

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, MAY 30, 2023

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

Absent: D. Hagen, Trustee; M. Kyle, Associate Superintendent.

23-78 Call to order/ Chair's remarks

Board Chair Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Eddy shared that the Board will be participating in a self-review workshop facilitated by the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA).

She reported that Trustee Jan Gladish has been appointed to BCSTA's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion working group.

Eddy noted that June is Pride month, recognizing the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and two-spirit people have had on history and a celebration of diversity.

23-79 Superintendent's remarks

Superintendent Morrow acknowledged the students, educators and staff members in the gallery. May and June are filled with performances, sharing and celebrations of the year.

Morrow was honoured to attend the Elders' Tea held at École Phoenix Middle School on May 26. Later that day he also attended the Southgate Middle School meeting of the Southgate Principal's Advisory Group reiterating the importance of hearing directly from students. May 25 saw the return of the district track meet for students in grades 5-7.

The district retirement celebration will be held on June 1. The event highlights the vocation of work in education throughout the system and the opportunity we have to impact student lives.

23-80 École Phoenix Middle School leadership students

École Phoenix Middle School leadership visited the Board with a gift of flowers and cookies to thank the Trustees for their work on behalf of the district's students.

23-81 Approval of the minutes of May 9, 2023

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of May 9, 2023 are hereby approved as circulated.

23-82 Approval of the Agenda

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

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as submitted.

23-83 Report from the May 30, 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.

23-84 Decolonizing our Collections: Library collaboration group

The library collaboration group, led by district teacher-librarian Cathy Fowler shared a presentation of the professional development work they have been doing on rethinking the classification and organizing of indigenous library collections. Inspired by a sessions at an earlier BC Teacher Librarian Association (BCTLA) conference, the group has been working to audit library collections and teacher resources following guidance from the BCTLA and the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC).

The projects goals have been to identify and sort resources to create authentic indigenous collections within school libraries or learning commons. Specifically in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action #62 and #63, the group plans to support this work through professional development activities for educators district-wide.

23-85 International student program

Manager of International student programs, Mercedes Hayduk, highlighted current activities in the program as well as projections for 2023-2024. The majority of students come from Europe with the balance made up of students from Asia and a small number from Brazil.

Students choose Campbell River for its small city environment, connection to nature, host family connections and the school experience. Summer 2023 will see the launch of a domestic student reciprocal exchange program to France. The International Student Program also funds two annual bursaries for Canadian students graduating from district high schools and one for an International student graduating from SD72.

23-86 Annual budget bylaw for the fiscal year 2023-2024

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick reviewed the budget proposals, wage settlements and child care funding. The preliminary budget is based on student enrolment estimates for 2023-2024 and associated costs to deliver services. The senior management team is proceeding with the recommendations for budget allocations. Following questions by Trustees

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

THAT the Board hold all required readings of the Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$86,644,999 for the fiscal year 2023/2024 at this meeting.

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

THAT the Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$86,644,999 for the fiscal year 2023/2024, pursuant to section 113 of the School Act, be and is hereby read for the first time.

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

THAT the Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$86,644,999 for the fiscal year 2023/2024, pursuant to section 113 of the School Act, be and is hereby read for the second time.

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

THAT the Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$86,644,999 for the fiscal year 2023/2024, pursuant to section 113 of the School Act, be and is hereby read for the third time, passed and adopted

23-87 2023-2024 Board meeting schedule

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick provided the draft 2023-2024 schedule of board meetings.

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

THAT the draft Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2023-2024 be adopted as presented.

23-88 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.