

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, FEBRUARY 6, 2024

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

Absent: D. Hagen, Trustee

24-13 Call to order/ Chair's remarks

Board Vice Chair Gillis called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. Gillis noted a successful family Literacy Week with events held in schools and throughout the area, organized by the Campbell River Literacy Association and other community partners.

24-14 Superintendent's remarks

Superintendent Manning noted the opening of Pinecrest Elementary's new playground on January 26. Online kindergarten registration for 24/25 was launched on January 29.

24-15 Approval of the minutes of January 16, 2024

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of January 16, 2024 are hereby approved as circulated.

24-16 Approval of the Agenda

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

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as submitted.

24-17 Report from the February 6, 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.

24-18 SafeTeen

Associate Superintendent Kyle introduced staff members Maya Saxby-Jones, Dylan Grier and Alana Thompson who recently participated in the SafeTeen training program. The training focuses on working to create a safe space place for females to be assertive and for all students to break out of gendered roles. SafeTeen offers gender-specific strategies for managing fear and anger for students, to help them develop skills and stand up for themselves without violence.

24-19 Board Governance Policy review

Vice Chair Gillis shared that the Board is working on identifying a consultant for a Board governance policy review.

24-20 Cell phone usage in schools

Superintendent Manning spoke about recent media coverage and calls for bans on cell phone usage in schools. The Ministry of Education and Child Care is working on guidance for school districts to have plans in place to guide cell phone usage in schools with the goal of reducing in class distractions.

24-21 Finance Warrant No. 6, December 31, 2023

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

*THAT the Finance Warrant No.6, dated
December 31, 2023 be accepted as presented.*

24-22 Quarterly Finance Report - period ending December 2023

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Gillian Leask presented the Quarterly Finance Report for the period ending December 2023. The report details operating fund expenses and revenues and illustrates a budget in line with expectations.

24-23 District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) January 23, 2024

Trustee McMann joined the DPAC meeting on January 23, 2024. DPAC is working on challenges in getting more parent participation on the council.

24-24 Superintendent's student leadership committee (SSLC) January 25, 2024

Trustee Briggs met with the SSLC on January 25, 2024. Discussions included cell phone usage in schools and the application of the student centred Strategic Plan priorities.

24-25 BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) AGM January 25, 2024

Chair Eddy attended the BCPSEA AGM on January 25, 2024.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.