



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

4:00 pm, Wednesday, June 19, 2024
School Board Office

MINUTES

Present: Jaclyn Miller, Rob Hill, Maureen Mason

Also in attendance: Steve Hopkins (Secretary-Treasurer)

Regrets: Dale Lawson (Trustee), Kirsten Van't Schip (Trustee), Jay Yule (Superintendent)

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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRESENTATIONS:

2SLGBTQIA+ Inclusivity at Brooks – A. Welp-Ellis and W. Dunlop

Brooks Secondary student A. Welp-Ellis presented their capstone project evaluating 2SLGBTQIA+ inclusivity at Brooks Secondary. They shared findings from their research, which included a comparison of student responses to an anonymous survey on inclusivity with results from a similar survey conducted in 2021. A. Welp-Ellis provided several recommendations, including broadly sharing the ERASE bullying reporting website with all students and increasing supervision during breaks and before and after school.

Book it to Brooks – J. Adam and J. Brander

Librarians J. Adam and J. Brander, supported by several students, shared their reflections on the “Book it to Brooks” session that took place this spring. Seventy-five students in grades 6 and 7 participated in the event, where they were introduced to and encouraged to read a selection of 10 books covering a variety of themes and cultures. The diverse selection included books dealing with bullying, child poverty, excelling at sports, and more. Students attended Brooks Secondary to participate in the event, providing an opportunity to prepare for the transition from elementary to secondary school.

Correspondence from James Thomson PAC – R. Harriman

Parent representatives from James Thomson Elementary addressed the board on two issues. Ms. C. Smith raised concerns about student safety, particularly alleged harmful behaviors exhibited by students. The PAC is advocating for additional measures to support student safety, including the creation of safe spaces at schools. Mr. K. Kuzminski expressed concerns about student cell phone use,

advocating for the district to provide parents with resources on how to effectively childproof cell phones to limit student access to harmful websites and applications.

Staff acknowledged receipt of the PAC correspondence, noting that a response regarding cell phone usage had been provided the day before the meeting and highlighting some of the measures that have been or will be implemented.

QUESTION PERIOD

I. Loveluck shared teacher concerns regarding the lack of a clear transition plan for the superintendent vacancy and asked for clarification on short term and long-term plans. Chair Miller responded that planning is underway, and the board intends to announce an interim appointment as soon as possible.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Welcome, everyone, to our last Board meeting for the 2023/2024 school year.

I want to start off by briefly acknowledging the news we shared earlier this week about the departure of Jay Yule, Superintendent of schools for our district. We thank Jay for his many contributions throughout his 25 years of service in our district. Our search for a new superintendent will begin immediately and we look forward to confirming our plans for an interim superintendent in the coming weeks.

The month of June, in general, is filled with many activities as we lead up to the end of the school year.

Earlier this month our staff convened for a professional development day to focus on their school growth plans and planning for next year. Kevin Lamoureux, an award-winning scholar and former Education Lead for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, was a virtual guest speaker.

We are also recognizing Pride Month – a time to celebrate the identities, achievements, and resilience of people who identify as 2SLGBTQIA+. Schools have been recognizing the occasion through many educational activities and we are excited to share that our district SOGI Committee will have a float in this year's Pride Parade on July 6th, as well as an information table at the community gathering.

June is also Indigenous History Month and on June 21st, National Indigenous Peoples Day, several hundred students from our community will be attending Willingdon Beach for a celebration that is hosted in partnership with Tla'amin Nation. There will be a Metis fiddler, a gallery walk, witnessing of Tla'amin canoe protocol and more. As a district, we are so appreciative of the collaboration we have with Tla'amin not only for our year long, day-to-day educational objectives, but also to program days of recognition in a way that deepens our learning and works to undo legacies of colonialism.

I also want to extend a heartfelt congratulations to our 2024 Graduating Class. Your hard work, dedication and resilience have brought you to this remarkable milestone. We are so proud of your achievements and look forward to seeing the bright futures you will create.

And last, but certainly not least...Thank you to all employees of the district for your contribution to student success this past year. Each individual makes a unique contribution to what happens, day in and day out, in and around our schools and programs, and I want you to know that you are appreciated. It is your determination and perseverance that make our district a place of growth and learning. Thank you for making a positive impact every day.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED: R. HILL

SECONDED: M. MASON

THAT the Regular meeting agenda of June 19, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

STATUS: CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED: M. MASON

SECONDED: R. HILL

THAT the Regular meeting minutes of May 15, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

STATUS: CARRIED

3. REPORT OF CLOSED MEETINGS

3.a) May 15 to June 14, 2024 – The Board met in-camera on multiple occasions to discuss items which include property and personnel.

4. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

4.a) James Thomson PAC to Board - Urgent Need to address Safe Space Programs in Our Schools

4.b) James Thomson PAC to Board - Request for revised policy on smart phones and devices

4.c) MOECC to Board Chairs and Superintendents – Concerns re: anti-Semitism in BC Classrooms and Schools.

4.d) SD5 to BCIT – Letter of Support for BCIT request to Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training

4.e) SD5 DPAC to MOECC – Lack of Resources for SD5

4.f) Saanich Schools to MOECC and MOF – Changes to Education Funding Model

4.g) Kootenay-Columbia SD to BCSTA – Visit

4.h) Kootenay-Columbia SD to BCSTA – Thank You

MOVED: R. HILL

SECONDED: M. MASON

THAT the correspondence listed in item 4.a) to 4.h) be received for information

STATUS: CARRIED

5. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' REPORT

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

The report was provided for information.

MOVED: M. MASON

SECONDED: R. HILL

THAT the Suspension, Exclusion, and Seclusion Report for the period of September 5, 2022, to May 31, 2024, be received for information.

STATUS: CARRIED

6. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

6.a) 2024/2025 Annual Budget (Handout)

S. Hopkins shared a print copy of the Budget Summary report which supports the 2024/2025 Annual Budget. The following items were highlighted:

- Enrollment has remained relatively constant, including both online learning and bricks and mortar schools
- Budgeted staffing costs include a 3.0 % wage increase over the prior year
- General inflation has been applied to various costs but otherwise service and supply levels generally remain relatively constant
- Variance in block funding related primarily to funding to address salary, (in previous years the funding was provided in a separate grant).
- Summary of revenues, operating expenses and capital provided and review of schedules 2, 3 and 4.

MOVED: R. HILL

SECONDED: M. MASON

THAT the 2024/2025 Annual Board Budget be adopted and approved for submission to the Ministry of Education and Childcare.

STATUS: CARRIED

6.b) 2024/2025 Capital Plan Response Letter – Amended

S. Hopkins reported that the amended letter was provided in support of an emergent application for funding to replace a school bus.

MOVED: M. MASON

SECONDED: R. HILL

THAT Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD47-02 be adopted in support of the projects identified in the amended capital Plan response letter.

STATUS: CARRIED

6.c) 2025/2026 Capital Plan Overview

S. Hopkins provided an overview of the 2025/2026 Capital plan, providing additional details on the Edgemoor mechanical and ventilation upgrades, which will coincide with the approved school expansion at that site.

MOVED: R. HILL

SECONDED: M. MASON

THAT the proposed project outlined in the Capital Plan Overview document be approved for submission to the Ministry of Education and Childcare under the 2025/2026 Major Capital Plan Funding Program.

STATUS: CARRIED

6.d) Schools for Locations Photography

The trustees considered a request to photograph school sites for inclusion in a third-party location library for the film industry. The trustees agreed to the request, with the condition that any filming at school sites must be brought to the board for approval.

MOVED: M. MASON

SECONDED: R. HILL

THAT the Board direct the Secretary Treasurer to support of request, with the caveat that any actual filming in district locations would be brought to the board for approval.

STATUS: CARRIED

6.e) Month End Financial Report as at May 31, 2024

S. Hopkins reported that month-end spending was slightly ahead compared to the same period last year.

MOVED: M. MASON

SECONDED: R. HILL

THAT the Secretary Treasurer's report be received for information.

STATUS: CARRIED

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.a) Committee of the Whole Report for June 12, 2024

S. Hopkins indicated that changes to the health and safety-related administrative procedures reviewed at the Committee of the Whole would be brought to the district health and safety committee for additional review.

Additional Reference Documents:

7.a.i) BAA Courses – Brooks Publishing and Yearbook 11 and 12

7.a.ii) 2023 Climate Change Accountability Report

7.a.iii) 2024/2025 Board Meeting Calendar

7.a.iv) Sustainability Committee Recommendations

Recommended motions arising from the Committee of the Whole Meeting:

MOVED: R. HILL

SECONDED: M. MASON

TO adopt the two BAA courses as presented at the June 12 committee of the whole – Brooks Publishing and Yearbook 11 and 12.

STATUS: CARRIED

MOVED: M. MASON

SECONDED: R. HILL

TO receive the 2023 Climate Change Accountability Report for informational purposes.

STATUS: CARRIED

MOVED: M. MASON

SECONDED: R. HILL

TO approve the proposed 2024/2025 Board Meeting Calendar.

STATUS: CARRIED

MOVED: R. HILL

SECONDED: M. MASON

TO approve the resource allocation recommendations described in the written report of the Environmental Stewards and Sustainability Committee (ESSAC) dated May 8, 2024.

STATUS: CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.a) 2024/2025 School Calendars - Amended

MOVED: R. HILL

SECONDED: M. MASON

TO approve the amended 2024-2025 Local School Calendar.

STATUS: CARRIED

MOVED: M. MASON

SECONDED: R. HILL

TO approve the amended 2024/2025 Partners in Education School Calendar.

STATUS: CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD

qTA president, I. Loveluck, commented on the importance of a transition plan for the district during the change in leadership.

CUPE 476 president, A. O'Keefe, noted that the number of administrative procedures has increased from 73 to over 200 and suggested additional learning opportunities for staff to thoroughly understand district expectations.

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD

A local reporter asked for details on the student gathering at Willingdon Beach. Information was provided.

ADJOURNMENT

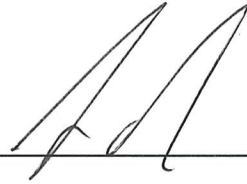
MOVED: R. HILL

THAT the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

STATUS: CARRIED



J. Miller
Chairperson



S. Hopkins
Secretary-Treasurer

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