

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, JANUARY 10, 2023

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

23-01 Call to Order/ Chair's Remarks

Board Chair Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Eddy expressed her gratitude for the new year and noted that January 27 is International Family Literacy Day.

23-02 Superintendent's Remarks

Superintendent Morrow said that he is looking forward to the exciting opportunities for learning that 2023 will bring. The Board has begun the process to renew the Strategic Plan. Morrow acknowledged teachers-teaching-on-call (TTOCs) and casual CUPE staff for their response to callouts to the district's many classrooms and worksites.

23-03 Approval of the Minutes of December 13, 2022

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2022 are hereby approved as circulated.

23-04 Business Arising from the Minutes

Trustee Hagen asked about response to the launch of the Parent Portal app. Superintendent Morrow referred the question to Manager of Communications Jennifer Patrick who reported that response had so far been positive. A parent survey is planned for February.

23-05 Approval of the Agenda

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

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as circulated.

23-06 Report from the January 10, 2023 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;

23-07 Student and Family Affordability Fund

Director of Learning Support Services, Brenna Ewing and District Principal of Indigenous Education, Debra Martel provided an update on the implementation of the Student and Family Affordability Fund. The district's allocation of \$607,563 by the Ministry of Education and Child Care is to be used in 2022/ 2023 to: enhance existing programs, offset supply fees and support food security programs.

Ewing and Martel shared a presentation on the consultation process that took place in order to determine how to best target the funds to support families and leverage existing programs. Unspent funds can be rolled over for distribution in 2023/2024 according to the plan. Trustees asked about the consultation process, measurement of outcomes and fulfillment of the plan.

23-08 Board Workplan Update

Chair Eddy shared the Board’s updated annual workplan.

23-09 Final Operating Grant Comparison

Secretary-Treasurer Kevin Patrick presented the Board’s final funding allocations for 2022/2023. The Ministry of Education and Child Care funding is based on confirmed student enrolments. The Ministry’s grant schedule was received at the end of December and the final budget will be amended and submitted to the Ministry as per their schedule in February. Labour settlements will be funded and included in this fiscal year. The process to project the budget for 2023/2024 is already started. Trustee Harper asked about the reported number of home school students. Patrick responded that many home school students in our area are registered with other districts.

23-10 Questions from anyone present on agenda items for this meeting:

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

“For the Student and Family Affordability Fund are those allocations earmarked or can new ideas be brought forward? I hear that some schools feel they are just now able to identify emergent needs”.

Superintendent Morrow responded that there will be more opportunity for response to emergent needs building on existing program enhancements.

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

“Is the inclusion of the Board work plan in the agenda something that will continue? It is helpful to earmark dates.”

Chair Eddy responded that it will continue to shared.

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

“Did you receive the correspondence from CRDTA with a request for the CRDTA/ Board liaison committee to meet?”

Chair Eddy said that it had been received and a response had been sent to the CRDTA manager.

23-11 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.