

BOARD MEETING NO. 983

May 8, 2024

Location: SBO Boardroom/Virtual (Meeting will be live streamed [here](#). Refer to [SD48 website](#) for additional information)

Time: 6:00 pm

MINUTES

24-05-08 BM-O

"We would like to acknowledge that we are privileged to meet on the unceded and ancestral territories of the Skwxwú7mesh and St'át'y'emc Nations."

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

Attendance:

Trustees: R. Barley, C. Higgins, A. Lowe (6:47 pm), C. Bickford, L. Turpin, M. Ronayne, R. Lythe

Staff: Superintendent Nicholson, Secretary Treasurer Haverstock, Assistant Superintendent Lorette, Administrative Assistant Benipal

1. AGENDAMOVED/SECONDED: **"That the amended agenda of this meeting be approved."**

CARRIED

2. MINUTESMOVED/SECONDED: **"That the [minutes of the Board meeting held on April 17, 2024](#) be adopted."**

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED: **"That the [summary minutes of the In-Camera Board meeting held on April 17, 2024](#) be adopted."**

CARRIED

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**A. Chairperson's Remarks**

Board Chair Barley, along with other Board members and senior staff, attended the BCSTA AGM that happened April 18-20, 2024. Barley was also part of the BCSTA Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee that happened at the same time.

B. Trustee Remarks

Board members shared a number of events that they were in attendance over the last month.

- Trustee Bickford: DPAC Meeting on April 22, 2024.
- Board Vice-Chair Higgins: BCSTA AGM on April 18-20, 2024.
- Trustee Ronayne: BCSTA AGM on April 18-20, 2024 and SSTA Professional Development Committee on April 24, 2024.
- Trustee Turpin: BCSTA AGM on April 18-20, 2024 and Valleycliffe Elementary School Learning Plan meeting on May 1, 2024.

C. Superintendent's Remarks

Our schools collectively raised an astounding \$22,865.35 in support of cancer research by participating in the 2023 Terry Fox School Run past fall. The Terry Fox Foundation commends the leadership of our Board for championing philanthropy and fostering a culture of giving within our schools!

Students from Signal Hill Elementary and La Vallée presented their "Chair of the Future" project to the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) on April 25th. Signal Hill Elementary student, Rose, gave an

excellent speech with some powerful words about environmental stewardship. The recording of the meeting can be found on SLRD's YouTube channel.

Red Dress Day - May 5 was the National Day of Awareness for Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and 2SLGBTQI+ people (MMIWG2S), also known as "Red Dress Day," coined by Métis artist Jaime Black as "an aesthetic response to this critical national issue." The ongoing crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQI+ people that we are facing is a direct result of colonization. In Canada, more than six in ten (63%) Indigenous women have experienced physical or sexual assault in their lifetime. The impact of these disproportionately high rates of violence is felt in all areas of life. Additional information can be found on the school district's website.

This week is Mental Health Week, happening from May 6th to May 12th. The Sea to Sky School District encourages everyone to consider the importance of compassion and its positive effect on our mental well-being. Additional information, including access to Mental Health resources, can be found on the News & Events section on the district website.

D. Secretary Treasurer's Remarks

Secretary-Treasurer Haverstock was also in attendance at the BCSTA AGM.

Questions of clarification from the public will be answered during the question and answer period scheduled later in the agenda. Any questions of clarification from the public should be submitted to Board@sd48.bc.ca.

4. RECEIVING DELEGATIONS - Nil

5. STUDENT/STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- A. Learning on the Brain Conference by Sarah Hain and Katrina Doherty
Principal, Sarah Hain, and Teacher, Katrina Doherty, walked the Board through the key learning outcomes from the Learning on the Brain Conference that happened on April 18-20, 2024. There was a key focus on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its implications in the classrooms.

6. TRUSTEE ITEMS - Nil

7. BOARD COMMITTEES

- A. Committee of the Whole
- a. Report - R. Barley
Board Chair Barley shared a report about the Committee of the Whole meeting held earlier in the day.
 - b. Minutes
MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 17, 2024 be accepted."**

CARRIED

- B. Policy Committee
- a. Report - R. Barley
Nothing to report.
 - b. Minutes
MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held on April 17, 2024 be accepted."**

CARRIED

C. Finance Committee

a. Report - R. Barley

Board Chair Barley shared a report about the Finance Committee meeting held earlier in the day.

b. Minutes

Reference Materials: [Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on February 14, 2024](#)
Approved March 13, 2024, Open Board Meeting

D. Indigenous Education Council

a. Report - R. Barley/R. Lythe

Trustee Lythe presented a report on the Indigenous Education Council meeting held on Monday, May 6, 2024.

b. Minutes - Nil

E. Public Relations, Community Engagement and Communications Committee

a. Report - C. Bickford/R. Lythe

Nothing to report.

b. Minutes - Nil

8. GENERAL

A. Business Arising - Nil

B. Information Items

a. 2024/2025 Budget - D. Haverstock

The 2024/25 budget was presented earlier today at the Finance committee. The Board will be asked to give the first of the three readings to the Budget later in the agenda. Secretary-Treasurer Haverstock summarized the highlights of the budget. Following this meeting, the staff will work on refining the budget for the final reading in June.

a. Attachments

i. [Media Report](#)

ii. [Field Trips](#)

b. Correspondence

i. [Response Letter to SD63](#)

C. Items for Discussion

a. Strategic Plan Update - C. Nicholson

Superintendent Nicholson walked the Board through the key milestones of the strategic planning process, which start at the beginning of the next school year. There will be opportunities for our rights holders and partner groups to engage in the process of establishing a new strategic plan.

D. Policy Motions - Nil

E. Action Items

a. School Act Amendment Re: Personal Electronic Devices - C. Nicholson

i. [School Act Reference](#)

 a. [Support Guide](#)

ii. [Code of Conduct Amendment Draft](#)

The Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order was recently amended by the Ministry of Education and Child Care. All boards of education are required to include one or more statements restricting student use of personal digital devices at school.

The attached document shows the updates made to Policy 503 District Code of Conduct. We will be consulting with parents, teachers and students on the implementation of this policy at their schools during the next school year. The Board will be presented a report at the January 2025 Board meeting.

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education approves changes to Policy 503 District Code of Conduct, as discussed."**

CARRIED

b. [2025-2026 International Education Fees](#)

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education approve the 2025/2026 International Education Fee Schedule, as presented."**

CARRIED

c. [2024-2025 Annual Facilities Grant](#)

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education approve the 2024/2025 Annual Facilities Grant, as presented."**

CARRIED

F. Items to be brought out of Camera

a. [Downtown Business Improvement Association's Mural Request](#) - D. Haverstock

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education approves the Downtown Business Improvement Association's Mural Request, as discussed."**

CARRIED

G. Bylaws

a. First Reading of the 2024-2025 Annual Budget and Bylaw - D. Haverstock

- i. [Budget Summary](#)
- ii. [Budget Detail](#)

ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW

A Bylaw of THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (SEA TO SKY) (called the "Board") to adopt the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2024/2025 pursuant to section 113 of the School Act, R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the "Act").

1. Board has complied with the provisions of the Act respecting the Annual Budget adopted by this bylaw.
2. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. 48 (Sea To Sky) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/2025.
3. The attached Schedule A showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2024/2025 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$78,176,307 for the 2024/2025 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the Act.
4. Schedule A and B are adopted as the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2024/2025.

READ A FIRST TIME THE 8th DAY OF MAY, 2024.

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary Treasurer

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education give first reading to School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/2025 on Schedule A, as presented."**

CARRIED

9. QUESTIONS OF CLARIFICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

We received two questions of clarification. One was answered by Superintendent Nicholson under item 8.E.a. School Act Amendment Re: Personal Electronic Devices. The second question was not related to the agenda but the staff will respond to the member of the public following this meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT **"THAT the meeting be adjourned."**

Seeing no objection from trustees, the Board Chair concluded the meeting adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Board Chair

Secretary Treasurer