

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, MARCH 21, 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, J. Morrow, Superintendent; and K. Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.

Absent: M. Kyle, Associate Superintendent

23-43 Call to order/ Chair's remarks

Board Chair Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. noting that she had recently attended the Indigenous student achievement celebration at Robron. Students were joined by their families and received recognition from educators for their achievements.

23-44 Superintendent's remarks

Superintendent Morrow shared that Timberline musical theatre had recently concluded their production of "Chicago: the Teen Edition" and that Carihi musical theatre would put on their production of "Newsies: the Broadway Musical" after spring break. He especially noted the countless hours and dedication of students and staff to produce these shows.

The Skills BC regional competition recently hosted at North Island College saw a number of School District 72 students participate in a variety of competitions. Gold medal winners will be heading to the provincials in April.

23-45 Approval of the minutes of February 28, 2023

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of February 28, 2023 are hereby approved as circulated.

23-46 Approval of the Agenda

It was proposed by S. Briggs, seconded by J. McMann and **CARRIED:**

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as circulated.

23-47 Report from the March 21, 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.

23-48 THRIVE program: École Phoenix middle school

École Phoenix middle school Principal Rachel Nelson was joined by Vice-Principal Mike Munsie, Counsellor Ryan Chenard and Indigenous Education Youth Worker Tami Johnson for the new THRIVE program which is proposed for September. THRIVE is an acronym that intended to reflect the goals of the program to reengage students and help them succeed. The program aims to provide an alternative classroom for grades 6, 7 and 8 students who have not attended school regularly, for a variety of reasons, over the past two and a half years.

23-49 Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24– CPSD72-01

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick reported on the projects that the Ministry of Education and Child Care has approved for capital funding for the 2023/24 school year. The ministry has approved projects including mechanical upgrades and bus replacements. Upon receipt of an approved Capital Plan Bylaw, the ministry will advance funds to allow the district to start work on the approved projects.

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

THAT the Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24 CPSD72-01 for projects identified in the March 9, 2023 Capital Plan response letter from the Ministry of Education and Child Care be given all three readings at this meeting.

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

THAT the Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24 CPSD72-01 for projects identified in the March 9, 2023 Capital Plan response letter from the Ministry of Education and Child Care is hereby read for the first time.

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

THAT the Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24 CPSD72-01 for projects identified in the March 9, 2023 Capital Plan response letter from the Ministry of Education and Child Care is hereby read for the second time.

It was proposed by J. Gladish, seconded by S. Briggs and **CARRIED:**

THAT the Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24 CPSD72-01 for projects identified in the March 9, 2023 Capital Plan response letter from the Ministry of Education and Child Care is hereby read for the third time, passed and adopted.

23-50 2023/2024, 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 school calendars

Superintendent Morrow reported that the calendar consultation committee had met twice and drafted school calendars for 2023/2024, 2024/2025 and 2025/2026. Parents, students and staff were invited to submit feedback from March 1-10 on the proposed calendars. The 2023/2024 calendar was well received. Based on the feedback that was submitted about the proposed changes to professional development day and student led conference day scheduling, the committee will meet again in April to make changes to the drafts before finalizing the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 calendars.

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

THAT the 2023/2024 school calendar, presented by Superintendent Morrow be approved as circulated and presented to the minister as per the school calendar regulation of the School Act.

23-51 Operating grants funding update for 2023-2024

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick discussed the operating grant funding confirmation that was received from the Ministry for 2023-2024. The funding confirmation is the starting point for the development of the annual operating budget. He noted that the district has now received funding for the CUPE contract settlement however it is not reflected in the grant table. Key points of the grant funding include: the continuation of the province's food security program, the increase in grants matches costs that the district has to adjust to.

23-52 Board governance committee

Vice-Chair Gillis reported that the board governance policy committee which includes himself and Trustee McMann have been a review of the board's policies to reflect current language and student needs.

23-53 District parent advisory council

Trustee McMann shared the District parent advisory council (DPAC) executives' concern that greater participation, with representatives from all schools, is needed on the council in order to fully realize DPAC's potential.

23-54 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Kat Eddy, Chair.

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Kevin Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.