

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 47 (POWELL RIVER)**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**12:00 pm, Wednesday, September 23, 2020**  
**SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE**

**MINUTES**

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Present: Aaron Reid (Chair), Doug Skinner, Dale Lawson, Russell Brewer, Jackie Timothy

Also in attendance: Jay Yule, Steve Hopkins, Allison Burt, Kristen Brach

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**PRESENTATIONS**

**B. Rounis and K. Sayer – Waste Management & Recycling Initiative**

J. Yule introduced staff and reminded trustees of the initiative being pursued by staff in response to the student presentation in June, 2020 regarding waste management at Brooks.

K. Sayer spoke to the real and perceived barriers to implementing a system similar to what is currently in place at the local Recreation Complex.

B. Rounis spoke to a cultural shift needed within the school and the potential opportunity for the student environmental advocacy group in the ongoing education of fellow students and staff.

The initiative is still in the early stages of implementation with a number of pieces required before implementation can occur.

**G. Roberts & R. Ashcroft MNP Auditors – 2019/2020 Audited Financial Statements – Via Zoom**

G. Roberts and R. Ashcroft, MNP Auditors presented for Trustees, their draft audit findings and report, as well, spoke briefly to the financial statements and statement notes.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved: D. Skinner**

**Seconded: D. Lawson**

**THAT the agenda be adopted as presented:**

**Status: Carried**

## 2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.a) N/A

## 3. STANDING COMMITTEES

### 3.a) Education Committee

#### i) Early Learning Programming

J. Yule outlined for Trustees, prospective plans with respect to the delivery of Strong Start programs for 2020-2021 as follows:

- Using a virtual model for now in order to reduce the number of people in school facilities.
- Continuing with the Orca Bus Outreach Program.
- Exploring the potential of onsite outdoor programming on school fields and using various outdoor spaces.
- Awaiting confirmation from the Ministry of Education, re: funding contracts given the proposed alternate delivery.

After concluding the discussion about Strong Start delivery, J. Yule then reported on his attendance at the most recent committee meeting for Community Childcare Spaces. It was reported that the Committee is interested in the School District taking the lead in applying for capital funding in support of adding spaces to various school sites.

It was recommended to support a motion for a Board application for Capital Funding for onsite daycares and that it be brought forward to the October 2020 regular meeting.

### 3.b) Operations Committee

#### i) 2019/2020 Draft Financial Statements

S. Hopkins provided an overview of the financial statements to supplement the earlier presentation made by the auditors.

It was recommended that a motion to adopt the financial statements as they were presented, be brought forward for to the October 2020 regular meeting.

#### ii) 2020/2021 Amended Budget Consideration – Safe Return to School Grants

S. Hopkins spoke to a number of potential initiatives as outlined and proposed in the agenda package. It was also noted that unrestricted surplus reserves could be used to support any initiatives that may prove to be in excess of the provincial and federal special grant funds.

### 3.c) Policy Committee

#### i) Board Evaluation – Sample Process

S. Hopkins and J. Yule spoke to a number of different ways in which the evaluation could be performed. After some discussion it was recommended that administration pursue what services could be provided by the BCSTA in the context of COVID. The information once received, will be brought back to a Committee of the Whole Meeting.

ii) Superintendent Evaluation – Sample Process

This will be explored in tandem with the Board evaluation.

iii) South Coast Branch Professional Development Opportunities – D. Lawson

D. Lawson spoke briefly to a number of professional development ideas for the South Coast meeting to be held via zoom sometime in the next week.

iv) Board Meeting Agenda Format – D. Lawson

D. Lawson expressed interest in place holding time in the spring for a stakeholder engagement. She also spoke to an interest in seeing more Board involvement in the agenda and meeting structure with an aim to finding ways to be better engaged.

v) Board Meeting Calendar – COTW Meeting Chair

Calendar set as presented including a rotation of meeting Chairs.

vi) Board Annual Work Plan

For information.

vii) BCSTA Covid-19 Working Group Survey

A. Reid spoke briefly to a BCSTA survey requesting Board feedback on a number of items.

Chair and Superintended to draft a response on behalf of the Board.

4. **OTHER COMMITTEES**

N/A

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

N/A

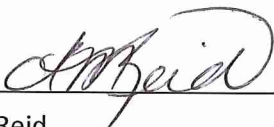
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business:

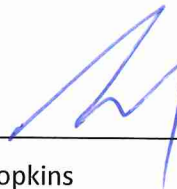
**Moved: D. Skinner**

**THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourn at 2:00 pm.**

**Status: Carried**



A. Reid  
Chairperson



S. Hopkins  
Secretary-Treasurer

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