

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 8, 2022

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

Absent: D. Hagen, Trustee

22-41 Call to Order/ Chair's Remarks

Board Chair Kerr called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Kerr opened his remarks with an acknowledgement of International Women's Day. In light of recent world events, he shared that the district's webpage includes a news item on talking with children about war and conflict.

He highlighted that the district is facing a projected operating budget deficit of almost \$2 million for the upcoming year. Increased costs due to the pandemic including a difference of almost \$850,000 between budgeted and actual costs for TTOC coverage due to the pandemic have contributed to the shortfall.

He further reported that an Indigenous focused graduation requirement for all students starting in the 2023/2024 school year has been announced by the Ministry of Education.

22-42 Superintendent's Remarks

Superintendent Morrow noted that students have been busy throughout the district in the lead up to spring break with middle and high school teams qualifying for provincials in several sports, Skills Canada competitors achieving recognition both locally and provincially and elementary school teams competing at Battle of the Books.

22-43 Approval of the Minutes

It was proposed by R. Franklin, seconded by S. Briggs and **CARRIED:**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of February 22, 2022 are hereby approved as circulated.

22-44 Approval of the Agenda

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

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as circulated.

22-45 Report from the March 8, 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.

22-46 Leveraging Technology to Support Literacies presentation

Teachers Shannon Hagen and Andrea Humphries gave a presentation on a successful introduction of technology-based learning in a Skills for Life modified program. Graphic novels were used a literacy tool in an activity that saw students engaged as creators while learning new skills and interacting with their teachers and classmates.

22-47 Final budget consultation schedule

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick noted that a special board meeting will be added to the schedule on May 17th to allow sufficient time for final budget consultations in May.

22-48 Superintendent’s Student Leadership Committee

Trustee Briggs reported on her attendance at the Superintendent’s Student Leadership Committee meeting on February 24. Eight students representing Southgate, Phoenix, Carihi and Timberline were in attendance and shared their views with the Superintendent and Trustees on topics ranging from technology in the schools to learning about residential schools to the culture and environment at their schools. The committee will meet again in April.

22-49 VISTA Chapter meeting March 5, 2022

Trustee McMann noted board member attendance and discussions that took place at the Vancouver Island School Trustee Association meeting on March 5.

22-50 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

John Kerr, Board Chair.
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Kevin Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.