

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 12, 2024

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

Absent: J. McMann, Trustee

24-42 Call to order/ Chair's remarks

Board Chair Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Eddy commented on the District's goals for continuous improvement for student success as reflected in the strategic plan and the outcomes of the How Are We Doing Report and the Student Health Outcomes Survey (McCreary report).

24-41 Superintendent's remarks

Superintendent Manning highlighted recent activities in the District including the Battle of the Books, the Guys and Dolls musical theatre performance at Timberline and the upcoming Spongebob musical at Carihi and school visits from speaker Michael Bortolotto. In the busy weeks leading up to spring break Manning also attended the Indigenous student luncheon at Phoenix, the Superintendent's Student Leadership committee budget session and Behavioural and Digital Threat Assessment (BDTA) training together with staff from eight school districts including SD72.

24-42 Approval of the minutes of February 27, 2024

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of February 27, 2024 are hereby approved as circulated.

24-43 Approval of the Agenda

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

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as submitted.

24-44 Report from the March 12, 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.

24-45 School District 72 scholarship and bursary program

Timberline Secondary counsellor Derek Berg and Natalie Crawshaw, Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and the Secretary-Treasurer gave a presentation on the district's award program for graduating students. Berg noted that over \$90, 000 is annually awarded to students in the form of local bursaries

and scholarships which are generously provided by service organizations, businesses and individuals. These awards are in addition to Ministry of Education and Child Care scholarships that students can also apply for. As the Awards Committee Chair, Berg acknowledged the work of his predecessors in the district who established many of the awards and the ongoing teamwork with his colleagues Maralyn Lloyd, Carihi counsellor, Kate Giegel, Robron counsellor and Natalie Crawshaw.

Student applications are available now on the high school websites and through the counselling office at each school. Applications are due by April 30. Details of the awards ceremonies, where donors are invited to present the awards to the students, will be announced soon.

24-46 Elementary administrative staffing allocation increase

Superintendent Manning asked the board to support an increase in elementary administration time. In the summary he presented, it was noted that the current staffing model provides .1 FTE (half a day) of Vice Principal time at elementary schools which meet the enrolment threshold. An increase to .2 FTE (one full day) will give Vice Principals more administrative time and allow them to better support their schools. The addition does not increase administrative salaries. It results in an increase in teaching time to backfill the principal for when they are out of the classroom.

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

THAT the Board approve the administrative staffing increases for the 2024/ 2025 school year as outlined by Superintendent Geoff Manning.

24-47 2023 BC Adolescent Health survey (McCreary report)

Superintendent Manning shared a summary of the 2023 BC Adolescent Health survey. The survey is done every five years and looks into a wide variety of factors impacting student wellness including: home life, academics, time use, relationships with others, substance use and mental and physical health measures.

24-48 2023/24 Annual funding agreement

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick highlighted an increase to the minor capital portion of the annual funding agreement from the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The change in the capital plan requires approval of a board bylaw before it is submitted to the Ministry.

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

THAT the Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24 CPSD72-04 for projects identified in the March 4, 2024 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 CPSD72-04 for projects identified in the March 4, 2024 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 CPSD72-04 for projects identified in the March 4, 2024 Capital Plan response letter from the Ministry of Education and Child Care is hereby read for the second time.

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

THAT the Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24 CPSD72-04 for projects identified in the March 4, 2024 Capital Plan response letter from the Ministry of Education and Child Care is hereby read for the third time, passed and adopted.

24-49 Finance Warrant No. 7, January 31, 2024

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

THAT the Finance Warrant No.7, dated January 31, 2024 be accepted as presented.

24-50 Long range facility plan update

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick shared that consultation on the Long Range Facility Plan is underway. Meetings are planned with local First Nations after spring break. The long range facility planning committee will be working with a consultant, senior staff and principals to look at future facility needs in the district.

24-51 City of Campbell River/ School District 72 liaison meeting February 29, 2024

Vice-Chair Gillis reported on the February 29, 2024 City of Campbell River/ School District 72 liaison meeting. The committee meets twice a year to discuss matters of mutual interest including transportation, snow clearing, housing and development trends in the city.

24-52 Superintendent’s student leadership committee March 7, 2024

Trustee Briggs reported on the March 7, 2024 Superintendent’s student leadership committee meeting. The meeting was a budget workshop to hear directly from students on their ideas for school improvements as well as successes.

24-53 BC Public School Employers’ Association meeting March 7, 2024

Chair Eddy attended the online meeting of the BC Public School Employers’ Association (BCPSEA) on March 7, 2024. Eddy noted that contract negotiations on local matters will begin province-wide in November 2024 for both support staff (CUPE) and teachers (CRDTA). The current collective agreements end June 30, 2025.

24-54 Vancouver Island School Trustees’ Association Spring conference March 8-9, 2024

Trustee Gladish shared notes with Trustees from the March 8-9, 2024 meeting of the Vancouver Island School Trustees’ Association (VISTA) spring conference that she attended. The SD72 Board of Education is scheduled to host the VISTA conference in the fall of 2025.

24-55 Strathcona Regional District/ SD72 liaison meeting March 6, 2024

Chair Eddy noted that the March 6, 2024 Strathcona Regional District/ SD72 liaison meeting was rescheduled to May 7, 2024. Trustee Briggs noted the lack of agenda items and that a Terms of Reference needs to be established for the committee.

24-56 Questions from Anyone Present on Agenda Items for This Meeting

Question 1 – Debra Coombes, President, CRDTA said she couldn’t find information on how many SD72 students participated in the 2023 BC Adolescent Health Survey.

Superintendent Manning responded that the data is represented as percentages by the McCreary Centre Society in order to maintain the confidentiality and anonymity of the respondents.

Question 2- Debra Coombes, President, CRDTA said she was curious how much the Ministry of Education and Child Care uses the McCreary report data as it states that the data can’t be released unless requested and approved by the District.

Superintendent Manning responded that the Ministry does send a request to all districts to sign off and approve their access to the report and most districts do provide this approval.

Question 3- Debra Coombes, President, CRDTA said she knows that a couple of the schools that were scheduled to have a .1 FTE Vice Principal didn’t get it because there wasn’t anyone to fill the position and now some of those same schools are scheduled to get a .2 FTE Vice Principal. Are you confident that this increase will help?

Superintendent Manning responded that he was confident that this would help as one of the barriers to recruitment of Vice Principals has been the low allotment of administrative time to the position.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.