

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER), HELD AT TIMBERLINE SECONDARY AND ATTENDED ELECTRONICALLY AT 7:30 P.M., ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020

Present: J. Kerr, Chairperson; K. Eddy, Vice-Chairperson; 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.

20-187 Call to Order

Chairperson Kerr called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm. In his opening remarks he reflected on the appointment of the new provincial cabinet and the mandate letter delivered to the Minister of Education. Stable funding and cooperation between ministries will be imperative to the achievement of these goals.

20-188 Superintendent's Remarks

Superintendent Morrow congratulated the winners of the 2020 Governor General's medals: Chris James from Timberline and Riley Sutherland from Carihi.

The Superintendent enjoys his regular visits to the schools and seeing the activity there. He further expressed his admiration for the young people in our schools for their commitment to safety protocols.

20-189 Approval of the Minutes:

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of November 10, 2020 are hereby approved as circulated.

20-190 Additions or Alterations to the Agenda:

The agenda was amended as follows:

10B – Student leadership
10C – Music programs
14B – Equity Committee report

20-191 Approval of the Agenda:

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

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as amended.

20-192 Report from the December 1, 2020 Confidential Board Meeting:

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. Land issues.

The agenda was not completed so the Board will return to the Confidential meeting following the Public meeting.

20-193 Greenways Land Trust

Greenways Land Trust has worked with SD72 classes for several years providing opportunities to engage in meaningful ways in the outdoors. Greenways Director Cynthia Bendickson submitted a report and request to the Board for a stable funding commitment. The Board directed the Secretary-Treasurer to seek more information from Greenways on their request.

20-194 Georgia Park Forest School

Sheila McGrath, Vice-Principal at Georgia Park School, delivered a presentation on the Georgia Park Forest School. This successful initiative sees the whole school working together on projects tied to the curriculum and getting outside to foster their understanding of each other and the world around them. Their projects focus on learning about and contributing to the environment in their neighbourhood.

20-195 Student Leadership

Trustee Hagen is working on a program with student leadership at the high schools for feedback to the Board.

20-196 Music Programs

Trustee Hagen requested information on choir activities in the schools. Associate Superintendent Cizmic noted that possibilities for the upcoming concert season and ongoing music class activities are being explored with district music educators following COVID-19 protocols.

20-197 Election of BC Public School Employers' Association Representative for 2021

Vice Chair Eddy nominated Trustee Hagen for the position of BC Public School Employers' Association Representative for 2021. Trustee Hagen accepted the nomination.

After calling two more times for further nominations and hearing none, Board Chair Kerr declared that Trustee Hagen was elected as the Board representative to the BC Public School Employers' Association for 2021 by acclamation.

20-198 Election of BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council Representative for 2021

Trustee McMann nominated Trustee Wilson for the position of BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council Representative for 2021. Trustee Wilson accepted the nomination.

After calling two more times for further nominations and hearing none, Board Chair Kerr declared that Trustee Wilson was elected as the Board representative to the BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council for 2021 by acclamation.

20-199 Review of Current Board Committees

Vice Chair Eddy is leading a review of current committees for 2021 to better reflect the strategic plan, operational and student needs. Representatives to Board liaison committees have been appointed and will be reviewed on an annual basis. The Board Governance Policy review committee will meet to revise the current policy regarding Board Committees.

It was proposed by K. Eddy, seconded by S. Wilson and **CARRIED:**

THAT Board Governance Policy 16 be amended to require that the committee structure be reevaluated on the adoption of a new strategic plan.

20-200 Equity Committee

Vice Chair Eddy spoke about the establishment of an Equity Liaison Committee.

20-201 Student Liaison Committee Proposed

It was proposed by K. Eddy, seconded by S. Briggs and **CARRIED:**

THAT the Board create a liaison committee focused on student engagement.

20-202 District Award Winners

Superintendent Morrow acknowledged District Award winners.

20-203 Public Communications Committee report

Trustee Wilson reported that a letter asking for priority vaccines for school employees has been drafted. The letter will be distributed to Ministry of Education partners and the local paper.

20-204 Equity Committee report

Trustee McMann reported on her attendance at the November 13th session on the Equity project with the Ministry of Education. A number of other Trustees and Board members also participated along with staff. A follow up meeting will be scheduled.

20-205 BCSTA Trustee Academy

Vice Chair Eddy, Trustee McMann and Chair Kerr attended the virtual BCSTA Trustee Academy on Nov 27 & 28.

20-206 Provincial Council Motion

Trustee Wilson, in her position as the Board representative to the BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council has submitted a motion to the February 20th Provincial Council meeting asking that education workers be given priority to receive COVID-19 vaccines.

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

THAT the Board submit a motion to the BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council regarding priority vaccines for education workers.

20-207 Board Committee Representatives for 2021

Vice Chair Eddy listed the Trustee appointments to the Board Committees for 2021.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

John Kerr, Board Chair.

Kevin Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.

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December 1, 2020