



**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 47 (POWELL RIVER)**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION - REGULAR MEETING**  
**4:00 pm, Wednesday, May 17, 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)

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Ms. A. Burt will report on the K-12 Reporting Structure at the June Board Meeting.

J. Yule reported in her absence that the K-12 reporting should be finalized by the end of this school year and that we should have an official final document from the Ministry for the next Board Meeting.

**Question Period**

No questions.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

'May is a busy month for school communities, the warmer weather reminds us that we are in the home stretch of the school year. Classrooms are beginning to plan their year-end fun days, field trips, celebrations, transitions, and summer activities.

As the board of education works toward a new strategic plan we must also reflect on the current plan, goal one under the theme Learner Success is to improve achievement results for all students. Where our students begin their journey through education makes a significant difference to their success at school. Events like Ready, Set, Learn help to provide support for transitions into kindergarten and ensure our youngest learners are best poised for success. These events, offered throughout the month of May, welcome children ages 3-5 years and their parent or guardian into neighborhood schools to meet staff, take a tour, receive early learning resources, and have an opportunity to ask questions about all the school has to offer.

This week James Thomson is gearing up for their annual May Day celebration, a long-standing tradition dating back more than 65 years. The festivities include a parade, drummers, maypole dance and ceremonies to welcome spring and to pass the cape along to the new May Day Ambassadors. The JT school community is buzzing with excitement for the festivities of the day.

At the end of the month Edgehill will be celebrating students at their school by inviting them to perform for their school community. Students will showcase their talent live or make pre-recorded submissions for their Edgehill's Got Talent event on May 31st.

The activities look a little different at each school but one event all our elementary schools come together for this month is the district-wide Track & Field event. Students have been training to perform their personal best in their events on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at Timberlane park, be sure to stop by and cheer them on!

Students and staff are excited about the upcoming Health and Wellness, Level UP conference for grade 7 students. Planning for the conference began early this year and has shaped a fantastic outline of dynamic speakers and workshops for students to take in. The conference will bring students from across the district together for a full day of learning and connecting and will help prepare them for moving into Brooks and becoming young adults. The Health and Wellness Level UP conference is the first of its kind in our district and we're very proud of the work our staff have put in to bring it all together.

Mental Health Awareness Month takes place across Canada in May every year. During this month, Canadians can learn about mental illnesses and how they affect people's lives in different ways. In addition, the public can learn more about how to reduce the stigma around mental illnesses.

In January of 2022 Brooks students established a mental health advocacy group which meets each week and works to help destigmatize mental health. The group recently launched their wellness lounge project which provides a safe space where all students are welcome to join their peers for conversation, help with homework and enjoy a snack. The mental health advocacy group recognizes that peer to peer support is an important tool for students dealing with mental health issues and they are focused on creating connections and demonstrating mindfulness.

It was an absolute pleasure to attend the Brooks Theatre Company presentation of the Addams Family musical last week. The costumes, make-up, choreography, musicians, stage presence and management were all on point. The performances were another incredible display of student talent at Brooks.

Our district is hosting an information session for students in grades K-7 who share a love for theatre, dance, and music to learn more about our new Elementary Musical Theatre program. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore and improve skills in an inclusive and supportive environment and another excellent example of the talent, dedication, and passion we're so fortunate to enjoy from educators throughout our district.

Wrap it up with a few reminders:

Our free summer learning program running July 10-28 will keep K-5 students engaged over the summer through activities focused on reading, writing and numeracy. Registration is now open; the application deadline is May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Registration is rolling for our Leadership Ecology Adventure Program. (LEAP) is 9 days of transformational, outdoor living and experiential learning for students in grades 9-12. Students will have the opportunity to learn and expand their skills in sailing, canoeing, or hiking.

Bus pass registration is now open. Applications are being accepted for eligible and courtesy riders for the 2023/24 school year. The plan is that applicants will have their pass in place for the start of the school year. Deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Visit our [website](#) for registration and more information'.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**THAT the Regular meeting agenda of May 17, 2023, be adopted as circulated.**

**Status:** Carried

2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved: J. Miller  
Seconded: M. Mason

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

**Status: Carried**

3. **REPORT OF CLOSED MEETINGS**

- 3.a) April 19, 2023 – The Board met in-camera to discuss items concerning personnel matters.  
3.b) May 3, 2023 – The Board met in-camera to discuss prospective contractual arrangements.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**INCOMING**

- 4.a) Dyslexia BC to BCSTA  
For information.
- 4.b) First Nations Consultation Letter  
For information.

Moved: R. Hill  
Seconded: J. Miller

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

**Status: Carried**

5. **OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

- 5.a) SD47 to J. Carlson and L. Gunn  
Letter of thanks with respect to their presentation at the last Board Meeting.

6. **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' REPORT**

- 6.a) Enrollment Projections for 2023-2024 (oral)
- J. Yule reported that meetings have taken place with all Administrators with respect to enrollment for next school year.
  - Provincial POLS – currently working with Provincial Government. There is a wait list for that program. Growing exponentially every year.
  - Staffing – happy to report that we are in a position where all continuing teachers will have a position.
  - Met with CUPE and are hopeful that will be the case with that group as well.

Question asked about future projections and thoughts of moving to middle school concept, closed schools, or if new facilities are needed. J. Yule spoke to how the District estimates the enrollment, that we are seeing growth with some schools being quite full, but some still have space. If the District required a new school, the Ministry would most likely ask that Oceanview be utilized prior to thought being given of building a new school.

6.b) Summer Programming

Update provided with secondary summer school program available to those who are eligible to work towards obtaining their credits. LEAP outdoor program taking place this summer.

Will be speaking to OLC committee to see if there is a possibility of day camps taking place at schools vs OLC.

Summer Learning. K. Brach reported that for the last couple of years the program was K-3. This year it is K-5. Currently 95 registrants. Looking at the possibility of further opportunities next year for a pm program geared towards recreation.

6.c) BAA Approved Course

J. Yule spoke to the course outline brought forward from the COTW meeting. We have always offered this course to ELL students, although open to any student wishing to enroll.

6.d) Recruitment (SPED, French Immersion, Alternate Ed, Vice Principal)

J. Yule spoke to recruitment underway with Make a Future and other agencies across Canada for these positions. These are specialized areas and we have been lucky with shop and culinary teachers moving to PR etc., but the need is apparent for these positions.

6.e) Employee Recognition Assembly June 5, 2023, and Retirement Dinner June 14, 2023

Reminder. J. Yule reviewed the program for the day. Celebrating retirement of eleven retirees to date.

Question asked on how many new teachers/staff have been onboarded this school year. A report will be provided at the next meeting.

6.f) Brooks Graduation Ceremony June 10, 2023, commencing at 4:30 pm – Recreation Complex

Reminder. Reserved seats for Trustees.

6.g) Strategic Planning Update

J. Yule reported that Ella Wright has been working with the Board. Survey to groups and community wide going out over the next couple of days. Draft by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Schools will formulate their plans on planning day.

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

For information.

**Moved: J. Miller**

**Seconded: M. Mason**

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

**Status: Carried**

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

7.a) Annual Facility Grant Plans

S. Hopkins spoke to the Annual Facility Grant Plan which was included in the agenda. It was also reported that in June the major capital plan component will be submitted and in September, the balance of the capital plan submission will be completed and adopted by the Board.

Please see attachment in the agenda for details of the Annual Facility Grant Projects to be undertaken.

- 7.b) Month End Financial Report as at April 30, 2023  
S. Hopkins spoke to report included with agenda.

Moved: J. Miller  
Seconded: R. Hill

That the 2023/2024 Annual Facility Grant Plans be approved as presented.

Carried

Moved: K. Van't Schip  
Seconded: J. Miller

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

Status: Carried

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 8.a) Committee of the Whole Report for May 10, 2023

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

THAT the Locally Developed Course for ELL Introduction to Language and Culture 10 be approved as presented at the May 10, 2023, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Carried

Moved: J. Miller  
Seconded: M. Mason

THAT the proposed changes to the Bylaws of the Joint Management Committee be adopted as presented at the May 10, 2023, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Carried

Ms. I. Loveluck stated that at their meeting Thursday, the new executive will be elected.

- 8.b) Northern Sunshine Coast Advisory Council – M. Mason (Oral)  
M. Mason asked about the number of students at Texada Elementary and the increases in enrollment over the last couple of years and next year. S. Hopkins responded with the information.

## 9. OTHER INFORMATION

- 9.a) BCSTA AGM Attendance

Trustees shared their thoughts from their attendance at the AGM.

- Keith Baldrey – Overview of media and political landscape in BC.
- Jody Wilson Raybould – Keynote Speaker
- Governance Session on Roles and Responsibilities
- Connecting with colleagues in other districts, learning about their successes and challenges.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Eric

Asked where the graduation ceremony is held. J. Yule responded.

Is graduation solely academic or is there a breakdown of academic/trades etc. J. Yule responded that it is more of a ceremony recognizing students who were in school for this amount of time and that we do not distinguish between academic/trades or other departments. We have one recognized diploma. J. Yule indicated he would be happy to meet with Eric to discuss further if he wished.

Asked about reference to Keith Baldrey – what is a HUB? Dale responded with information.

Ms. A. O’Keefe thanked the Board for the informative minutes. Good to see ongoing work with respect to Administrative Procedures.

**MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD**

Tanya from PR Peak asked if Dale could elaborate on Keith Baldrey’s presentation. D. Lawson indicated that the focus as on Trustees and how they can advocate better for the needs of students. She will look on Hub to see if there is information she can provide.

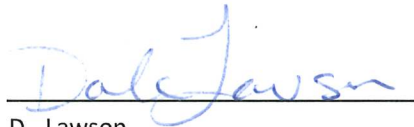
Asked about the Outdoor Education Program – LEAP and if it runs over the summer. J. Yule responded with information.

**ADJOURNMENT**

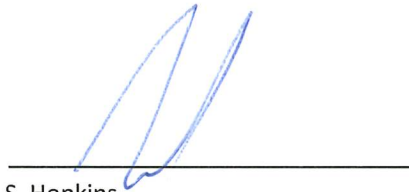
**Moved: J. Miller**

**THAT the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 4:52 p.m.**

**Status: Carried**



D. Lawson  
Chairperson



S. Hopkins  
Secretary-Treasurer

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