

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER), HELD ELECTRONICALLY AT 7:30 PM, ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022

Present: J. Kerr, Chair; K. Eddy, Vice-Chair; S. Briggs, R. Franklin, D. Hagen and J. McMann, Trustees; J. Morrow, Superintendent; P. Cizmic, Associate Superintendent; M. Kyle, Associate Superintendent; K. Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.

Absent: S. Wilson, Trustee

22-10 Call to Order/ Chair's Remarks

Board Chair Kerr called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Kerr highlighted tonight's educational presentations and the value of students and teachers helping others. He acknowledged several staffing changes and thanked staff for their extraordinary efforts to negotiate COVID challenges as we begin the second half of the school year.

22-11 Superintendent's Remarks

Superintendent Morrow expressed his gratitude for teachers-teaching-on-call, itinerant and non-enrolling teachers such as librarians and coordinators and casual staff who have been supporting the rapidly changing COVID situation. Battle of the Books and a second report card is coming for students in February.

22-12 Approval of the Minutes

It was proposed by R. Franklin, seconded by K. Eddy and **CARRIED:**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2022 are hereby approved as circulated.

22-13 Approval of the Agenda

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

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as circulated.

22-14 Report from the February 1, 2022 Confidential Board Meeting

Vice-Chair Eddy 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. Various teaching, administrative and support staff changes;
2. Property, legal and financial issues;
3. Returning to the confidential meeting to complete the agenda.

22-15 Anti-Racism Learning Group

Teachers Rachel Friederich, Gillian Kirke and Kash Ward gave a presentation on a learning group for teachers that they spearheaded this year. Ward started off with a reading and shared that the pandemic has made racial disparity more obvious throughout society. Teachers were looking for ways to introduce these topics with students. From 6 teachers it quickly grew to a group of 40 who meet after school once a month for a discussion group. The goal is collective learning to improve students' experiences.

22-16 Phoenix Student Wellness Journal

Teachers Ryan Chenard and Shannon Lim spoke on their collaborative project with students at Phoenix middle school. Growing out of a need to provide alternatives for students who were struggling to stay in class and find constructive outlets they produced a wellness journal that students and teachers alike have been pleased to use. It was developed by working with a group of students to figure out what would be most appealing to students and includes student artwork. Many students have struggled during COVID with isolation and the loss of their usual activities and the journal has been a positive force for connection and expression in the school community.

22-17 Motion to adopt Board Governance Policy 29

Chair Kerr reported that the following policy has been reviewed and is ready for adoption:

Policy 29 – Professional Development Funding Allotments for Exempt Staff - New

It was proposed by R. Franklin, seconded by K. Eddy and **CARRIED:**

THAT the Board adopt the Board Governance Committee's recommended addition of new Board Governance Policy 29 – Professional Development Funding Allotments for Exempt Staff.

22-18 Finance Warrant No. 6

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

THAT the Finance Warrant No. 6, dated December 31, 2021 be accepted as presented.

22-19 Quarterly Finance Report - period ending December 2021

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick noted several adjustments in the actual budget that the quarterly report has highlighted. Grant money and international student revenue is higher than forecasted for 21/22. Teacher-teaching on-call (TTOC) expenses are higher than expected as staff are heeding the calls for health and safety to stay home if sick. Inflation is also having an impact on costs. It is up to districts to adjust and cover costs in order to have a balanced budget.

22-20 BCPSEA AGM held January 27/28

Chair Kerr attended the BC Public Sector Employers' Association AGM virtually on Jan 27 and 28.

22-21 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.