

School District 72 Board News

MEETING OF
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INFORMATION RELEASE

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Chairperson Remarks

Chairperson Kat Eddy began her remarks by addressing the fire at Carihi Secondary School on Thursday evening and recognizing the incident response.

Chair Eddy thanked the district's compassionate response team, who were at Robron Centre as early as Friday morning to support students, staff, and families. Their help continued throughout the weekend and into Monday.

She also acknowledged the district's maintenance and CUPE support staff, who quickly began cleaning and assessing the unaffected parts of the Carihi building as soon as they were allowed to enter. Their efforts have been vital in helping students return to the school as soon as possible.

Special thanks were given to the senior leadership team, many of whom were in Vancouver for a BC School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) event when the fire broke out. Despite the distance, the senior leadership team effectively managed the response both locally and remotely. Chair Eddy also thanked the district's communications manager for keeping the community informed and the press updated.

On behalf of families across Campbell River, Chair Eddy expressed heartfelt gratitude to the emergency response teams. Around 100 firefighters from Campbell River, Courtenay, Oyster River, and Cumberland worked to contain the fire, and their efforts were deeply appreciated.

Chair Eddy closed by highlighting the trustees' participation in the BCSTA academy last week, where they learned about street data, new ways to gather input from students, the importance of supporting inclusion and diversity within school districts.

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Superintendent Remarks

Superintendent Geoff Manning opened his remarks by echoing the gratitude shared by Chairperson Eddy regarding the Carihi fire response. He acknowledged the tremendous support from the local community and provincial partners and thanked everyone who has contributed to the immediate response and ongoing planning.

Air quality testing is underway, and it's hoped that results will allow school staff to reoccupy the building on Friday. The plan is for staff to return on Friday to prepare, ahead of students return on Monday, December 2.

Superintendent Manning shared that since Carihi will not be able to accommodate all students, some classes will be relocated. As many classes as possible will be kept at Carihi and the former Oyster River school will be used as a temporary site for up to six classrooms. Crews are working to get it set-up with equipment and resources in time for Monday. Superintendent Manning commended the Carihi staff for their planning efforts and focus on students. He also extended thanks to everyone working behind the scenes.

Moving onto district-wide updates, Superintendent Manning shared that marking for the grade 4 and grade 7 foundation skills assessments (FSAs) has been completed, with results to be shared soon. He also highlighted that Carihi teacher Natalie Raedwulf Pogue presented on inclusion and diversity, sharing her perspective as an autistic teacher at the recent BC School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) academy. Her presentation received praise from trustees across all 60 school districts in the province.



Superintendent Manning ended his remarks by congratulating Audrey Wilson from the Laichwiltach Family Life Society on her recent award from the BC Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association. This honour recognizes her outstanding work supporting families, students, and children within the community.

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Student Leadership: Shannon Briggs, Alternate Joyce McMann

Vancouver Island School Trustees' Association: Craig Gillis, Joyce McMann, Janice Gladish

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Board Announces Committee Appointments: Eddy and Gillis Re-Elected to Represent Board on Provincial Associations

Trustees elected their representation with the BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) and the BC School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council for the upcoming year.

Chairperson Kat Eddy was named the board's representative to BCPSEA, and Vice-Chair Craig Gillis was named as the BCSTA Provincial Council representative, both by acclamation. Trustee Janice Gladish and Trustee Joyce McMann were appointed as the respective alternates.

Vice-Chair Craig Gillis also announced the board's committee appointments for December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2025.

Audit/Risk Management: Dave Harper, Shannon Briggs

Board Communications: Kat Eddy, Janice Gladish

Board Governance: Joyce McMann, Craig Gillis, Dave Harper

Board Review: Kat Eddy

Calendar: Daryl Hagen, Alternate Dave Harper

City of Campbell River Liaison: Kat Eddy, Craig Gillis, Alternate Daryl Hagen

Core Pro-D: Janice Gladish, Alternate Shannon Briggs

CUPE: Daryl Hagen, Kat Eddy

CRDTA: Kat Eddy, Craig Gillis, Alternate Dave Harper

District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC): Joyce McMann, Alternate Janice Gladish

Equity: Dave Harper, Janice Gladish, Alternate Joyce McMann

North Island College Liaison: Daryl Hagen, Janice Gladish, Alternate Dave Harper

Strathcona Regional District Liaison: Joyce McMann, Shannon Briggs, Alternate Daryl Hagen

