

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, OCTOBER 11, 2022

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

22-139 Call to Order/ Chair's Remarks

Board Chair Kerr called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Kerr welcomed everyone and passed the floor to Trustee Wilson for her reflections on three terms as a school Trustee and Board Chair from 2015-2018. Trustee Franklin thanked his fellow Trustees, district staff, electorate, parents, families and Indigenous partners for his two terms as a Trustee and Board Chair from 2019-2020.

Chair Kerr commented on issues and claims raised at the Trustee candidate debate hosted by the Campbell River and District Chamber of Commerce on October 5. These included claims about gender identity teaching materials used in classrooms and the impact of structural deficits on the classroom.

Kerr noted many highlights over his two terms as a Trustee and two years as Board Chair from 2020-2022: the implementation of the District's Strategic Plan, the introduction and updating of Board policies, the development and implementation of the new Board logo designed by Curtis Wilson, the hiring of the Superintendent in 2018 and the two Associate Superintendents in 2019. He shared his disappointment that the Board was not yet able to successfully lobby for a new Cedar school and hopes that the new Board will see this effort to a positive conclusion.

22-140 Superintendent's Remarks

Superintendent Morrow reported that the final student enrolment numbers for 2022-2023 of approximately 5,600 are slightly higher than projected, subject to final counts and verification by the Ministry of Education and Child Care. In celebration of World Teachers' Day on October 5 and National Principals' month for October, he reflected on the skill and compassion that staff meet complex situations with every day in our schools. Morrow thanked the Board for their continued dedication and service to the families in the district.

22-141 Approval of the Minutes of September 27, 2022

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of September 27, 2022 are hereby approved as circulated.

22-142 Additions to the Agenda

16 British Columbia School Trustee Association Student voice project (K. Eddy)

22-143 Approval of the Agenda

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

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as amended.

22-144 Report from the October 11, 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. Teaching, administrative and support staff changes;
2. Property, legal and financial issues;

22-145 Campbell River Situation Table update

Director of Learning Support Services, Brenna Ewing, provided an update to the Board on the Campbell River Situation Table. The request to have a representative join this working group was originally proposed to the Board in February 2022. Since then, Ewing has met weekly with the group which brings together community stakeholders from many different agencies. Members meet to confidentially review situations facing community members and develop an action plan that can quickly be implemented to support people in crisis. A "Door Knock" approach has been effective at increasing community connections while reducing long term demand on emergency resources. Associate Superintendent Kyle joins the group for quarterly meetings.

22-146 Framework for Enhanced Student Learning

Superintendent Morrow shared key points from the recently prepared "Framework for Enhanced Learning" report, as submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care. Pulling data from numerous standardized sources, the report shows lower than average literacy scores demonstrating that literacy continues to be an area of needed focus for the district. District numeracy results are on the high side of the provincial average. The report is posted on the District website.

22-147 Finance Warrant No. 1, July 31, 2022

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

THAT the Finance Warrant No. 1, dated July 31, 2022 be accepted as presented.

22-148 Finance Warrant No. 2, August 31, 2022

It was proposed by J. McMann, seconded by K. Eddy and **CARRIED:**

THAT the Finance Warrant No. 2, dated August 31, 2022 be accepted as presented.

22-149 Finance Warrant No. 3, September 30, 2022

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

*THAT the Finance Warrant No. 3, dated
September 30, 2022 be accepted as presented.*

22-150 Report on the Oct 6 Superintendent’s Student Leadership Committee meeting

Trustee Briggs reported that the Superintendent’s student leadership committee met on October 6. District Principal of Indigenous Education, Debra Martel, facilitated the meeting. Students from Timberline, Carihi and Southgate attended and shared their impressions of: school start-up, items for improvement in their schools, student experiences of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and impactful ideas for use of the Student and Family Affordability Fund.

22-151 British Columbia School Trustee Association Student voice project

Vice-Chair Eddy shared her experience of being invited to meet with a group of grades 3, 4 and 5 students at Pinecrest to talk about the upcoming Trustee elections. Students were excited to engage and had many questions about the role of a Trustee, the political process, suggestions and feedback on their school grounds.

22-152 Questions from anyone present on agenda items for this meeting:**Question 1 – David Harper (present in the gallery)**

“Can you clarify the nature of structural deficit referred to by Chair Kerr in his opening remarks?”

Secretary-Treasurer responded with an explanation of how a deficit from the 2021-2022 budget year ended June 30, 2022 was balanced with a zero deficit as required by legislation. This was mainly done by utilizing surplus funds from benefits and drawing on international program income. Increased costs due to wage settlements will need to be addressed in the 2023-2024 budget. These costs will be addressed for the 2023-2024 budget and will consider changes in income and further cost increases.

Question 2 – Andrea Craddock, President, CUPE Local 723 (present online)

“Is there a process for SD72 staff to put forward the name of a student they feel should be referred to the Situation Table?”

Associate Superintendent Kyle responded that staff can direct inquiries to Director of Learning Support Services, Brenna Ewing.

22-153 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Kat Eddy, Board Chair.
KWP:nc
November 15, 2022

Kevin Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.