

In Attendance: Tamara Nunes, Ernie Millward, Naryn Searcy, Marcus Toneatto, Scott Tremblay, Amanda Palmer, Carol Lamb, Heather Koppe, Sheri Souch, Trista Walchuk, Jen Seminoff, Shelley Landry

1. Tamara called the meeting to order at 3:10pm.

2. Adopt the agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda.

Moved: **Tamara N.**

Seconded: **Carol L.**

All in Favour/Carried

3. Review the minutes of June 12th, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes of June 12th, 2025.

Moved: **Tamara N.**

Seconded: **Jen S.**

All in Favour/Carried

4. Business arising from the minutes.

- Hardware purchasing with PD funds -recommendation from SOSTU Chairs
 - Purchases have become very expensive over the last year or so (\$2500 - \$3000 spent on single purchases)
 - Question came to the SOSTU Chairs meeting about whether we should put a cap on the amount spent on tech and the Chairs had this recommendation: The Chairs recommend to the Pro-D Committee that there be a limit of \$1200 for ipads/tablets and accessories are limited to stylus'.
 - Originally tech purchases were added to our allowable Pro D fund spending to help teachers access programs they wanted to use in their classes that were not supported by district laptops. Teachers wanted to have tech to learn on and then be able to use programs with their classes
 - Ernie looked around and found reasonably priced tablets available for \$1200
 - Saving \$3000 for a tablet could mean other Pro D isn't happening
 - Question from Trista W. – Would this include document cameras? Tamara suggested this should be coming out of classroom/school funds and that this needs to be looked at in the fall. How does it support Pro D?

Motion that there be a limit of \$1200 for ipads/tablets and accessories are limited to stylus'.

Moved: **Tamara N.**

Seconded: **Trista W.**

11 in favour/1 opposed/Carried

- Review of SOSTU remedy days...are we doing them again?
 - 26.5 of the days were used this year
 - we will offer them again next year
 - there will be less remedy money overall

5. Financials

- Overview of financials (Ernie)
 - we write about \$80 000 in Pro D cheques every year
 - District Fund pays for COTA day and the lunch for the District Day
 - Have a healthy surplus of about \$20 000
 - Books are done by Jane Long of Long-Haggerty and all is in order

Motion to accept the financial report as presented.

Moved: **Tamara N.**

Seconded **Sheri S.**

All in Favour/Carried

6. New Business

- Format of District Day
 - we are looking to have staff learn in the area that you work. Do we know the history of this place? Do we know local protocols?
 - Part of the day would be spent in the communities and a part of the day at a cultural site/on the land
 - Lunch at school sites
 - Afternoon to be spent at schools and be led through frameworks to transfer learning from our morning into individual contexts
 - In planning stages. Have had one meeting and will be having another soon
- Contribution to District Day – food? Budget?

Motion that the SD 53 Professional Development Committee provide up to \$2300 towards the purchase of food for our District Indigenous Pro D day.

Moved: **Tamara N.**

Seconded: **Ernie M.**

All in Favour/Carried

7. Discussion/Action:

- Personal Pro D on a workday (how to book etc)
 - If you are attending Pro D on a regular work day, you must book this through Atrieve every time. This ensures you are paid and get a TTOC. Non-enrolling who may not require a TTOC must still put this through the system and will be deducted the cost of TTOC (\$425) from their Pro D accounts.
 - If your supervisor is saying you don't need a TTOC for it as it is part of your regular day/duties, then it can be considered in-service, but you cannot then claim any other expenses incurred from Pro D funds
 - It is either all in-service or all Pro-D
- February Zone Day
 - Declining attendance over the last number of years in Kelowna
 - There is some talk about having options happening in different Okanagan communities next year
 - More to come on this from Tamara after she meets with Zone Pro D chairs at BCTF Summer Conference
 - We do have this day in our calendar for next year
- October Day – can it be completed from home?
 - October Day can be completed from home
 - February Day must be completed from a SD 53 site if you are not attending the zone conference in Kelowna

- District Day must be completed from a SD 53 site if you are not attending the conference put on by the District and this committee
- Personal Plan days can be done from home, school etc
- Are you remaining as Pro D rep for your school?
 - Please let Tamara know and/or let her know who will be taking over

8. Information

- All Pro D offerings should be coming through the committee and me
 - Should not be offering group Pro D on days when SOSTU/District Pro D Committee are spending money
 - If you are offering something at your school, it should be passed through Tamara and/or the committee before it is advertised
 - If it ends up happening, it should be open to the district
- Reminder about Pro D lens and Professional Autonomy Lens
 - We need to make sure we are all taking these lenses into account when choosing Pro D
 - We have autonomy, but with that comes responsibility to our students, colleagues, the curriculum etc
 - Tamara will work on something to add to forms asking how Pro D will help us grow in our teaching job and improve the situation for our students
- Please don't submit App 2's until after the teacher has started a course or completed Pro D
- Reminder that Pro D must be done on-site on the summer day and February Day
- Personal Pro D can be done at home, online, weekends, evenings, summer etc. any time after the last day of work
- May 31st deadline for all App 2s...anything done after this can be claimed in the fall
- Summer Pro D should be planned out prior to the end of June so that it can be approved by school based committees before it is done
- Late hires to the district must make up the 2 days missed in the summer (School Plan and District days) during the second week of spring break OR take unpaid discretionary days. They have the opportunity to complete the 2 personal plan days before the end of February

9. Q & A

- None

10. **Motion** to adjourn at 4:12pm by **Tamara N.**