

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER), HELD IN PERSON AND ELECTRONICALLY AT 7:30 PM, ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022**

**Present:** K. Eddy, Chair; C. Gillis, Vice-Chair; S. Briggs, J. Gladish, D. Hagen, D. Harper and J. McMann, Trustees; M. Kyle, Associate Superintendent; J. Morrow, Superintendent; and K. Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.

**Absent:** P. Cizmic, Associate Superintendent.

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**22-180 Call to Order/ Chair's Remarks**

Board Chair Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Eddy reported that the Board recently attended the BC School Trustee Association Academy meeting for new Trustees and Boards.

**22-181 Superintendent's Remarks**

Superintendent Morrow thanked parents, staff and community members for their almost 900 responses to the strategic plan survey. He noted the busy activity in schools in preparation for holiday celebrations, concerts and fundraising to support for charitable causes.

As a result of the province's Student and Family Affordability Fund the District was able to share food security supports.

**22-182 Approval of the Minutes of November 15, 2022**

It was proposed by D. Hagen, seconded by J. Gladish and **CARRIED:**

*THAT the minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2022 are hereby approved as circulated.*

**22-183 Business Arising from the Minutes**

Associate Superintendent Kyle followed up on questions from Trustees at the November 15, 2022 meeting regarding current public health reporting. Kyle shared that public health is reporting high rates of influenza in the community and that the district would continue to follow the recommendations of public health.

Chair Eddy requested a future information session for the Board on the District's French immersion program.

**22-184 Approval of the Agenda**

It was proposed by J. McMann seconded by D. Hagen and **CARRIED:**

*THAT the agenda is hereby approved as circulated.*

**22-185 Report from the November 15, 2022 Confidential Board Meeting**

Vice-Chair Gillis reported general statements of matters discussed in the Board’s Confidential Meeting, and in accordance with Section 72(3) of the School Act, reports the following:

1. Teaching, administrative and support staff changes;
2. Property, legal and financial issues;
3. Returning to the confidential meeting to finish the agenda.

**22-186 Quadra Elementary School Wetland**

Teacher Sheldon Etheridge was joined by Quadra School Principal Lorill Vining for a presentation on the Quadra Elementary School Wetland project. The project has seen a successful restoration of the wetlands and has enhanced students’ experiential learning.

**22-187 Parent Portal Launch**

Manager of Communications Jennifer Patrick and District Educational Technology Coordinator Shannon Hagen gave the board an overview on the progress of the launch of the parent portal app. The app has been well received and will continue to evolve to engage families.

**22-188 Board Workplan Update**

Chair Eddy drew attention to the Ministry of Education and Childcare’s annual reporting requirements and asked that the Board’s workplan be updated to reflect these dates.

**22-189 Finance Warrant No. 5 November 30, 2022**

It was proposed by C. Gillis, seconded by D. Harper and **CARRIED:**

*THAT the Finance Warrant No. 5, dated  
November 30, 2022 be accepted as presented.*

**22-190 Report on the Dec 1-3, 2022 BC School Trustee Association Trustee Academy**

Chair Eddy noted that Trustees and Board Officers attended the Dec 1-3, 2022 BC School Trustee Association Trustee Academy meeting in Vancouver. The meeting sessions were well received and the Board appreciated this opportunity for professional development and work with their colleagues.

**22-191 BCSTA Provincial Council Motion**

Vice-Chair Gillis shared his experiences as a first time Trustee at the Academy and mentioned motions that BCSTA Provincial Council is bringing forward to the Ministry to address inflationary pressures on district budgets.

**22-192 Questions from anyone present on agenda items for this meeting:**

**Question 1** – Debra Coombes, President, Campbell River District Teachers’ Association (present in the gallery)

“How often is the Finance Warrant produced?”

Chair Eddy responded that the Finance Warrant is produced monthly following the close of the financial month end .

**Question 2** – Debra Coombes, President, Campbell River District Teachers’ Association (present in the gallery)

“The Parent Portal may present technological change and additional workload on staff that puts pressure to go from it being optional to required.”

Chair Eddy responded that comments received to date have been positive and to please share any concerns as they arise.

**Question 3** – Debra Coombes, President, Campbell River District Teachers’ Association (present in the gallery)

“I am looking forward to the next meeting of the CRDTA/ Board liaison committee.”

Chair Eddy agreed and looks forward to scheduling this in the new year.

**22-193 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

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**Kat Eddy, Board Chair.**  
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December 13, 2022

**Kevin Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.**