



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 47 (POWELL RIVER)
BOARD OF EDUCATION - REGULAR MEETING
11:30 am, Wednesday, March 8, 2023
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

MINUTES

Present: Dale Lawson, Rob Hill, Maureen Mason, Jaclyn Miller, Kirsten Van't Schip (joined meeting at 11:50 am)

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

Question Period

No questions.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

"Today is International Women's Day, the campaign theme for 2023 is 'Embrace Equity'. Equity is something we talk about often in the education sector, we understand that equal opportunities aren't enough and that each person needs something different to reach an equal outcome. The goal for the 2023 International Women's Day campaign is to start a worldwide conversation about equity. We're being asked to acknowledge that all people don't begin life in the same place, and that circumstances can make it more difficult for people to achieve the same goals. Inequity affects many people, but most commonly historically it has marginalized communities such as women, people of color, disabled people, indigenous people, the economically disadvantaged, and those from the LGBTQ+ community. The goal of *equity* is to change systemic and structural barriers that get in the way of people's ability to thrive. Today, on International Women's Day, consider starting a meaningful conversation to help others understand the difference between equality and equity. Together we can help forge an equitable world and create positive change for everyone.

Recently our District Professional Development Team welcomed all staff to their Expanding Minds Conference held at Brooks Secondary. This District -wide PRO-D event was an informative day featuring an exciting round of Ignite talks, and a variety workshops. Throughout the day, our very talented staff and students engaged session attendees in workshops on topics such as: Games for Equity and Engagement, Getting started with STEAM, Assessment Design in Mathematics, Strategies to Engage and Motivate Students in Online Learning Environments, Utilizing Emotional Intelligence to Recognize, Understand, Label and Regulate Emotions, and Restorative Justice in School. We were treated to a delicious Greek Feast lunch,

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prepared by the Brooks Culinary Arts Program. The day was a fantastic display of the variety of incredible talent we are so fortunate to enjoy in SD47.

Learning isn't just for students and staff; our School Trustees Association has been diligently providing many learning opportunities to help prepare us for the work ahead. This afternoon we embark on our first strategic planning journey together as a new board. Our thoughtfully selected facilitator will help us get started on the first phase of our planning process. It's an exciting time for all of us to think about what's possible, we look forward to engaging with all stakeholders to help inform planning and to share goals to support student success.

Throughout our district, students and staff are looking forward to the arrival of Spring Break. I hope you enjoy the longer days, the re-emergence of color and a bit of extra time with your family and friends. Have a wonderful Spring Break!"

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved: J. Miller

Seconded: R. Hill

THAT the Regular meeting agenda of March 8, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Status: Carried

2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved: R. Hill

Seconded: M. Mason

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

Status: Carried

3. **REPORT OF CLOSED MEETINGS**

3.a) February 15, 2023 – The Board met in-camera to discuss items concerning personnel matters.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

INCOMING

4.a) SD52 to Hon. Singh
For information.

4.b) SD5 to Hon. Singh (2 letters)
For information.

4.c) Minister Lore to BCSTA
For information.

Moved: J. Miller
Seconded: M. Mason

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

Status: Carried

5. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

5.a) SD47 to P. Cummings
For information.

5.b) SD47, re: Single Mothers' Alliance Transit for Teens Campaign
For information.

6. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' REPORT

6.a) School Calendars 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026
Discussion ensued on break times for the next three years.

Moved: R. Hill
Seconded: J. Miller

THAT the School District calendar for 2025-2026 be adopted as presented and that the change for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026 be accepted.

Status: Carried

6.b) Administrative Procedure 216
For information.

6.a) Suspension, Exclusion, and Seclusion Report – September 6, 2022, to February 28, 2023
For information.

Moved: R. Hill
Seconded: M. Mason

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

Status: Carried

7. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

7.a) 2023/2024 Budget Process
S. Hopkins reported on the amended budget per the information included with the agenda.

Moved: J. Miller

Seconded: R. Hill

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

Status: Carried

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.a) Northern Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Council

M. Mason spoke to meeting she attended.

Meeting topic mainly re: Texada bus needing to cross a double line (no passengers), going into oncoming traffic, and asked if this could be a potential legal issue? Who is carrying the legal implications?

It was suggested that the District write a letter to the Ferry Commissioner with respect to this issue. The Ferry Advisory Council will contact N. Simmons.

Due to meetings taking place with no follow through, there will now be a mid-month meeting with no new topics but rather accountability of topics discussed at prior meeting. Next meeting in April. Staff to explore issue mentioned above and will be discussed at the April meeting.

8.b) District SOGI Committee

Kirsten Van't Schip spoke to meeting she attended.

Welcomed the advisory members from the community who will be serving a volunteer two-year term (students and adults).

Concern about teacher librarian association team. A. Burt stated that they thought there was no procedure for questionable books but there is an administrative procedure. AP251 to be reviewed.

Ongoing discussion – Pride flags at all schools (not necessarily on flagpole).

RCMP Safe Place – can we participate. More information to be brought to the Board.

8.c) Joint Management Committee

Kirsten Van't Schip spoke to meeting she attended.

Feedback from survey received, re: District day. Sounds like discussion had to do with perception of supports and accessing funds for special projects (for teachers). Some are not aware and not using it and some are double/triple dipping.

Discussion ensued on application process, bylaw changes in order to make it easy and so more teachers are able to access the funds. Changes to bylaws need to go to JMC, then to the Board.

9. OTHER INFORMATION

9.a) Climate Caucus Meeting Update

There were 600 people across Canada who have been or are in elected positions and taking a stance with respect to climate change. Now expanded to include school districts.

QUESTION PERIOD

Ms. I. Loveluck, PRDTA President indicated that a group comprising of L. Andrews V. Coray and herself would be meeting to review provincial, local prod guidelines, and review bylaws. Any suggestions would go to next JMC Exec meeting, to PROD reps, AGM, then to the Board.

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

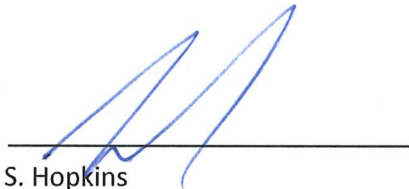
Moved: M. Mason

THAT the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Status: Carried



D. Lawson
Chairperson



S. Hopkins
Secretary-Treasurer

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