



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

4:00 pm, Wednesday, February 21, 2024
School Board Office

MINUTES

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

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

Regrets: Maureen Mason

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Miller at 4:00 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRESENTATION: PRISMA for Kids – J. Scott and A. Arnold

Artistic Director Arthur Arnold presented an overview of the PRISMA for Kids program to the board, showcasing past concerts and learning initiatives. The organization supplies teachers with lesson plans, aiming to cultivate music appreciation in children and youth. There is a request for increased financial support, rising from \$3000 to \$5000 compared to previous years.

Brooks Gender & Sexuality Alliance – Teacher, W. Dunlop and participating students

Ms. Dunlop and students Abigail Welp-Ellis, Danielle Welp-Ellis, and Madeline Daniels presented a verbal report to the board. The students shared details about their involvement in the Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) Committee, leading the initiative to install framed Pride flags at all school sites to promote inclusivity. They emphasized that these flag installations will serve as a visual reminder of acceptance and support. The GSA members have also created a video, to be shared during school assemblies on Pink Shirt Day. Ms. Dunlop expressed her pride in the group and their commendable actions, expressing gratitude to the board for their support in this legacy project.

QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

"I'd like to open this meeting highlighting the work done on our Professional Development Day on Feb 16 where topics included AI in education, digital literacy, place-based education and classroom management, to name only a few of the presentations. We gathered as a District for a wonderful lunch

by Chef Knickerbocker and his team at Brooks and honoured our long-term staff celebrating 10, 15, 20, 25 and even 45 years in the School District. Thank you so much for your commitment to children, education and our District.

We have chosen to wear pink shirts to our meeting today to highlight Pink Shirt Day, which falls on February 28 this year. At our last Committee of the Whole meeting, we discussed an article “The Performance of Pink” by Brian Gidinski. This article highlighted that Pink Shirt Day originated in response to hurtful and homophobic behaviour and the conversation around Pink Shirt Day has shifted to encouraging and celebrating kindness. It’s important that our students understand why this day was needed.

This year, during Pink Shirt Day assemblies, SOGI school leads will be present during a video presentation by Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) members. These school leads will present a large, framed Pride flag to Principals. These flags will be installed the week of March 4-8th. It is important that we publicly acknowledge our support and acceptance, ensure our schools are safe for everyone, and stand firm in our opposition to homophobic and hurtful behaviour.

As part of our efforts to ensure our schools are safe, we spent time at the Committee of the Whole meeting reviewing our Administrative Procedures (AP’s) that related to safety. While we recently reviewed all of our policies and AP’s, re-looking at these through the lens of safety has highlighted the need to provide more structure in some areas, reduce some redundancies in our APs, and add in a sexual assault protocol. It’s important that students, parents and staff are all clear on the procedures in place should there be an incident of violence in our schools. Staff are working diligently with community partners to ensure that we have a comprehensive plan in place that works best for our community.”

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED: D. LAWSON

SECONDED: R. HILL

THAT the Regular meeting agenda of February 21, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

STATUS: CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED: K. VAN’T SCHIP

SECONDED: D. LAWSON

THAT the Regular meeting agenda of December 20, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

STATUS: CARRIED

3. REPORT OF CLOSED MEETINGS

3.a) December 20, 2023 – The Board met in-camera to discuss items which included property and personnel.

3.b) February 14, 2024 – The Board met in-camera to discuss items which included personnel.

4. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

- 4.a) BCSTA to B. Neufeld re: BCSTA Life Membership
- 4.b) SD74 to BCSTA re: BCSTA Trustee Academy
- 4.c) BCSTA to Minister Freeland re: Federal Budget 2024
- 4.d) BCSTA to MP Noormohamed re: National School Food Policy Program
- 4.e) Minister Singh to BCSTA re: Anti-SOGI Disruptions
- 4.f) PRISMA to SD47 re: Partnership 2024

MOVED: R. HILL

SECONDED: K. VAN'T SCHIP

THAT the correspondence listed in item 4.a) to 4.f) be received.

STATUS: CARRIED

5. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.a) Board to K. Peters and C. Piccinin – Ayajuthem Immersion Presentation
- 5.b) Board to M. Burnikell – Germany Exchange Presentation

6. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' REPORT

- 6.a) Suspension, Exclusion, and Seclusion Report – September 5, 2022, to January 31, 2024

MOVED: R. HILL

SECONDED: D. LAWSON

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

STATUS: CARRIED

7. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

- 7.a) Childcare Centre Development Update – J. Formosa (presentation)

J. Formosa provided an update on the progress of the new childcare centres at Edgehill Elementary School and Kelly Creek Community School. At Edgehill, a modular childcare center is being installed. The foundation is in place, and building services are underway. Four modular structures, which will be stitched together to form one structure, are expected to arrive on March 4. The childcare site will feature a dedicated fenced play area and will share some existing play space at the school. Local staff will develop exterior structures, including entrance and back canopies. Completion is anticipated by May 2024. Ongoing applications for service providers are being accepted, with staff actively engaging with interested parties. The childcare center is set to open in September.

At Kelly Creek Community School, the childcare center is a retrofit of an existing building. The building envelope, roof, and exterior timber are complete, with siding currently being installed. Substantial completion for interior services such as HVAC and electrical is underway, with drywalling and finishing scheduled for completion by the end of March. The target for overall completion of the build is May.

To accommodate displaced services as a result of the child care centre, two portables have been relocated to Kelly Creek and are slated for renovation. Additionally, the

school's gymnasium has undergone renovations to facilitate food service. The playground will be shared between the childcare center and the school.

7.b) Month End Financial Report as at January 31, 2024

S. Hopkins shared the month end report, noting that the district is in a strong financial position. Any adjustments arising from the amended budget will be incorporated once the amended budget receives approval.

MOVED: R. HILL

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 January 10, 2024

Recommended motions arising from the Committee of the Whole Meeting:

MOVED: D. LAWSON

SECONDED: R. HILL

THAT trustee remuneration be increased by 6.75% effective January 2024.

STATUS: CARRIED

MOVED: R. HILL

SECONDED: K. VAN'T SCHIP

THAT professional development resources be re-allocated in support of trustees who may wish to attend the NSBA Conference.

STATUS: CARRIED

8.b) Committee of the Whole Report for February 14, 2024

Additional Reference Documents:

8.b.i) 2023/2024 Amended Budget

8.b.ii) Emergent Bus Funding Letter

Recommended motions arising from the Committee of the Whole Meeting:

MOVED: R. HILL

SECONDED: K. VAN'T SCHIP

THAT the 2023/2024 Amended Budget be adopted as presented.

STATUS: CARRIED

MOVED: R. HILL

SECONDED: K. VAN'T SCHIP

THAT the 2023/2024 Capital Plan submission be amended to include the request for emergent funding in support of the early replacement of a school bus.

STATUS: CARRIED

MOVED: K. VAN'T SCHIP

SECONDED: D. LAWSON

THAT trustees support the lower cost in their interest to put forward to the BCSTA AGM a motion related to childcare funding on behalf of the South Coast Branch.

STATUS: CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.a) BCSTA considerations for 2026 AGM and CSBA Annual Conference in Whistler

The board deliberated on their preference for the 2026 BCSTA AGM, coinciding with the CSBA conference in Whistler, BC. The majority of trustees expressed a preference for a combined event over alternative options

QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD

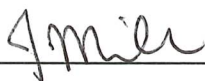
There were no questions.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: D. LAWSON

THAT the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

STATUS: CARRIED.



J. Miller
Chairperson



S. Hopkins
Secretary-Treasurer