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ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Ted Riecken (in attendance for election only via conference call), Monty Palmantier

Staff: Wilma Clarke, Alison Hougham, Kimberley Dionne, Shawn McMullin, Frank Dunham, Pauline Klyne

Public Members: Susan Crichton University of British Columbia Okanagan
Christine Stewart BC Teachers' Federation

The Chair, Rebecca Blair, called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

Icebreaker

- Blair posed a question to Council - When was the time that math and science was very important to you?

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

ROBERTSON/ REZANSOFF

Motion: That the agenda for May 25, 2016 be approved,

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CARRIED

3. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Election of the Chair

- Blair acclaimed as Chair.

Election of the Vice-Chair

- Hall acclaimed as Vice-Chair.

4. REMAINING MEETING DATES FOR 2016-2017

REZANSOFF/JONES

Motion: That the Council meet on the following dates:

- Fall: October 27 & 28, 2016
- Winter: February 2 & 3, 2017
- Spring: April 12 & 13, 2017

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CARRIED

5. 2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT TIMELINE

The final draft of the annual report should be completed by July 2016. A draft design will be prepared for August after the content has been approved with the final approval in October.

6. COUNCIL WORKPLAN FOR 2016-2017

Council reviewed the workplan for 2016/2017:

1. Continue the review of the Standards for Education 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.
4. Establishment of a formal review process for teacher education programs.
5. Development and implementation of a Council Communications Plan.
6. Ongoing review of Council's policies, procedures and meeting rules.

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CARRIED

7. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Blair reported that she met with Deputy Minister, David Byng. She asked Council to consider inviting the Minister and Deputy Minister to the October 2016 meeting.

IKER/JONES

Motion: That staff be requested to invite the Minister and Deputy Minister to the October 2016 BCTC meeting.

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CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The Council reviewed the following:

- Letter from Minister Bernier.

REZANSOFF/IKER

Motion: That the Council add to the workplan that the Director of Certification lead a review of certification and teacher education program standards and table recommendations with Council for consideration.

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CARRIED

- Email to/from Ministry of Education, Director (Linda Beddouche), French-language programs. It was discussed whether to appoint a representative to the advisory committee.

ROBERTSON/LAMBRIGHT

Motion: That a representative be sent to sit on the advisory committee on French-language education programs in BC.

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CARRIED

Susan Wilson was appointed to the French-language advisory committee.

- Letter to (Dr. Airina), Thompson Rivers University (TRU).
- Letter to (Wendy Carr) of the University of British Columbia.
- Letter to/from (Deborah Jeffrey), First Nations Education Steering Committee. The matter was referred to the Professional Standards Review Committee.
- Letter to/from (Glen Hansman) K-12 Aboriginal Education Partners Table. Discussion took place with respect to adding special education and aboriginal education into Bylaw 2.

IKER/COOKE

Motion: That the request made by the K-12 Aboriginal Education Partners to include special education and Aboriginal education in Bylaw 2 be referred to the Director of Certification to incorporate into her review process.

CARRIED

The Council reviewed the letters sent to the Federal Minister Bennett and to the Fraser Institute as per the Council's motion passed at its meeting of April 29, 2016.

LAMBRIGHT/FRASER

Motion: That the letter of response from Fraser Institute be noted as received and filed.

CARRIED

9. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

10. BC TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS (TEPS)

Matthew Cooke from the Interim Teacher Education Program Review Committee (ITEPRC) updated Council on the May 19, 2016 meeting as follows:

- Interim Teacher Education Program Review Process Dashboard. The document gave a very quick view of where the ITEPRC are in the process. It became very difficult to predict process timelines, but the dashboard provides flexibility in the process, i.e. TEP response time.
- Feedback on the University of British Columbia Okanagan (UBCO) TEP proposal.
- UBCO Response to the ITEPRC's feedback report (May 18, 2016). It was noted that the ITEPRC has acknowledged the amount of work that the UBCO incorporated into the proposal.
- Feedback on University of Victoria (UVic) Proposal.
- Feedback on Uvic Revised Trades Proposal. No response to the feedback has been received.
- Interim TEP Approval Process.
- Report to Council template.
- Suggested Components in a TEP Proposal.
- Terms of Reference.

The Council was advised that four meeting dates have been proposed for the summer. Once the ITEPRC agree on a date, invitations will be sent to UBCO accordingly.

11. COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON K-12 ABORIGINAL EDUCATION PARTNERS GROUP

Council was reminded that the representative on the K-12 Aboriginal Education Partners Group will have a vote and will be expected to report back to Council.

Lawrence Greeff advised that the next meeting will be held on June 1, 2016 and that he would take back Council's recommendations.

12. NATURE OF REPORTING OUT TO COUNCIL RE: EXTERNAL COMMITTEES.

A general discussion was held regarding the format of reporting from external committee representatives.

REZANSOFF/ROBERTSON

Motion: That the E-kits from the K-12 Aboriginal Education Partners Group be placed on the agenda for tomorrow.

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COOKE/ROBERTSON

Motion: That staff be requested to develop a reporting template for the use of Council representatives on external committees.

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13. CODING IN THE K-12 SYSTEM

In response to the Minister's announcement on coding in the K-12 system, the Council questioned whether there had been discussions in the various school districts and the impact in terms of the school district's readiness. Also discussed was the potential impact on the requirement for teacher preparation programs.

- Council was advised that a Ministry of Education representative is considering attending an upcoming Council meeting to discuss the addition of coding to the curriculum.

14. COUNCIL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Shawn McMullin provided some potential learning opportunities for the Council.

15. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION PLAN

The Council discussed the communication plan and provided feedback to the Executive Director.

16. TALKING BREAK

Topic: Council communication – what is working, what is not? How can we engage a broader audience?

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17. COUNCIL MEETING RULE AMENDMENTS

The Council reviewed the revised document.

COOKE/LAMBRIGHT

Motion: That the document revised by TRB staff be placed on the table for discussion and approval.

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CARRIED

REZANSOFF/LAMBRIGHT

Motion: That the meeting be extended in order to continue reviewing the Meeting Rule Amendments document and review the meeting minutes.

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CARRIED

VAN HUIZEN/ROBERTSON

Motion: That the Meeting Rule Amendments Review be tabled to the next Council meeting.

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CARRIED

18. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

HALL/COOKE

Motion: That the minutes be approved.

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CARRIED

19. ADJOURNMENT

JONES/FRASER

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

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CARRIED

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 4:33 PM

MAY 26, 2016

ATTENDANCE

- Council:** Rebecca Blair, Janine Fraser, John Hall, Jeffrey Jones, Fred Robertson, Peter Van Huizen, Cathy Lambright, John Tyler, Matthew Cooke, Jim Iker, Susan Wilson, Laurence Greeff, Ted Riecken
- Absent:** Teresa Rezanoff, Monty Palmantier, Ramona Soares
- Staff:** Wilma Clarke, Kimberley Dionne, Shawn McMullin, Frank Dunham, Andrew Crawford, Alexandra Gillis
- Public Members:** Rod Brown University of BC Faculty of Education
Kit Krieger BC Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association
Kim Franklin Trinity Western University; Assoc. of BC Deans of Education

The Chair, Rebecca Blair, called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomes members of the public.

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2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

FRASER/LAMBRIGHT

Motion: That the agenda for May 26, 2016 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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3. DISCUSSION ON THE K-12 ABORIGINAL EDUCATION PARTNER GROUP E-KIT

Lawrence Greeff will attend the K-12 Aboriginal Education Partner Group meeting on June 1, 2016. The E-Kit document with the groups 23 recommendations will be uploaded onto the Council's SharePoint site and placed on the Council's October 2016 meeting agenda for discussion.

4. PRESENTATION: TRB OUTREACH UPDATE

Shawn McMullin provided Council with a high-level overview of TRB presentations that included topics such as the BC regulatory structure, professional standards and educational standards. Additionally, he referenced relevant case law/jurisprudence, duty to report, and the certification process.

5. PRESENTATION: CERTIFICATION UPDATE

Andrew Crawford provided Council with a high-level overview of the work of the TRB Certification Unit as it relates to the standards and bylaw and policy work of the Council. He discussed topics such as certification statistics, changes to the certification process, and the current trends in the certification.

6. PRESENTATION: EDUCATION TRANSFORMATION

Suzanne Hoffman gave a preamble of the work that she has been seconded to do with the Ministry of Education Outreach Team. She spoke about the development of redesigned curriculum to enhance student learning with a strong emphasis on competencies.

LAMBRIGHT/TYLER

Motion: That the meeting be extended to 12:10pm in order to continue discussing the presentation and review the meeting minutes.

CARRIED

7. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

COOKE/VAN HUIZEN

Motion: That the minutes be approved.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

FRASER/ROBERTSON

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 12:02 PM

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Rebecca Blair, Chair



Wilma Clarke, Executive Director



Kimberley Dionne, Recording Secretary