

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, APRIL 9, 2024

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

Absent: P. Cizmic, Associate Superintendent

24-57 Call to order/ Chair's remarks

Board Chair Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm. Eddy commented on activities in the district since the return from spring break including: budget development feedback meetings, the upcoming BC School Trustee Association AGM and a gathering that she attended on April 5 where Premier David Eby was in attendance. The Board is looking forward to the grand opening of the Ripple Rock Child Care centre on April 12. Ripple Rock is the first site to be completed with the other six sites expected to be completed by September.

24-58 Superintendent's remarks

Superintendent Manning welcomed everyone back after spring break. He highlighted ongoing work in the district on the budget and staffing for 2024-2025. Upcoming district events he is looking forward to over the next week include the grand opening of the Ripple Rock Child Care centre, Carihi's musical theatre's production, social media awareness sessions for parents and students and career fair exploration events at the high schools.

24-59 Approval of the minutes of March 12, 2024

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2024 are hereby approved as circulated.

24-60 Additions or alterations to the agenda

13A 2023 BC Adolescent Health survey (McCreary report) (March 12, 2024 item 24-47) (J. McMann)

24-61 Approval of the agenda

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

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as amended.

24-62 Report from the April 9, 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.

24-63 SD72 International Programs

Mercedes Hayduk, Manager, SD72 International Programs provided an overview of the district's international student programs in 2023-2024. The district saw 89 fee paying students, coming for one or two semesters, with a full time equivalent of 65 students. This year's student represented 14 countries, with the majority of students coming from Germany, Spain and Japan.

The district has a full spectrum program with care for students beyond the classroom coming from caring host families, dedicated student wellness and academic advisors, group activities and check-ins and monthly school-based lunch meetings. In addition to the one and two semester full time programs, the international program supports reciprocal student summer exchanges to France and a group of student teachers on practicum from St. Gallen University in Switzerland. Hayduk also noted that they are exploring resurrecting the City of Campbell River's Ishikari student exchange program.

Grade 12 student Arata Tsujimoto joined Hayduk to share his experiences this year in Campbell River. He emphasized that for him, learning is experiencing: how to coexist with others and nature.

24-65 Board governance policy review

Board Chair Eddy reported that the Board held a board governance policy working session on April 8, 2024 with consultant Scott Stinson. The Board aims to speak to the goals of the strategic plan through its policies and plans a regular review of existing policies.

24-66 2023 BC Adolescent Health survey (McCreary report)

Trustee McMann asked what response is expected to the report from the system. Superintendent Manning noted that the confidential district level data is shared with the senior leadership team by the McCreary Centre Society. To protect the anonymity of respondents, the district level data is not shared publicly, however the aggregated data from all 60 school districts in BC is publicly available on the McCreary website. Senior Management uses the data to inform student health goals and the Inclusive Education department staff used the data to help set their priorities. The District's Mental Health & Wellness framework also references the report.

24-67 Finance Warrant No. 8, February 29, 2024

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

*THAT the Finance Warrant No.8, dated
February 29, 2024 be accepted as presented.*

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick noted that the final two pages of the Finance Warrant are a draft formatting change of the first two pages, which he is supportive of.

24-68 Preliminary operating grant 2024-2025

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick shared the preliminary operating grant from the Ministry of Education and Child Care for 2024-2025. The preliminary grant is based on student enrolment projections for 2024-2025. An increase in funding year over year is projected due to: a small increase in student enrolment, a change to the Ministry's unique geographic factors funding formula and a new fund to support the incorporation of Bill 40 by Indigenous Education Councils.

24-69 Questions from anyone present on agenda items for this meeting

Question 1 – Debra Coombes, President, CRDTA asked if the new format of the Finance Warrant replaced all of the detail in the current format.

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick responded that the new format shown replaces the first two pages and the format of the other pages will remain the same, with the same level of detail.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Kat Eddy, Chair.
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Kevin Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.