

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

October 11, 2023

Location: Myrtle Philip Community School/Virtual (Meeting will be live streamed [here](#). Refer to [SD48 website](#) for additional information)

Time: 2:30 pm

MINUTES

23-10-11 CW-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 2:31 pm.

Attendance:

Trustees: R. Barley, C. Higgins, R. Lythe, C. Bickford, L. Turpin, A. Lowe, M. Ronayne

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

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

CARRIED

2. MINUTESMOVED/SECONDED: **"That the [minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on September 13, 2023](#) be adopted."**

CARRIED

3. TRUSTEE ITEMS

Earlier this year, the Board corresponded with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the speeding issue near Signal Hill Elementary. Trustee Ronayne brought up that speeding is still an issue near the school and requested that the Board considers putting additional signage to address the issue. This item will be placed on the next meeting agenda for further discussion.

4. PRESENTATIONS - Nil**5. INFORMATION ITEMS**A. [Trustee Calendar/Upcoming Events](#) - R. Barley/D. Haverstock

The attached document shows the upcoming Board engagements for the next few weeks.

a. [School Learning Plan Schedule](#)

The attached document shows the schools each trustee has been assigned to. If there are any scheduling issues, the Board can email Administrative Assistant Benipal.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Trustee Professional Development - D. Haverstock

Secretary-Treasurer Haverstock walked the Board through the professional development expenses the Board incurred over the past three years. Additionally, Haverstock looked into professional development expenses at other school districts and noted that school districts do not have a consistent approach. Staff's recommendation is to keep our process the same at this time.

Senior staff also noted that Board Policy 211 Trustee Expenses currently is silent on professional development funds for anything outside of regional/professional conferences. The Board decided the review of Policy 211 in relation to trustee professional development funds is not urgent.

B. Board Committees - C. Nicholson

Superintendent Nicholson shared his research on structures of Board Committees at other school districts. Nicholson noted the use of ad hoc committees at other school districts.

Our Early Learning Committee was formulated in 2019-2020 for a specific purpose of conducting early learning and childcare needs assessments in our community, identifying opportunities for the provision of early learning and/or childcare services by SD48 and sharing recommendations with the Board. The resulting recommendations were shared with the Board in December 2021. Superintendent Nicholson recommended that the Board dissolve the Early Learning Committee since the original intent of the committee was met.

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education dissolves the Early Learning Committee."**

DEFEATED

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education dissolves the Early Learning Committee as the original mandate of the Committee has now been met."**

CARRIED

C. Late Motions for the BCSTA Provincial Council - R. Barley/D. Haverstock

Board Chair Barley opened up the floor for any late motions for the BCSTA Provincial Council. The below motion was proposed by Superintendent Nicholson.

MOVED/SECONDED: **"THAT the Board of Education approves a motion to the BCSTA Provincial Council advocating for a letter from the Minister of Education and Child Care in support of SOGI."**

CARRIED

7. ACTION ITEMS - Nil

8. QUESTIONS OF CLARIFICATION FROM THE PUBLIC - Nil

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 pm.

Board Chair

Secretary Treasurer