Call to Order/Chair’s Remarks:

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. In her opening remarks S. Wilson advised that the Campbell River Board of Education would like to acknowledge that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Laichwiltach People. She further mentioned that the Trustees had a good visit to Sayward school on March 14th and that Spring break starts on March 17th with both teachers and students looking forward to it.

Approval of the Minutes:

It was proposed by D. Hagen, seconded by G. Kirschner and CARRIED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting of February 21, 2017 are hereby approved as circulated.

Approval of the Agenda:

It was proposed by J. Kerr, seconded by D. Hagen and CARRIED:

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as circulated.

REPORT FROM THE MARCH 14, 2017 CONFIDENTIAL BOARD MEETING:

Board Chair Wilson 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, and support staff changes;
2. Land, legal and financial issues; and
3. Returning to the Confidential Meeting for completion of the agenda.

Educational Transformation – What does it look like in our Schools:

Carihi Principal Fred Schaub, Teacher Jeff Lontayao and student Aden Lovely made a presentation to the Board on Career-Program. Fred Schaub advised that Career-Program is replacing planning 10 and grad transitions as part of the new graduation curriculum and Carihi’s main focus for the new program will be wellness of students whereby mentoring will begin for each student in grade 9 and continue up to their graduation year. He further advised that the new curriculum aims to connect students with the skills they need to succeed in their
next charter of life and every student will have to take career education to graduate. Teacher Jeff Lontayao spoke on the value of helping students on their journey of self discovery, preparing them for transition for their next phase of life, and identifying skills/tools the students feel they need to help them reach their best self. Student Aden Lovely spoke about her journey through high school and her plans to attend UVic in the fall taking general studies until she can determine her own direction.

17-50 Change of Date for the last Board Meeting in June:

Board Chair Wilson reminded Trustees and the public that the last board meeting in June has been moved from June 27th to June 20th.

17-51 Supreme Court Decision Update:

Trustee Franklin reported out on the meeting he attended in Vancouver on March 10 as the British Columbia Public School Employers’ Association (BCPSEA) representative of the Board. The purpose of the meeting was to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between BCPSEA, the Ministry of Education (MOE) and the BC Teachers’ Federation (BCTF) with respect to the Supreme Court of Canada decision. The MOA contains clarity relating to class size and composition, non-enrolling staff and process language that is now restored. Secretary-Treasurer Patrick advised that staffing is underway to apply the old language with the challenges of not knowing the costs associated with the new MOA and whether the funding from the Ministry is adequate which could have an impact on the budget process. He further advised this funding initially just deals with staffing and does not provide an indication of how the remedies will be supported and that the new staffing levels cannot be sustained should the Ministry not fully fund the MOA.

17-52 Ten Dollar a Day Daycare:

Trustee McMann discussed the proposal of the ten dollar a day daycare that the City of Campbell River, School District 72 and the BCSTA have all signed up and agreed on. The Early Childhood Educators strongly feel early care and learning should be under the mandate of the Ministry of Education to extend the entitlement of education and care which is enshrined in the School Act to children under 5 years of age.

17-53 BAA Course – River Fishing 9-12:

Assistant Superintendent Fair advised that a new BAA course entitled River Fishing 9-12 has been developed by Nicolas Pisterzi, a teacher at Carihi Secondary. The course was developed to teach beginners and avid fly fishing students about the outdoors and fly fishing. The use of the Conservation and outdoor Recreation Education (CORE) will assist guiding the lessons. Students will learn fishing methods, ethical decision making skills, fish identification, waterways and ecosystems, conversation laws, wildlife management, fly fishing and knot tying skills, first-aid and wilderness survival techniques and trip preparation.

It was proposed by J. McMann, seconded by J. Kerr and CARRIED:

*THAT the Board approve the BAA Course “River Fishing 9-12” as presented for inclusion in the School District course offerings.*
17-54 BAA Course – Middle Earth 12:

Assistant Superintendent Fair reported that a new BAA course was developed by Stephen Joyce, teacher at Timberline Secondary entitled “Middle Earth 12”. The course synopsis will use diverse sources such as fantasy fiction writing, regional environments, local literature/history/First Nations studies/geography and student-submitted work. The 2011 BC Education Plan supports broad experimentation with cross-curricular and blended learning – this course provides a place to experiment and field-test many aspect of the plan using the works of J.R.R. Tolkien.

It was proposed by D. Hagen, seconded by J. Kerr and CARRIED:

\[\text{THAT the Board approve the BAA Course “Middle Earth 12” as presented for inclusion in the School District course offerings.}\]

17-55 Student International Travel Update:

Assistant Superintendent Fair reminded Trustees that the District is keeping abreast of any travel advisories for certain countries. Student safety comes first and if there is any question of a student being denied entry to the country there will be no trip.

17-56 Student Learning Grant:

Secretary-Treasurer reported that all districts in the province will receive a Special Grant of one time funding for the 2016-2017 school. The funds are to be used for learning resources, supplies, and equipment to help classrooms through the implementation of the new curriculum and other learning innovations across the K-12 public education system. The total provincial funding is 27.4 million and based on a calculation of $50.00 per full time student. The process is still being developed and we are currently gathering feedback from the schools on how to implement the funds to our schools.

17-57 VISTA Spring Conference Report:

Trustee Kirschner reported out on the attendance of trustees at the VISTA conference in Ucluelet on March 3rd and 4th.

17-58 Community Foundation of Canada – Vital Signs Publication:

Trustee McMann provided a copy of the Vital Signs publication for Campbell River which is a community check up conducted by Community Foundations of Canada, measures the vitality of communities and identifies significant trends in a range of areas critical to quality of life.

17-59 Questions from Anyone Present on Agenda Items for This Meeting:

The Board responded to questions from Mike Davies, reporter for the Campbell River Mirror.
on the complications they may arise due to the new BCTF agreement, the definition of a BAA course (Board/Authority Authorized), and student travel plans changes.

17-60 Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

S. Wilson, Board Chair.  
K. Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.

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March 14, 2017.