



**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 47 (POWELL RIVER)**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION - REGULAR MEETING**  
**4:00 pm, Wednesday, April 19, 2023**  
**SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE**

**MINUTES**

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

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

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**PRESENTATION** – J. Carlson and L. Gunn – Powell River Festival of Performing Arts and Brooks Interact Club 80<sup>th</sup> year of the PRFPA next year.

J. Carlson and L. Gunn spoke to the following:

- History of Rotary's involvement with the School District and the Community.
- Thanked J. Yule and the Board for their annual support and hoping for this to continue in the future.
- Request – how can we encourage more speech arts in schools and is there a way to have a Pro-D day with a facilitator speaking on speech arts? J. Yule will send them Vanessa Coray's contact information.
- Garbage clean up Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Rotary Youth Programs

- Brooks Interact Club
- RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)
- Adventures in Citizenship
- Adventures in Forestry and Environmental Studies
- Short-Term Exchange Program
- Annual High School Bursaries

**Question Period**

No questions.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

"It can be a challenge to get back into the swing of things following March break, but I'm encouraged by the warming weather and all of the opportunities this time of year brings.

The recent announcement from the Ministry of Education and Child Care on the province's multi-year investment in the new Feeding Futures funding is very welcome news. Funding is essential to build capacity toward stigma-free access to healthy, local food for students. We're fortunate to have an excellent foundation on which to build food programs for students in Sd47. It's exciting to consider the possibilities of what the future could look like for our school communities, the families we serve and the broader community.

Every spring, elementary schools start amping up activities in their school gardens & outdoor spaces. Bike clubs are starting to meet again and fieldtrip ideas are plentiful. The warmer days seem to bring new energy for coming together and possibilities for the future. Plans are underway to focus on student transitions to Brooks and thoughts start to shift toward leaving ceremonies, celebrations, and events.

Spring is a time of emerging growth; it's the season of renewal and the evidence is everywhere. High school students at Brooks are planning their course selections and Grade 12 students are booking their grad photos and contemplating the many details of graduation day and their next steps. Student, staff and parent volunteers are working hard to plan the upcoming graduation festivities. The Brooks Royal Closet is fully stocked with dresses, suits, shoes and accessories. Students are contemplating their commencement note for their walk across the stage and looking through photos to contribute to the memory reel.

Recently, the Jazz Festival included a jazz and charcuterie concert inaugural event featuring local students from Brooks Secondary and visiting students from Reynolds Secondary in Victoria. During the festival, five of our elementary schools (Kelly Creek, Westview, Henderson, James Thomson and Edgehill) learned a song that was choreographed and rehearsed at each school separately before coming together alongside the Brooks choir and Canadian Jazz singer Heather Bambrick just an hour before the show. Paul Cummings, the Jazz Festival organizers and our wonderful music teachers provided this incredible opportunity for our students to participate in this collaborative choir of more than 150 students from across the district. The local exhibition of musical talent doesn't stop there. I'm always in awe of the incredible talent we are so fortunate to enjoy in our community and grateful for the rich opportunities afforded to SD47 students because of it. This month many of our students were introduced to the cello, to symphony orchestra and classical music with Maestro Arthur Arnold. The PRISMA 4 kids (P4K) program offers unique world class musical experiences right in our Sd47 classrooms with their recently completed classroom visits portion of their program.

This week, April 16th – 22nd is National Volunteer week. The theme this year is "Volunteering Weaves Us Together. The Volunteer Canada website reads: "Let's celebrate our individual and collective actions in creating a strong, interconnected and vibrant community! Volunteering weaves us together, strengthening the fabric of our community by sharing our time, talent and energy to support one another." Many of the goings on I've touched on today are supported by volunteer efforts. Special thanks to everyone who has in the past and continues to contribute to building community through music, food, events, activities or celebrations. You are needed and each of you are appreciated for what you do, thank you for sharing your time and passion to strengthen our community and inspire our students.

Next week Apr 24th-28th is Education Week, this is an opportunity for all of us to recognize and celebrate the important work happening in our schools. Visit our [website](#) or follow our social media channels to learn about Education Week activities from neighborhood schools.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved: R. Hill  
Seconded: M. Mason

THAT the Regular meeting agenda of April 19, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Status: Carried

2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved: J. Miller  
Seconded: M. Mason

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

Status: Carried

3. **REPORT OF CLOSED MEETINGS**

3.a) March 8, 2023 – The Board met in-camera to discuss items concerning personnel matters.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**INCOMING**

4.a) BCSTA to SD8  
For information.

4.b) SD5 to Ministers Singh, Dix, and Ms. Brody  
For information.  
Question asked if our District has ample SLP staff. J. Yule responded in the affirmative.

4.c) BCSTA to Ministers Conroy and Singh  
For information.

4.d) BCSTA to Minister Singh  
For information.

4.e) DM C. Zacharuk to D. Lawson  
For information.

4.f) PRISMA to D. Lawson and J. Yule  
School District 47 pays fees for services for PRISMA for kids but does not provide a donation. SD47 pays for this fee for service.

**Other topics discussed:**

- Fund to support school communities and meal programs.
- Received information for funding food programs.

- Indigenous Student Funding – underspending of funds has created an approved carry over to next year.
- Numeracy and Literacy instructors out at the Nation at Cousin’s House – able to serve the students at their home.
- Trades Builder program in place.
- Added 1.2 Indigenous Teachers in the District – now teachers supporting indigenous education in all schools.
- EA’s working as cultural workers at schools.
- Building capacity for teachers to be able to continue with programs.
- Elder hired in order to be connected with students.
- Cross Cultural program for grades 3-5 continues in the District as well as reconciliation projects with Welcome Poles at each of our sites – KC and OLC now.
- District Principal of Indigenous Education sends resources to all teachers every month.

**Moved:** J. Miller

**Seconded:** R. Hill

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

**Status:** Carried

**5. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

N/A

**6. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS’ REPORT**

6.a) Administrative Procedure 251 – Learning Resources

Ms. A. Burt reviewed the changes made to Administrative Procedure 251.

6.b) Administrative Procedure 260 – Student Trips (Draft) – ensure this is 260 (not 314)

The sub-committee is working on the field trip form and also working with IT to have forms online. Extensive one year work. Still taking feedback until the policy committee finalizes the procedure.

6.c) Administrative Procedure 417 – Employee Resignations

Change – offer exit interview if they would like. 2.3 spelling error.

6.d) Out of Country Trip Proposal to Greece in March 2025

The Board supported the trip in principle.

Question asked about the process for setting up an international field trip. J. Yule spoke to the process.

6.e) Suspension, Exclusion, and Seclusion Report – September 6, 2022, to March 31, 2023

For information.

**Moved:** R. Hill  
**Seconded:** J. Miller

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

**Status:** Carried

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

- 7.a) Capital Plan Bylaw 2023/24-CPSD47-01  
S. Hopkins spoke to the bylaw reviewed at the previous COTW meeting.

**Moved:** R. Hill  
**Seconded:** J. Miller

**That the Capital Plan Bylaw 2023/24-CPSD47-01 be adopted.**

**Carried**

- 7.a) Bus access to Texada Ferry Terminal  
S. Hopkins reported back to the item brought up at the March with respect to how vehicles line up for ferry and the need to cross yellow line, driving into oncoming traffic. The issue is not problematic.

- 7.a) Month End Financial Report as at March 31, 2023  
S. Hopkins spoke to report included with agenda.

**Moved:** J. Miller  
**Seconded:** R. Hill

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

**Status:** Carried

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 8.a) Committee of the Whole Report for April 12, 2023  
For information.  
Salish Sea stewardship program possible – thanked educators for making this program possible. Could they make a presentation to the Board? J. Yule will connect with them.

- 8.b) JMC Meeting – March 27, 2023  
Kirsten Van't Schip spoke to meeting she attended.  
Good meeting – Sub committee looking at all bylaws and policies.

8.c) DPAC Meeting – April 12, 2023

Dale Lawson spoke to meeting she attended.

“Good turnout, almost all schools represented around the table. It was noted that Texada is working toward re-establishing their PAC. Participants engaged in conversation about what PACS do & the guidance & resources available to them through their association (BCCPAC). Roundtable discussion, each school provided some highlights. Edgehill mentioned their momentum toward building capacity, Henderson touched on their wildly successful H3 as they approach their goals for funding new playground equipment. Westview mentioned a dance they’re planning and presented an opportunity for the group to collaborate on bringing grade 7’s together from throughout the district as an intro to their upcoming years together at Brooks. Challenges shared around the table re: grand funding application deadlines & how best to support each other. Discussion re: volunteers, book fairs and concession for District Track and Field and meal programs.”

9. OTHER INFORMATION

9.a) Welcome to R. Rainbow.

QUESTION PERIOD

Ms. I. Loveluck – clarified the PRDTA to look at bylaw changes.

Mr. K. Heuckroth – OLC committee – not sure who is on committee but is there an opportunity for others to join. J. Yule will speak with Mr. Heuckroth.

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD

PR Peak - Tanya asked about food program funding and if it includes the gardening program? D. Lawson responded that it does not and explained how the programs are different.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved: R. Hill**

**THAT the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 4:59 p.m.**

**Status: Carried**



D. Lawson  
Chairperson



S. Hopkins  
Secretary-Treasurer

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