



**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 47 (POWELL RIVER)**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION - REGULAR MEETING**  
**4:00 PM., Wednesday, February 15, 2023**  
**SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE**

**MINUTES**

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

Also in attendance: Jay Yule (Superintendent), Steve Hopkins (Secretary-Treasurer), K. Brach, I. Loveluck, K. Payne

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**Presentation**

Paul Cummings – You Are My Sunshine Project – and plans for next phase.

The YouTube video of 'You Are My Sunshine' was played for those present.

P. Cummings spoke to project which promotes cultural and musical literacy in our community. The project culminated in approximately 150 students singing the song in Ayajuthem at the Jazz Festival in 2022.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Jazz Festival in 2023 will comprise world class musicians performing in 10 ticketed concerts. Three choirs from Brooks – and invitees from Glen Eagle Secondary in Coquitlam, and Reynolds Secondary in Victoria. These choirs will open for the professional musicians with K-12 students backing up the feature musician Heather Bambrick from Newfoundland.

Chairperson, D. Lawson thanked P. Cummings for his presentation.

**Question Period**

No questions.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

"Every February, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black people in Canada and their communities.

The 2023 theme for Black History Month is: "Ours to tell". This theme represents both an opportunity to engage in open dialogue and a commitment to learning more about the stories Black communities in Canada have to tell about their histories, successes, sacrifices and triumphs.

In honour of Black History Month, #SD47 educators have planned intentional learning opportunities to shine a spotlight on Black Canadian experiences, challenges, and remarkable accomplishments.

February is a month also widely known for sharing expressions of love and kindness. This month, some classrooms included Valentine's Day traditions such as handwritten cards or little treats; but throughout our district, people of all ages demonstrate their big hearts in ways that make a big difference all year long. The Brooks interact club, recently purchased grocery cards and put them in a hand-made card as a 'Welcome to Powell River' gift to the Ukrainian family who has come to live in our community. Interactors also recently presented a cheque to the local SPCA to purchase much-needed cat and dog food. These students work hard to raise the funds they thoughtfully distribute by volunteering for activities like selling beverages at the Banff Mountain Film Festival.

At Westview Elementary, students and staff are embracing February as Kindness Month by examining how they can stand up and be advocates for those who may face discrimination. They will have special days of kindness throughout the month with a variety of activities to promote kindness and demonstrate their learning about allyship.

As a district, our mission is to prepare students, within a safe, inclusive, and dynamic environment to face a changing world as lifelong learners and informed, responsible citizens. We are proud of our students and staff for the work they do every day to demonstrate kindness, an integral element to improving our culture of acceptance, tolerance, mindfulness and respect.

This month Pink Shirt Day is February 22<sup>nd</sup>, a day we are all invited to wear pink, raise awareness, and start a conversation to end bullying. I believe each of us has a responsibility to educate those around us, to end hate and bullying in all its forms.

As we approach Family Day, on Feb 20<sup>th</sup> we collectively celebrate our families, their similarities and their differences, however we may define them. We can choose to embrace diversity, kindness, and inclusion every day.

Check out our website or follow our social media to learn more about [SD47](#)."

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved:** R. Hill

**Seconded:** K. Van't Schip

**THAT the Regular meeting agenda of February 15, 2023, be adopted as circulated.**

**Status:** Carried

2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved: K. Van't Schip  
Seconded: M. Mason

**THAT the Regular meeting minutes of January 18, 2023, be adopted as circulated.**

Status: Carried

3. **REPORT OF CLOSED MEETINGS**

3.a) January 18, 2022 – The Board met in-camera to discuss items concerning personnel and legal matters.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**INCOMING**

4.a) SD83 to Hon. Singh and Hon. Conroy  
For information.

4.b) SD52 to Hon. Singh and Hon. Conroy  
For information.

Moved: R. Hill  
Seconded: K. Van't Schip

**THAT the correspondence listed in items 4.a) to 4.b) be received.**

Status: Carried

5. **OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

5.a) SD47 to Environmental Science Students – Brooks Secondary School  
J. Yule reported that this topic was brought up by J. Dyck at the OLC Meeting. Students should come back to the OLC group with any ideas with respect to how to formulate a plan, or to clarify what their ask is. J. Yule to work with J. Dyck to seek clarification.

6. **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' REPORT**

6.a) Suspension, Exclusion, and Seclusion Report – September 6, 2022, to December 31, 2022  
For information.

Moved: RH  
Seconded: JM

**THAT the Superintendent of Schools' Report be received as presented.**

Status: Carried

**7. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT**

7.a) 2022/2023 Amended Budget

S. Hopkins reported on the amended budget per the information included with the agenda.

7.b) Month End Financial Report as at January 31, 2023

S. Hopkins reviewed the report included with the agenda.

**Moved: J. Miller**

**Seconded: R. Hill**

**THAT the 2022/2023 Amended Budget be adopted as presented.**

**Status: Carried**

**Moved: J. Miller**

**Seconded: K. Van't Schip**

**THAT the Secretary-Treasurer's Report be received as presented.**

**Status: Carried**

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

8.a) Committee of the Whole Report for February 8, 2023

**9. OTHER INFORMATION**

9.a) Transit for Teens – K. Van't Schip

Single Mothers Alliance seeking support to extend the age of free ridership. Previous 0-12, this one would include up to age 18. Seeking a motion that the Board supports their initiative/endorsement for their campaign and can provide a letter of support.

**Moved: K. Van't Schip**

**Seconded: J. Miller**

**WHEREAS every teenager aged 13 to 18 should have the right to access school and their communities; THEREFORE be it resolved:**

**THAT School District 47 (Powell River) endorse the Single Mothers' Alliance Transit for Teens Campaign; and, in doing so, write a letter to:**

**The Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation**

**The Board of Directors of BC Transit**

**The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure**

**The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change Strategy**

**The Ministry of Education and Child Care**

**The Minister of State for Infrastructure and Transit**

**The Ministry of Children and Family Development, and,  
the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth,**

**to work with the Provincial Government to finalize and secure funding, and develop a plan that will provide free public transit for teens aged 13 to 18 in BC.**

**Status: Carried**

It was suggested that Local MLA Nicholas Simmons be contacted and included in communications.

9.b) Tla'amin Nation 2023-2028 Comprehensive Nation Plan  
For information.

9.c) Partner Liaison Meeting – D. Lawson  
Board Chair, Superintendent, Secretary-Treasurer Partner Liaison Meeting took place February 9-10, 2023.

Assistant Deputy Minister Cloe Nicholls provided an overview of the work being undertaken in partnership with the BCSTA to develop 6 modules focused on student growth, achievement, and equity in outcomes:

- Governance, Legislation, Roles and Responsibilities (part 1 was recently hosted virtually for all trustees, part two coming up on the 23<sup>rd</sup>).
- Relations with First Nations.
- Working with People.
- Values-Based, evidence informed decision making.
- Planning for Student Success and 6) Financial and Resource Management.

BCSTA President Carolyn Broady presented an introduction to a new, collaborative provincial project on school trustee codes of conduct.

Minister of Education and Childcare, Rachna Singh & Assistant Deputy Minister, Jennifer McCrea presented on the recently launched K-12 anti-racism action plan and the work being done to help schools better understand their roles and provide training opportunities and tools to help address racism in our classrooms.

The K-12 Anti-Racism Action Plan includes six priority areas of action:

- Community Voice
- Removing Barriers
- Raising Awareness
- Collaborative Change
- Capacity Building
- School Support

Presentation titled Young People as Allies in Educational Transformation - Dr. Vicki Phillips from the NCEE (National Centre on Education and the Economy). Dr. Phillips provided an overview of the International Youth Survey from 13 countries describing common youth concerns and values and the desire for youth engagement.

Key points:

- The powerhouse combination of high demand (academic press) and intentional support (culture).
- The primacy of the student-teacher relationship – how students feel about school and act on those feelings is largely pre-determined by their relationship with teachers (and it is not about being liked).
- The missed possibilities when leaders fail to consider school from the perspective of students.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Ms. I. Loveluck, PRDTA President asked if a facilitator has been chosen with respect to the Strategic Plan as there is pro-d training at end of April which may tie in nicely.

**MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD**

N/A

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved: M. Mason**

**THAT the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 5:05 p.m.**

**Status: Carried**



D. Lawson  
Chairperson



S. Hopkins  
Secretary-Treasurer

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