



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 47 (POWELL RIVER)
BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
12:00 PM., Wednesday, February 8, 2023
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

MEETING NOTES

Present: Dale Lawson, Rob Hill, Maureen Mason, Jaclyn Miller, Kirsten, Van't Schip

Also in attendance: Jay Yule (Superintendent), Steve Hopkins (Secretary-Treasurer)

Aileen O'Keefe (CUPE L476 President), Izi Loveluck (PRDTA President)

Presentations – N/A

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved: R. Hill
Seconded: J. Miller

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda for February 8, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Status: Carried

2. STANDING COMMITTEES

2.a) Education Committee
i) Strategic Planning

J. Yule reported that staff solicited proposals from three different consultants to provide quotes for services to assist the Board in creating the next Strategic Plan. The Board was asked if they would like to be part of selecting the consultant or if they prefer leaving the decision to staff.

Discussion ensued with respect to Board involvement in the selection process. The Board requested staff discuss and present proposals with them at next week's meeting and make a recommendation for Board consideration at that time.

Question asked if this topic is deemed to be suitable for discussion at a closed meeting. J. Yule/S. Hopkins responded affirmatively as the proposals involve consideration of contract terms and information included in the proposals would be considered proprietary to those who submitted.

ii) Integrated Child & Youth Teams

J. Yule reported that the District had been chosen as one of the pilot districts to participate with other agencies in an Integrated Child & Youth Team model. This pilot project is for teams of professionals to deliver mental health and substance use services and supports for children and youth with diverse abilities, backgrounds, and situations, and work collaboratively to ensure smooth and appropriate transitions, so families and caregivers do not have to navigate services and supports on their own, making it easier for children and youth to connect to the care they need.

iii) Draft Local School Calendar – 2025/2026

J. Yule outlined for Trustees the process governing the three-year school calendar cycle and reported that this is the first step in the process leading up to adoption of the calendar. Question asked as to how staff solicit feedback from parents. J. Yule responded that the calendar is sent to Principals who are asked to provide info to parents via newsletters and PAC. We also solicit employee feedback.

iv) Plans for Pink Shirt – Day – Staff Update

S. Hopkins spoke to the process of communicating plans to Trustees for the various days of recognition outlined in the Board Work Plan and asked if that process had the same value as in the past given the recent changes to the communications strategy. Consensus of the Board was that they continue to derive value from the reporting. K. Payne spoke to preliminary plans reporting that she has been meeting with Principals to understand what plans are in place for our schools. Ad will be placed in the PEAK, photos were taken which will be used for social media and providing more information on our website. Radio spot is a work in progress although may not be ready for Pink Shirt Day.

Question asked about Board Work Plan and whether days would be added such as: Black History Month, Asian History Month etc. D. Lawson responded that the Board underwent a process in the past and referred to Days of Observance which lists all days.

2.b) Finance & Facilities Committee

i) 2022/2023 Amended Budget Information

S. Hopkins reviewed the documents with respect to amended budget information for 2022-2023. Please refer to documents included with the agenda.

2.c) Policy Committee

i) Policy 18 – Conveyance of Students

S. Hopkins reported to the Board that a parent complaint was received and referenced this policy as part of his report. It was also reported that the policy

was represented so that it can be considered as reviewed for the purposes of the Board commitment to review all policies within the elected term of office.

Complaint: Kelly Creek bus, specifically the amount of time some students ride the bus. S. Hopkins reviewed who is eligible vs courtesy riders (who are not eligible for bussing). Reviewed bus route which was in place at the beginning of the year, and due to no supervision after school changed the schedule mid-year. Currently was able to allocate extra time for supervision after school which is a strategy that should alleviate the parent concerns on the matter.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

i) Minutes of Health Committee Meeting 20230201

J. Miller highlighted:

- Youth started attending Health Committee Meeting – great to have them attend.
- Vital Signs report made available at meeting.
- Multiple surveys taking place at Brooks including McCreary, speak survey.

Question asked about sexual health education at the high school, specifically the content of what is being taught/delivered to students. It was reported there were topics discussed that were not appropriate and while the parent waited for it to subside and change, it did not. J. Yule will look into this issue.

ii) Minutes of JMC Meeting 20230130

J. Yule reported that the next four-year Strategic Plan was discussed. V. Coray, Pro-d Coordinator will ask pro-d reps for suggestions asking teachers what is important for teachers, direction they would like to see the Board take with respect to professional development.

iii) Minutes of French Education Meeting 20230131

- R. Hill reported on his first committee meeting. It was decided at the meeting that the French Education Committee would remain a committee of the Board.
- The DELF and DALF are six separate diplomas issued by the French Ministry for National Education to certify the French language skills. Available for Primary, Schools & Junior, and Pro.
- Spoke to his understanding of SD93 vs French Immersion at Brooks.

iv) Minutes of OLC Meeting 20221207

D. Lawson attended last meeting. Selected membership at this meeting and the committee are ready to continue with the work.

Next meeting February 13th - black out time and also profit vs non-profit companies will be on the agenda. Sub-committee is reviewing the field trip process. Question asked how it would be determined what goes to the committee and what goes to the Board. J. Yule responded if personnel or

contract issues, they wouldn't go through committee, it would come to staff. Operational issues will be dealt with by the Committee.

J. Yule and D. Lawson both responded that if information/issues are brought to the attention of a Board Member to relay the information to J. Yule or bring to a closed meeting.

Ferry Advisory Committee

M. Mason reported on her appointment to the Ferry Advisory Committee referring to an upcoming meeting for Feb 21st and community forum in the evening. Reported that last year, the Ministry representative on the Committee spoke to the Texada ferry not running one day per week and students possibly having to be homeschooled for one day. J. Yule suggested being proactive and writing a generic letter to Ferry Advisory Committee or the Minister responsible.

4. OTHER INFORMATION

4.a) Climate Caucus Invitation – Background and Event Information

Information provided in agenda. Committee looking for Trustee representation. M. Mason and K. Van't Schip have signed up to learn more. Meeting on Mar. 16/23. Maureen to report back at next meeting.

4.b) gathet Region Vital Signs – 2022/2023 Report

M. Mason attended meeting. Implication for Education Committee - 41% of students, when asked, self-identified as neuro-diverse. How do we translate that into curriculum modification? J. Yule spoke to the low numbers of students answering questions in the survey which can skew data. The District has other stats that could be made available to Vital Signs and to the Board. Report mentioned only Family Place – there are many programs and services for children and youth in town not mentioned in the report.

Information will be available on the Vital Sign's website in real time.

M. Mason and R. Southcott met with leadership students at Brooks and when asked what their main leadership concern would be, it was Mental Health.

D. Lawson suggested a letter be sent thanking Vital Signs committee, expressing appreciation for their work, and suggest that the District be more involved as we could provide District data.

4.c) Board Work Plan

For information.

Ms. A. O'Keefe thanked the Board for the Board Work Plan and Days of Observance. Also thanked the Board for the Strategic Plan work and engaging stakeholder feedback.

- Clarification asked whether the CUPE contract was ratified. S. Hopkins/J. Yule responded affirmatively and also that an email had been sent to her a couple of weeks ago to this effect.

- Question asked with respect to Board Standing Committees and whether there was a reference as to how a committee is formed and whether there are guidelines as there is much overlap between employees and staff? S. Hopkins responded that Board Policy 8 addresses committee work including formation and composition.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved: M. Mason

THAT the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting be adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Status: Carried

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