

**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 29, 2025**

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

25-60 Call to Order/Chair's remarks

Board Chair Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. She congratulated Prime Minister Mark Carney and elected Members of Parliament following the federal election on April 28, 2025 and thanked everyone across parties for stepping forward. Eddy together with Trustees Jan Gladish and Joyce McMann attended the British Columbia School Trustees Association annual general meeting April 24-26, 2025 in Vancouver. Eddy was elected president of the Vancouver Island School Trustees Association (VISTA). Eddy drew the Board's attention to the upcoming Red Dress day on May 5 to honour the lives of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2S+ individuals.

25-61 Superintendent's remarks

Superintendent Manning congratulated Kat Eddy on her election as VISTA president. Manning acknowledged the work of Trustees who were closely involved in facilitating the election locally. Manning provided the Board with an update on fire remediation efforts at Carihi. Modular classrooms and a camp kitchen (to replace the foods room) should be ready by the fall. The District's Accessibility committee has finished its second year. Manning highlighted several current projects and the completion of accessibility audits at all district sites.

25-62 Approval of the minutes of April 8, 2025

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

***THAT the minutes of the meeting of April 8, 2025
are hereby approved as circulated.***

25-63 Additions to the agenda

15D April 28, 2025 CORE pro-d committee meeting (J. Gladish)

Trustee Gladish asked for a moment of silence in respect of the Lapu Lapu festival tragedy in Vancouver on April 26, 2025.

25-64 Approval of the agenda

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

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as amended.

25-65 Report from the April 29, 2025 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.

25-66 Campbell River Early Years Council presentation

Anne Boyd and Brenda Wagman from the Campbell River Early Years Council gave a presentation featuring: their organization's receipt of the Janusz Korczak medal in children's rights advocacy; their wish to see the Campbell River Children's Charter resurrected in the community; and their desire to have student input in the City's updated Official Community Plan.

25-67 Current assessment practices presentation

Rachel Friederich and Stephen Hawkins-Bogle shared a presentation on current assessment practices and how they encourage students to become involved in their learning and assessment. The presentation focused on how the current curriculum, which was introduced in 2016, prioritizes critical thinking, communication and conceptual understanding over rote memorization. Teacher coordinators such as Friederich support teachers and administrators across the district in this approach which aims to improve student outcomes and help students develop into educated citizens.

25-68 British Columbia School Trustees Association AGM April 24-26, 2025

Board Chair Eddy, Trustee Joyce McMann and Trustee Jan Gladish attended the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) annual general meeting (AGM) April 24-26, 2025. Gladish noted workshops on building data into decision making, student transitions and the value of Trustee advocacy. McMann highlighted learning centred on embracing student voice and responding to the unique needs of a community. Over 40 motions were debated at the AGM including one brought forward by SD72 Trustees on advocating through BCSTA to the Ministry of Education and Childcare for a coordinated and funded provincial approach to address the challenges that districts face in implementing cybersecurity.

25-69 Finance Warrant No. 9, March 31, 2025

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

***THAT the Finance Warrant No. 9 dated March 31, 2025
be accepted as presented.***

25-70 April 22, 2025 District Parent Advisory committee

Trustee McMann attended the April 22, 2025 District Parent Advisory committee (DPAC) meeting. Secretary-Treasurer Patrick gave a budget presentation and heard feedback from DPAC representatives on the proposals. DPAC is exploring ways to increase learning opportunities for DPAC members.

25-71 April 23, 2025 Superintendent's Student Leadership committee

Trustee Briggs noted that the Superintendent's Student Leadership committee held their last meeting of the year on April 23, 2025. Secretary-Treasurer Patrick facilitated a conversation about the budget focused on technology needs in schools, and the comfort, safety and dreams of students for their schools.

25-72 April 25, 2025 British Columbia School Trustees Association Provincial Council

Trustee McMann participated in the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council meeting where they passed the annual budget for BCSTA.

25-73 April 28, 2025 CORE pro-d

Trustee Gladish attended the April 28, 2025 CORE pro-d meeting which was focused on finding new ways to engage teachers in professional development.

25-74 April 28, 2025 Federal Election

Vice Chair Gillis thanked the school district for being a true partner in supporting the April 28, 2025 federal election. Polling stations were held at Cortes, Sandowne, Ocean Grove, École Willow Point and Oyster River schools. Students were able to see the election in action and election staff were appreciative of the efforts of district staff to ready the sites for election use.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm