

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 31, 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; and K. Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.

Absent: J. Morrow, Superintendent.

23-12 Call to order/ Chair's remarks

Board Chair Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

23-13 Superintendent's remarks

Associate Superintendent Cizmic spoke on behalf of Superintendent Morrow. Kindergarten registration for 23/24 including an invitation to apply for child care is open. District staff participated in a regional equity scan session on January 19 hosted by District and Provincial Indigenous Education staff.

Enrolment projections and planning for 23/24 are underway. The District calendar committee has been meeting to work on development of the school calendar for the next three years. Following Board approval, the draft calendar will be posted for public feedback in early March before the final version is sent to the Ministry of Education and Child Care for approval.

23-14 Approval of the minutes of January 10, 2023

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of January 10, 2023 are hereby approved as circulated.

23-15 Additions to the agenda

11B Strategic plan development update
12A Board governance workshop

23-16 Approval of the Agenda

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

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as amended.

23-17 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;
3. Returning to the confidential meeting to finish the agenda.

23-18 Carihi Grade 9 cohort

Associate Superintendent Kyle introduced a team of teachers from Carihi who teach grade 9 using a cohort model. Alana Jorgensen, Jessica McConnell, Scott McKenzie, Matthew Moore, Stephanie Nicoll, Allison Peake and Leah Samson shared that the goal of the cohort model is to foster connection, community and collaboration while allowing time to address learning challenges and deepen understanding of learning objectives.

23-19 Strategic plan development update

Manager of Communications Jennifer Patrick was invited to share an update on the strategic plan development process and an overview of the feedback received so far. An online survey netted 896 responses from parents, students, staff and community members. Several classroom sessions have been held with students. Consultation sessions will also be held with local First Nations and school principals and vice-principals.

23-20 Board governance workshop

Chair Eddy reported that the Board held a workshop on governance policy on January 14, 2023. The workshop focused on best practices to guide the work of the Board.

23-21 Finance Warrant No. 6 December 31, 2022

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

*THAT the Finance Warrant No. 6, dated
December 31, 2022 be accepted as presented.*

23-22 Quarterly Finance Report - period ending December 2022

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick highlighted expenses and revenues to date in the quarterly finance report for the period ending December 31, 2022. The final amended budget for 2022/23 will be presented at the February 28, 2023 board meeting.

23-23 Calendar consultation committee

Trustee Hagen reported that the Calendar consultation committee held their first meeting on January 12, 2023 to review draft versions of the school calendar for the next three years. Input has been received from district groups including DPAC, CRDTA, CUPE 723 and CRPVPA. Input will also be sought from the teachers' professional development committee and the K-9 reporting committee. The drafts calendars will be presented at the February 28, 2023 board meeting and there will be an opportunity for public feedback before the final calendars are submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care for final approval by March 31.

23-24 Student leadership committee

Trustee Briggs noted that the Student leadership committee met on January 19, 2023. Students were asked for the viewpoint on the strategic plan, changes in their schools and finding opportunities for expression of student voice on issues that impact them

23-25 CRDTA/ Board liaison meeting

Chair Eddy and Vice-Chair Gillis attended the CRDTA/ Board liaison meeting on January 23, 2023. The committee is working to clear pathways for deeper understanding between the two groups.

23-26 BCPSEA AGM

Chair Eddy attended the BC Public School Employers' Association AGM on behalf of the Board on January 26-27, 2023. Celebrating the rewards of teaching and working in education was a key topic along with recruitment and retention challenges being experienced nationally in the education sector.

23-27 Questions from anyone present on agenda items for this meeting:

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

“Do we have any concern that the labour adjustment settlement won't come or that it is delayed?”.

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick responded that until the settlement grant is received from the province the amount can't be confirmed. This year's settlements are very complicated due to the changes. Final notification is expected in March for CRDTA and May for CUPE. Notification of settlement adjustments for exempt staff is uncertain.

23-28 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Kat Eddy, Board Chair.

KWP:nc

January 31, 2023

Kevin Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.