

Public Board of Education Meeting Minutes



April 23, 2024 (6:30 p.m.)

Trustees in Attendance: Willow Macdonald (Chair), Anne Kohut, Michael Franklin.

TEAMS: Mary Forbes, Linda Martens

Regrets: Ciel Patenaude, Angie Delaineey.

Staff: Superintendent Chris van der Mark, Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Hooker, Deputy Superintendent Cheryl Lenardon, Directors of Instruction Sean Cameron, Anita Richardson, Wendell Hiltz, Executive Assistant Jodi Symmes.

1. Acknowledgement that the meeting is being held on the traditional and unceded territory of the Northern Secwepemc People

1.1 Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda

THAT the agenda for the April 23, 2024, Public Meeting of the Board of Education be approved.

O2024.04.23-01

Moved: Trustee Kohut
Seconded: Trustee Franklin
CARRIED Unanimously

Adoption of Minutes

THAT the minutes of the March 12, 2024, Public Meeting of the Board of Education be approved as presented.

O2024.04.23-02

Moved: Trustee Kohut
Seconded: Trustee Franklin
CARRIED Unanimously

2.1 In-Camera Meeting Report

THAT the report of the March 12, 2024, In-Camera Meeting of the Board be approved as presented.

O2024.04.23-03

Moved: Trustee Kohut
Seconded: Trustee Franklin
CARRIED Unanimously

3. **Presentation** – School Highlights from Columneetza, Lake City and Nesika:

Principals Levens, Darney and Zurak, shared heartwarming examples of how their schools are working to create positive environments and sense of belonging through their efforts engaging in the district focus areas. The work is deliberate and powerful, especially in their focus on Indigenous culture. We also increasingly see school
“Learning, Growing, and Belonging Together”

administration using data in a meaningful way to guide their efforts collectively and show progress where possible.

[Columneetza Presentation](#)

[LCSS Presentation](#)

[Nesika Presentation](#)

4. Delegation – None

5. Reports

5.1 Superintendent's Report

[Link to Report](#)

Superintendent van der Mark provided a quick update on the fire that occurred at 150 Mile last Friday, giving thanks to Mr. Munroe for his quick actions, the staff for managing the students safely, and our maintenance and custodial team for their work over the weekend to get things ship shape by Monday. By all accounts, the cause was accidental.

5.1.1 Summary Framework For Enhancing Student Learning Feedback

- Reviewed feedback from the feedback sixty-three sessions that were held throughout the district. (See slides)

5.2 Secretary-Treasurer Report

[Link to Report](#)

5.2.1 Quarterly Financial Report

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the report with the Board and advised that the District is projected to end the 23/24 year with an operating surplus.

5.2.2 Capital Requests

***THAT** the Board of Education approves the use of \$1,800,000 million from the Operating surplus to proceed with the meeting room project on the upper floor of the Columneetza Dorm building.*

O2024.04.23-04

Moved: Trustee Kohut
Seconded: Trustee Martens
CARRIED Unanimously

***THAT** The Board of Education approves staff to request escalation funding from the Ministry of Education and Child Care to complete the daycare project in the Columneetza Dorm building.*

O2024.04.23-05

Moved: Trustee Kohut
Seconded: Trustee Franklin
CARRIED Unanimously

***THAT** The Board of Education approves staff to request access to the remainder of the Ministry Restricted Capital fund from the Ministry of Education and Child Care for ongoing security and accessibility projects.*

O2024.04.23-06

Moved: Trustee Forbes
Seconded: Trustee Franklin
CARRIED Unanimously

5.3 Committee Reports

5.3.1 Finance & Facilities and Transportation Committee:

***THAT** the Board of Education approves the attached letter to be sent to all registered bus riders and families.*

O2024.04.23-07

Moved: Trustee Franklin
Seconded: Trustee Martens
CARRIED Unanimously

***THAT** the Board of Education approves staff continue to look at options around route optimization with a feasible implementation plan presented at the May 14, 2024, Finance, Facilities & Transportation committee meeting.*

O2024.04.23-08

Moved: Trustee Kohut
Seconded: Trustee Forbes
CARRIED Unanimously

***THAT** the Board of Education approve Capital Bylaw No. 2024-25-CPSD27-01 in **three** readings with **unanimous** consent at the April 23, 2024, Public Board Meeting.*

O2024.04.23-09

Moved: Trustee Franklin
Seconded: Trustee Martens
CARRIED Unanimously

***THAT** the Board of Education approve Capital Bylaw No. 2024-25-CPSD27-01 Submission be read the **first** time this 23rd day of April 2024.*

O2024.04.23-10

Moved: Trustee Kohut
Seconded: Trustee Martens
CARRIED Unanimously

***THAT** the Board of Education approve Capital Bylaw No. 2024-25-CPSD27-01 Submission be read the **second** time this 23rd day of April 2024.*

O2024.04.23-11

Moved: Trustee Franklin
Seconded: Trustee Forbes
CARRIED Unanimously

*THAT the Board of Education approves Capital Bylaw No. 2024-25-CPSD27-01
Submission be read the **third** time this 23rd day of April 2024.*

O2024.04.23-12

Moved: Trustee Martens
Seconded: Trustee Forbes
CARRIED Unanimously

5.3.2 Policy Committee:

*THAT the Board of Education sends amended Policy 390 Safe and Caring School
Communities for consultation, and new AP 390 to be provided as notification.*

O2024.04.23-13

Moved: Trustee Forbes
Seconded: Trustee Martens
CARRIED Unanimously

5.3.3 Education Committee:

No recommendations were brought forward.

5.4 Trustees

5.4.1 Trustees Forbes and Kohut provided reports on meetings and events they participated in during April.

5.5 Liaison / Representation – None

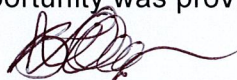
6. Information (Reading File) – None

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

8. Public Comments

An opportunity was provided for public comments pertaining to items on the agenda.



Brenda Hooker
Secretary-Treasurer



Willow Macdonald
Acting Chair