

**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 16, 2024**

**Present:** K. Eddy, Chair; C. Gillis, Vice-Chair; S. Briggs (online), J. Gladish, D. Harper, Trustees; P. Cizmic, Associate Superintendent, M. Kyle, Associate Superintendent; G. Manning, Superintendent; and K. Patrick Secretary-Treasurer.

**Absent:** D. Hagen, J. McMann, Trustees

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**24-01 Call to order/ Chair's remarks**

Board Chair Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Eddy complimented the work of the district professional development committee for organizing the pro-d day on January 8, 2024. Staff were able to attend a wide range of lectures and workshops focused on Indigenous ways of knowing and strategies for incorporating this in the classroom.

Eddy noted Family Literacy Day on January 26, with free community events organized by the Campbell River Literacy Association and other community partners.

**24-02 Superintendent's remarks**

Superintendent Manning echoed Chair Eddy's comments on the January 8 pro-d day expressing his appreciation for the organizers, the presenters and all staff for joining in the day's learning.

Upcoming events that will be advertised on the district website include Kindergarten registration and an early French immersion information session.

**24-03 Approval of the minutes of December 19, 2023**

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

*THAT the minutes of the meeting of December 19, 2023 are hereby approved as circulated.*

**24-04 Approval of the Agenda**

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

*THAT the agenda is hereby approved as submitted.*

**24-05 Report from the January 16, 2024 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.

**24-06 Elementary literacy**

Associate Superintendent Kyle introduced elementary literacy coordinators, Christine Fraser and Audra Schroeder. Fraser and Schroeder spoke about their approach to working with teachers in schools. Standardized test data is used to measure the impact of literacy instruction at different grade levels. They have developed their own resources and aim to support increasing levels of proficiency in literacy measures across the district.

**24-07 2024-2028 Strategic Plan**

Superintendent Manning introduced the Board's 2024-2028 Strategic Plan. The renewed plan was developed through extensive consultation and review with stakeholder and rightsholder groups between 2022 and 2023. The implementation of the Strategic Plan is an ongoing process with connection to previous plans. Manning detailed the Board's priorities as described in the plan.

**24-08 Motion to adopt Board Governance Policy 34**

Vice-Chair Gillis reported that the following policy has been reviewed and is ready for adoption:

*Policy 34 – Public Interest Disclosure*

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

***THAT the Board adopt the Board Governance Committee's recommended revision of Board Governance Policy 34 – Public Interest Disclosure.***

**24-09 Finance Warrant No. 5, November 30, 2023**

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

***THAT the Finance Warrant No.5, dated November 30, 2023 be accepted as presented.***

**24-10 2023/2024 Final operating grant announcement**

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick advised the Board that the 2023/2024 Final operating grant announcement had been received from the Ministry of Education and Child Care. While the amount of the grant per student has not changed, overall enrolment increases and an increase in students arriving from other districts with special education funding designations, has led to an overall operating budget increase.

**24-11 2023/2024 Minor Capital Plan Amendment**

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick presented a request to amend the 2023/2024 minor capital plan. Additional funding has been made available by the ministry of Education and Child Care to replace a shared piece of equipment at the Heritage Lands Educational Complex (Timberline/NIC).

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

***THAT the Board approve the 2023/2024 Minor Capital Plan amendment submission as outlined in the summary provided by Secretary-Treasurer Patrick.***

**24-12 Questions from Anyone Present on Agenda Items for This Meeting**

**Question 1** – Andrea Craddock, CUPE 723 President asked why wasn't my question (at the December 19, 2023 board meeting) recorded asking if there would be AI resources for teachers.

Superintendent Manning responded that he would look into it.

**Question 2** – Andrea Craddock, CUPE 723 President asked if there is somewhere in the Strategic Plan that references child care.

Superintendent Manning said he recognizes that as a district, child care is integral and is part of the overarching goals of the district.

**Question 3** - Debra Coombes, President, CRDTA asked regarding agenda item 14B, (2023/224 final operating grant announcement), what the definition is for adult education and do we not have anyone in this category?

Chair Eddy responded that continuing education is no longer a School District 72 program. When students reach adult age and want courses from the K-12 system they are referred to North Island Distance Education School (NIDES) to achieve Adult Dogwood post-grade 12 credits and graduation.

**Question 4** – Andrea Craddock, CUPE 723 President commented that the board creates policy, then asks stakeholders for feedback and asked whether there should be a seat for non-Board members to be part of policy decisions.

Chair Eddy responded that this is outside the governance model recognized by the K-12 system and is not a conversation for the public board meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.