Standard Four be changed from “Educators understand, respect and encourage” to “Educators understand, respect and welcome.”

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DEFEATED

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LAMBRIGHT/HALL

Motion: That the lunch break be shortened to thirty minutes and that this discussion resume afterwards until it is complete.

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CARRIED

LUNCH

5. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS REVIEW CONTINUED

JONES/COOKE

Motion: That Standard Four be changed from “families and communities in schools” to “families and communities in student learning and schools.”

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DEFEATED

IKER/FRASER

Motion: That the description of Standard Six be changed from “a Canadian, Aboriginal and global perspective” to “a Canadian, First Nations, Metis and Inuit and global perspective.”

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DEFEATED

FRASER/HALL

Motion: That Standard Seven be changed from “ongoing professional learning” to “professional learning.”

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CARRIED

IKER/FRASER

Motion: That the description of Standard Seven be changed from “professional learning and reflective practice” to “professional development, professional learning and reflective practice.”

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CARRIED

PALMANTIER/COOKE

Motion: That the description of Standard Seven be changed from “support their professional growth over time” to “support their professional growth.”

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DEFEATED

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John Hall suggested that Standard Nine be changed from “the history of First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples” to “the history of Aboriginal, First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples.” There were no objections.

Laurence Greeff suggested that Standard Nine be supplemented with “Educators foster a deeper understanding of Aboriginals ways of knowing and being, history, and culture.” There were no objections.

6. BC TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS (TEPs)

Shawn McMullin presented an overview of the Structured Dialogue process and the 2016-2017 Structured Dialogue schedule. Peter Van Huizen and Janine Fraser reported out on the UVIC session that took place on December 7, 2016. Ralf St. Clair, Dean of the Faculty of Education at UVIC, joined the discussion via teleconference.

7. INTERIM TEP REVIEW COMMITTEE

Cathy Lambright temporarily excused herself from the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

John Tyler informed Council that Notices of Intent had been received from UNBC and SFU, and that a Program Proposal had been received from UNBC. Jeff Jones discussed the UNBC proposal in detail. Andrew Kitchenham, UNBC Education Program Chair, was present to comment and respond to Council’s questions.

JONES/TYLER

Motion: That the Council move into private deliberation

CARRIED

In private reporting out: The Council approved the program proposal from the University of Northern British Columbia Terrace and will send written notification of this decision from the Chair of the Council.

8. NEW TEACHER SURVEY

Shawn McMullin presented the New Teacher Survey results and informed Council that all personal information has been redacted.

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LAMBRIGHT/ROBERTSON

Motion: That the TEP – All BC Grad Report be distributed to all Education Partners and made publicly available on the TRB website.

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CARRIED

9. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

HALL/COOKE

Motion: That the minutes be approved.

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CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

TYLER/ROBERTSON

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

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CARRIED

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 3:54 PM

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Rebecca Blair, Chair



Wilma Clarke, Executive Director



Eric Tso, Recording Secretary