



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

4:00 pm, Wednesday, October 16, 2024
School Board Office

MINUTES

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

Also in attendance: Vianne Kintzinger (Interim Superintendent), Steve Hopkins (Secretary-Treasurer)

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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRESENTATIONS:

OLC Outdoor Adventure Camp Presentation - H. Pritchard and D. Harper

H. Pritchard and D. Harper shared information on the 2024 Outdoor Adventure Camp, held in partnership with Youth and Family, the qathet School District, and Terracentric Coastal Adventures Ltd., aimed to provide enriching outdoor experiences for children and youth in care (CYIC) and other marginalized youth in the qathet region. Supported by funding from organizations like I-SPARC and the Tom Harris Foundation, the camp's primary goals were to offer youth in care a chance to explore nature, build new skills, and foster social connections in a safe and inclusive environment. Through various adventure activities, the camp encouraged youth to step out of their comfort zones and engage with peers, which helped them develop confidence, self-esteem, and social skills.

Feedback from campers, parents, and staff was overwhelmingly positive. Many youth expressed enthusiasm about learning new skills and meeting friends, while parents appreciated the respite the camp provided and the visible impact on their children's well-being. Parents noted improved happiness, motivation, and social engagement among their children, with several saying they would enthusiastically enroll their kids again. Staff observed growth in campers' resilience and confidence, attributing these outcomes to the camp's supportive, structured environment. Future plans include exploring ways to continue and expand this impactful program.

Kelly Creek Outdoor Adventure Program Presentation - A. Shostak

The Kelly Creek Outdoor Adventure Program, led by A. Shostak, provides outdoor adventure experiences for Grade 6 and 7 students, focusing on skill-building, leadership, and outdoor education. The program, which currently enrolls 28 students at Kelly Creek Elementary, integrates adventure

components into the school curriculum, with students leading events and activities to foster a culture of leadership and engagement. The program aligns with the strategic goals of the school district, including cultivating Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) principles.

The program is accessible to all students in the school, with the option for parents outside the school boundary to request enrollment. However, availability may vary, particularly for grade 6 students, depending on class sizes and program fit. Shostak expressed gratitude to the board, administration, and the community for their support.

QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

"I'm pleased to share a few updates that reflect the incredible work being done across our district.

First, I want to acknowledge that all of our schools have now developed their School Growth Plans, aligning them with the priorities laid out in our district's 5-year strategic plan. These growth plans are essential in ensuring that each school is focused on continuous improvement, equity, and enhancing student outcomes. By aligning school goals with district priorities, while also being responsive to unique school community needs, we are creating a unified approach to driving student success and ensuring that every student receives the support they need to thrive. These plans will be posted to each school's website by the end of the month.

At our last meeting the Board approved the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL), and shortly thereafter it was submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The report is a provincial reporting requirement to provide transparency and accountability and offers a comprehensive look at the district's progress over the 2023/2024 school year. It is currently available on our website under the "Plans and Reports" section.

Another upcoming part of our regular review cycle is the evaluation of all that we offer in our graduation program. From locally designed courses that allow choice and flexibility, to the provincial curriculum, as well as external credentials, we offer so much variety to our students. It's always an exciting time to consider any additions or adjustments for the next school year.

On October 5th, we observed World Teachers' Day and this month is National Principals and Vice-Principals Month. These individuals are the core of our district and their roles in shaping the lives of our students is immeasurable. Thank you for all that you do to create such rich learning environments for our learners.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the upcoming Cross Culture Day for our Grade 3 students, happening on November 5th and 6th. This will be the event's 28th year and offers students the opportunity to visit the Tla'amin Hatchery, where they will learn about the salmon's significance to the Tla'amin people and experience the beauty of our local ecosystem. Students will also visit the Salish Centre to engage in hands-on activities and educational stations showcasing the richness of Tla'amin culture.

Finally, I am thrilled to extend an invitation to our community for the official opening of a project that is a milestone for our region. Thanks to the Government of BC's ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund, we are opening 56 new licensed child care spaces at two locations, near Kelly Creek and Edgehill Schools. These centres will be operated by YMCA BC and will provide early childhood care to families in our region. To celebrate, we will be hosting a ribbon-cutting event at the Edgehill Centre on November 2nd from 10:00

am to 12:00 pm, with light refreshments and a chance to tour the new facility. We expect to have a few special guests and look forward to marking this important occasion with the community.”

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED: R. HILL

SECONDED: K. VAN'T SCHIP

THAT the Regular meeting agenda of October 16, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

STATUS: CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED: D. LAWSON

SECONDED: K. VAN'T SCHIP

THAT the Regular meeting minutes of September 25, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

STATUS: CARRIED

3. REPORT OF CLOSED MEETINGS

3.a) September 25, 2024 – The Board met in-camera to discuss items which include property and personnel.

4. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

4.a) MOECC to BCSTA - Funding for temporary resident registrations enrolled after September 30

MOVED: R. HILL

SECONDED: M. MASON

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

STATUS: CARRIED

5. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

5.a) Advocacy Letters to Powell River-Sunshine Coast Candidates

6. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' REPORT

6.a) Suspension, Exclusion, and Seclusion Report – September 3, 2024, to September 30, 2024

MOVED: D. LAWSON

SECONDED: R. HILL

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

STATUS: CARRIED

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.a) Committee of the Whole Report for October 9, 2024

Recommended motions arising from the Committee of the Whole Meeting:

Proposed Program Review Cycle

MOVED: R. HILL

SECONDED: K. VAN'T SCHIP

THAT the Board of Education approve the proposed Program Review Cycle.

STATUS: CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.a) N/A

QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD

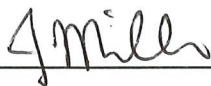
A media representative inquired about the timeline for the two childcare centers to become operational for families. Staff responded that the grand opening is scheduled for November 2, with YMCA staff currently finalizing permits and recruiting team members. It is expected that the center at Edgehill Elementary will open in November, while the Kelly Creek Elementary center may take a bit longer. The YMCA has been accepting applications from families since August.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: M. MASON

TO adjourn at 4:46 pm.

STATUS: CARRIED



J. Miller
Chairperson
/er



S. Hopkins
Secretary-Treasurer