

## ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 13, 2022

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Virtual: [meet.google.com/icp-zxar-gdr](https://meet.google.com/icp-zxar-gdr)

**Chairperson:** Laura Di Ianni

**Recorder:** Vicki Blakely

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**Members:** Jeannie Armstrong, Laura Di Ianni, Tenesia Benjamin, Galen Eagle, Chantal Bouillon, Adam White, Eric Hansen, Melissa Featherstone, Corrie McInroy, Della Stewart-Figueira, Daniel Piggott, Jennifer Angelo, Vicki Blakely

**Absent:** Braden Leal, Bart Scollard, Theresa Godin, Teri Smith, Joel Sloggett, Nora Shaughnessy, Richard Driscoll, Darren Kahler, Michael Kaszuba

### A. Call to Order

1. Land Acknowledgement - Jeannie Armstrong
2. Opening Prayer - Chantal Bouillon
3. Additions to the agenda  
There were none
4. Approval of the agenda  
Motion: Adam White  
Second: Della Stewart-Figueira  
That the Agenda of Thursday, October 13, 2023 be approved as presented.  
Carried
5. Approval of the [Minutes: May 5, 2022](#)  
Motion: Galen Eagle  
Second: Eric Hansen  
That the Minutes of the meeting of May 5, 2022 be approved as presented.  
Carried
6. Business arising from previous minutes  
There was none.

### B. Information and Discussion Items

1. Grant Approval for PVNC: Application to Support Students With Disabilities - L. Di Ianni - Vice Principal of Special Education Services

The Ministry of Education provided application-based funding for school boards to implement initiatives to prevent and remove accessibility barriers experienced by students with disabilities in the 2022-23 school year. Preventing and removing barriers for students with disabilities was a key focus in the [Kindergarten to Grade 12 Standards Development Committee \(K-12 SDC\) Final Report](#) and [the Accessible Transitions for Students with Disabilities in Kindergarten to Grade 12 \(K-12\) Report](#).

Laura Di Ianni presented on the approval received through the application to support students with disabilities. An overview of the grant application plan was given and how funds will be allocated to support students at PVNCCDSB. The plan focuses on Universal Design for Learning which is a goal of special education. Universal Design for Learning is the concept that what may be essential for some to learn is beneficial for all students. The plan will also focus on equity & accessibility intersectionality and looking to remove all barriers to our students.

## 2. Desk Audit - Request and Submission Update - Jeannie Armstrong & Darren Kahler

Darren Kahler, Human Resources Manager and Superintendent Armstrong attended a session with the Ministry after the submission of the audit. Couple of key areas that will be updated is how we communicate what we're already doing, through our website and training dates. The Desk Audit will be resubmitted to the Ministry for review October 28, 2022..

## 3. Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and Annual Compliance Reporting

- a. Review updated [2022-2023 Multi-Year Plan and Annual Compliance Report](#)
  - i. Would like the team to review the Multi-Year Plan
  - ii. Annual Compliance reports are kept separate from the Multi-Year Plan in some boards on their website.
  - iii. Some boards within their Multi-Year Plan included all accessible actions (beyond the legal requirements) they are implementing in their board.
  - iv. Things for consideration in the annual compliance report would be the above and beyonds that the board is doing over and above the requirements to be compliant.
  - v. PVNCCDSB's Chart looks at 9 different barrier areas - we could set a deliverable for each and use it as a guidance area within the chart going forward. This would be above the 5 IASR.
  - vi. The operations subcommittee will continue. Moving forward - the intention is that the updates given at each meeting will also update the chart and said initiatives.
  - vii. Subcommittee will meet in October to respond to the Desk Audit which may bring forth more info/updates for the chart. The subcommittee will review and bring forward suggestions on how to update the chart.

- viii. The committee is welcomed to return with any other suggestions/inclusions for the chart at the February 2 meeting.
- b. In reviewing updated Multi-Year Plan and the IASR requirements particular to specific department, updates from Stakeholders were provided as available:
  - i. Plant/Public Spaces - Accessibility washroom at Good Shepherd CES installation was completed in June 2022.

### **C. Conclusion**

- 1. Next Steps
- 2. Future Meetings
  - a. Accessibility for All Meetings 2022-2023:
    - i. February 2, 2023
    - ii. May 4, 2023
- 3. Closing Prayer - Adam White
- 4. Adjournment 1:50 p.m.
  - Motion: Eric Hansen
  - Second: Melissa Featherstone
  - That the October 13, 2023 Accessibility for All Committee meeting be adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Carried