



**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 47 (POWELL RIVER)**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION - REGULAR MEETING**  
**4:00 PM., Wednesday, November 16, 2022**  
**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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**ELECTIONS:**

- Chairperson – D. Lawson  
Nominated by J. Miller  
Acclaimed.
  
- Vice Chairperson – J. Miller  
Nominated by R. Hill  
Acclaimed.
  
- BCSTA Provincial Councilor – D. Lawson  
Nominated by J. Miller  
Acclaimed.

- BCPSEA Rep – R. Hill

Nominated by J. Miller

Acclaimed.

### **Presentation**

Henderson Students with Mr. M. Hull, Principal – Scooter Park Project  
Please see agenda for presentation.

Students were asked about repairs and how the equipment will be maintained. The two students indicated they are willing to step into that role.

D. Lawson thanked the students for their enthusiasm for this project and that she was pleased to hear that they are committed to ensuring this is an inclusive, safe, and enjoyable space for all students at Henderson Elementary.

### **Question Period**

#### **CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

"I'd like to begin today with an expression of gratitude to all who put their names forward for city council, regional director, school trustee and mayor. It can take courage to put your name forward and step outside of your comfort zone. Thanks to each of you for offering your time in this meaningful way. Congratulations to all who have won seats and now have the privilege of serving our community in the respective work that we do. Your commitment is significant, thank you for putting your time and energy into these jobs as you work toward goals much bigger than our own interests. It is truly appreciated.

This November we welcome our first regular meeting together as our new Board of Education. It was lovely to spend some time getting to know each-other during orientation last week, in that process a few things stood out to me. We're all here because we believe our collective purpose is to make a difference for students and families in our district, we believe that collaboration, communication and cohesion will form a solid foundation of how best to move forward together.

Change is always exciting and of course there's always a lot of learning and growing along the way. I'm confident that each of us will bring our best selves to this table every time we gather and that we will represent our community well and be proud of the work we do as we help to shape the next four years. I am excited for each of us to have this time together, to be part of a team firmly committed to our purpose and for all that is possible as we move forward through the 2022-26 term together.

November is always a time to remember, to be thoughtful and reflect on how we honor the people who have served and continue to serve Canada during times of war, conflict and peace. It was my absolute pleasure to receive an invitation to represent our board at the Remembrance Day assembly at Westview Elm and I know other trustees enjoyed similar experiences at other schools. Students and staff throughout our district put together moving, thoughtful and beautiful assemblies to honor those who

gave themselves to our country for all of us. Thank you to all who planned, participated and attended Remembrance Day ceremonies throughout our district.

Visit our [Website](#) to learn more about the SD47 Board of Education, our strategic plan and the programs and services that we offer.

On our website you'll also find a recently uploaded [short video](#) highlighting priorities from the 2021/22 school year, an overview of [new staff positions](#) implemented this school year to create greater student and educator success in our district. In addition, our website includes some highlights from the 26th Annual Cross-Culture Day. This event, organized and hosted by the SD47 Indigenous Education team, the Tla'amin Nation Education team, Elders, Hatchery staff and many other members of the community, all working together to provide 520 students in grades 3-5 an immersive experience to learn about the Tla'amin history, culture and traditions. You can catch a glimpse of the Cross-Culture Day student experience through our district [Instagram](#)."

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved: J. Miller  
Seconded: M. Mason

**THAT the Regular meeting agenda of November 16, 2022, be adopted as circulated.**

Status: Carried

2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved: J. Miller  
Seconded: R. Hill

**THAT the Regular meeting minutes of September 14, 2022, be adopted as circulated.**

Status: Carried

3. **REPORT OF CLOSED MEETINGS**

3.a) September 14, 2022 – The Board met in-camera to discuss items concerning personnel and student welfare.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**INCOMING**

4.a) **BC Teachers' Council to Education Partners**

D. Lawson commented on how pleased she was to read that the BCTC strongly believes it is important to continue to promote the practice of Professional Standards, particularly Standard 9, where all educators are expected to respect and value the history of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis in Canada. All our schools receive services in this regard.

4.b) SD52 to Hon. Robinson and Hon. Whiteside  
For information.

4.c) BCSTA to Dr. Jule and J. Iker  
For information.

4.d) BCSTA to Hon. Robinson and Hon. Whiteside  
For information.

4.e) BC Teachers' Council to BCSTA  
For information.

4.f) Hon. Whiteside to BCSTA (6 letters)  
For information.

D. Lawson asked S. Hopkins to update the Board with respect to inclusive universal washrooms. S. Hopkins responded that universal, single use washrooms were available at each school site.

D. Lawson asked about grid/solar system at Brooks and how it works. S. Hopkins responded that the system at Brooks generates energy which creates credits against the monthly hydro costs of the school district.

D. Lawson stated it is good to see action and appetite to update guiding documents.

4.g) BCSTA to Hon. Whiteside  
For information.

Discussion ensued on a possible remote cohort in PR. J. Yule indicated that when numbers warranted, this has taken place in the past with VIU and SFU.

M. Mason stated that the SFU program was full certification. Data and feedback that was received was overwhelmingly positive.

R. Hill spoke to the UBC remote/rural program he is taking and the process/guidelines for that program and feel that if we can advocate for this type of program to take place, it may help with retention. J. Yule mentioned that in smaller districts, retention is difficult, but porting of seniority helps. R. Hill feels that if one can stay in their community and attend school, it is fundamental.

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

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

**Status:** Carried

**5. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

5.a) SD47 to Kathaumiwx

D. Lawson asked what the cost to the Board would be to support Kathaumiwx. S. Hopkins reported that other than wear and tear on equipment, there is no cash cost to the Board.

5.b) SD47 to Hon. Whiteside

For information.

5.c) SD47 to qathet Community Justice

For information.

**6. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' REPORT**

J. Yule played the video: SD47 priorities and highlights from the past year that is on our website.

6.a) Student and Family Affordability Fund

J. Yule updated the Board with respect to this Ministry initiative.

J. Yule asked school principals to solicit feedback from PAC/DPACs as to what student and family affordability projects they would like funded. Currently working with the complex to offer something free on prod days as well as day camps.

Please refer to document in agenda.

There has been some money set aside to give the Board an opportunity to provide ideas. Would the Board consider opportunities through this fund for the summer months? One suggestion was KC bussing to help families.

J. Yule will be asking DPAC for their suggestions as well.

J. Miller asked if this could be brought up at the next Health Committee Meeting as they may also have suggestions.

It is earmarked to be spent this year and not intended to be carried over. As this is a special purpose fund, the Ministry has the right to take surplus back. It is a lot of money to spend for this purpose in this finite period of time. Allocation of \$100 per student, based on the September 30<sup>th</sup> data, is the preliminary allocation, but we could possibly provide further funding. Not intended to create new programs but rather help programs already in place.

D. Lawson stated it is important to recognize that if it is one-time funding and we offer programs, what is the Board looking at in the years following?

J. Miller will speak to her team at work and see if any ideas pop up.

M. Mason asked if we could include funding for school gardens. S. Hopkins indicated that does not meet the criteria, however, the District does support school gardens.

Criteria to be sent to Trustees to assist with further discussion at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

6.b) District Enrollment as at September 30, 2022

For information.

6.c) District Class Size Average Report

For information.

6.d) Suspension, Exclusion and Seclusion Report – September 6, 2022, to October 31, 2022

6.d.1) Ministry of Education Physical Restraint & Seclusion Guidelines

M. Mason asked if we have individuals trained in physical restraint, helping teachers de-escalate. J. Yule responded that the District has many trained individuals.

**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) Month End Financial Report as at October 31, 2022

S. Hopkins spoke to the financial report included with the agenda and explained the breakdowns in the report along with the percentage of the budget remaining for the rest of the school year.

**Moved:** J. Miller

**Seconded:** M. Mason

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

**Status:** Carried

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

8.a) Committee Appointments

Please see our website for complete list.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Izi Loveluck, PRDTA President

Asked J. Yule if transportation will be provided for students participating in break activities. J. Yule responded that it could be something to explore.

How is data from PIED incorporated into class averages? J. Yule to look into this but doesn't believe PIE is included.

Asked for list of Appointments and Committees. These will be on the website first thing in the morning.

Stated that she asked staff to liaise with Trustees.

**MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD**

Congratulations on election to office.

P. Galinski asked for video. S. Hopkins to send.

Outgoing correspondence – Letter from SD47 to Hon. Whiteside with respect to funds for mental health. Asked if the School District articulated plans moving forward and if thoughts have been contemplated if the Ministry does provide funds. J. Yule responded that we know mental health is a prevalent issue and we have put measures in place, but a plan could be to have a permanent coordinator to build capacity and have some teacher coordination.

District enrolment – difference of 113 students – asked which grades and if there are any capacity issues? J. Yule reported that two schools are full, and students are at other schools. J. Yule explained the registration process.

District class size average report – asked if these are legislated numbers? How does the District view the numbers? J. Yule responded that he would characterize that the numbers are within legislation but if they were smaller, we would welcome that.

**ADJOURNMENT**

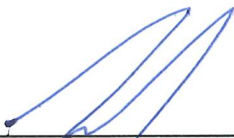
**Moved: K. Van't Schip**

**THAT the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 5:20 p.m.**

**Status: Carried**



D. Lawson  
Chairperson



S. Hopkins  
Secretary-Treasurer

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