

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER), HELD ELECTRONICALLY AT 7:30 P.M., ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021

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.

21-21 Call to Order

Chairperson Kerr called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. In his opening remarks he noted concerns over mental health for students and staff as we enter year two of the COVID-19 pandemic. Kerr will be attending the Ministry of Education partner liaison meeting sessions on behalf of the Board on January 22nd and February 4th.

21-22 Superintendent's Remarks

Superintendent Morrow reflected on the activity in our schools and community including: the move into the 5th course rotation at the high schools, Family Literacy week, Kindergarten and late French immersion registration for 21/22 and the upcoming district wide professional development day.

21-23 Approval of the Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of January 12, 2021 are hereby approved as circulated.

21-24 Approval of the Agenda

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

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as circulated.

21-25 Report from the January 26, 2021 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.

21-26 Correspondence

The Board received a reply from the Public Sector Employers' Council (PSEC) to their letter of Dec 16, 2020 regarding vaccine priority for the education sector.

21-27 District Professional Development Day

Gillian Kirke, District Indigenous Cultural Resource Coordinator; Erin Pickering District Mentorship/ Professional Development Coordinator; and Debra Martel, District Principal, Indigenous Education shared information on plans for the District Professional Development Day on February 12, 2021. All staff are encouraged to attend the sessions. The theme is "Empowering to Transform".

21-28 Music Programs

Associate Superintendent Cizmic shared information on district music programs.

21-29 Board Governance Policy Review Committee Recommendations

Trustee Franklin reported that the following policies have been reviewed and are ready for adoption:

Policy 6 – Role of the Chair and Vice Chair - Revision

Policy 25 – Indigenous Education - Revision

Policy 28 – Student Leadership - New

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

THAT the Board adopt the Board Governance Committee's recommended amendments to Board Governance Policy 6 – Role of the Chair and Vice Chair, Board Governance Policy 25 – Indigenous Education and the addition of new Board Governance Policy 28 – Student Leadership.

21-30 BCPSEA Advocacy

Trustee Hagen will be attending the BCPSEA AGM electronically on Jan 28th as the elected Board representative. Hagen noted his concerns over mental health and fatigue as we enter the second year of the pandemic, advocating for COVID-19 vaccine priority for education workers and continuing to stay on top of pandemic protocols.

21-31 Finance Warrant No 11

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

THAT the Finance Warrant No.11, dated November 30, 2020 be accepted as presented

21-32 Questions

Trustee Hagen asked about the final amended budget for 20/21. Secretary-Treasurer Patrick responded that it will be presented at the Feb 23rd Board meeting and is due to the Ministry of Education by February 28, 2021. The final budget will be posted on the district website.

Trustee Eddy asked about professional development for the Board's Audit and Risk Committee. Secretary-Treasurer Patrick agreed to present ideas for a virtual session at the next board meeting.

21-33 Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

John Kerr, Board Chair.

Kevin Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.

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January 26, 2021