



School District #49 (Central Coast)

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: February 09, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Board Office Board Room

IN ATTENDANCE:

Trustees: Nicola Koroluk, Chair
Marisa Blewett, Vice Chair
Christina Hoppe, Trustee
Crystal Anderson, Trustee (Teleconference)
Frank Johnson (Teleconference)

Staff: Stephen Dishkin, Superintendent
Helen Zhao, Secretary Treasurer

Guests: Rejeanne Morin, Central Coast Teachers' Association union president (Teleconference)
Krista Wilson, Teacher NES (Teleconference)
Christie Smith (Teleconference)
Samuel Schooner (Teleconference)
Evangeline Hanuse (Teleconference)
Cheyenne T (Teleconference)
Other unidentified community guests

The meeting was called to order at 18:00 hours, February 09, 2021

The Board chair acknowledged that the meeting was being Held on Traditional Nuxalk Territory.

ADOPTION of AGENDA

MOVED/SECONDED Christina Hoppe/Marisa Blewett

That the Board accepted the agenda items

CARRIED

ADOPTION of MINUTES

MOVED/SECONDED Crystal Anderson/Christina Hoppe

That the Board accepted amended minutes on January 12, 2021

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED Marisa Blewett/Christina Hoppe

That the Board accepted amended minutes on January 15, 2021

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED Christina Hoppe/ Marisa Blewett

That the Board accepted amended minutes on January 21, 2021

CARRIED

Public Participation-Comments/Questions

Trustee Koroluk replied to correspondence regarding Nuxulk representation. The Board is unable to appoint a person. It has to be decided by the government. Trustee Koroluk personally supports the Nation to work with government on this. Evangeline would like to get a response letter from the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Enrollment

There are 228 students enrolled in January.

Framework of enhancing student learning

Superintendent presented the updated strategic plan & framework for enhancing student learning. The strategic priorities are to provide high quality, essential educational programming and applying First Nation understanding and education. The Board is seeking inputs from the public on these priorities. There will be separate meetings setup for public to participate. The Board is looking at equity scan and continues working with the Nations on these priorities.

Staffing

2.0 FTE distributed learning teachers hired to provide support to students.

Admin Report

Superintendent reviewed the report with the Board and pointed out the shortage of TTOC is a challenge the district is facing. School district continues to put effort on recruitment.

MOVED/SECONDED Marisa Blewett/Crystal Anderson

That the Board accepted Superintendent report

CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER REPORT

Amended Budget 2020-21

Secretary Treasurer reviewed the final amended budget with the board, asked motion to adopt the amended budget for 20/21 school year.

MOVED/SECONDED Christina Hoppe/ Marisa Blewett

Board of Education put forward motion to adopt amended budget bylaw

CARRIED

AMENDED BUDGET BYLAW

Trustee Koroluk then read the amended budget by-law.

MOTION THAT the Board approve A BYLAW of the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.49 (Central Coast) (hereinafter called the “Board”) to adopt the Amended Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2020/2021 pursuant to section 113 of the School Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the “Act”).

READ A FIRST TIME THE 9th DAY OF February, 2021;
READ A SECOND TIME 9th DAY OF February, 2021;
READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED AND ADOPTED 9th DAY OF February, 2021.

Policy

Personal cellphone and electronic devices, as well as video surveillance policies were presented.

MOVED/SECONDED Marisa Blewett/Christina Hoppe

That the Board of Education put forward final reading of the policies

CARRIED

Questions and Comments

Does NES require students to wear masks? Is NES elementary school or middle school?

NES is elementary school. The provincial safety guideline does not require students to wear masks at the elementary school. District safety plan is going to be updated to reflect the new provincial requirements.

How many teaching or non-teaching staff has had inputs in the safety plan?

Most of the inputs are from unions. School principals are working with staff to make sure schools are safe.

What more can we do to protect our staff?

There are measures put in place that are above and beyond what the Ministry's requirements are. The district continues to make sure all the provincial guidelines are followed.

Was there consultation on spending of Covid fund?

The spending plan was presented at the public board meeting in October and November. EOC commented on the spending.

Is there a report for Covid federal funding? If there is a surplus, will be a report for the surplus?

District has quarterly reports for Covid funding submitted to the Ministry. The federal Covid funding is a targeted fund and is expected to be spent by the end of this school year, Year end audited financial statements are going to be presented to the Board in September.

Samuel commented that Nuxalk nation has 65% of student's population in the school district and there is no Nuxalk representation in the Board. Trustee Koroluk said that this question was answered at the beginning of the meeting. It has to be decided by the government to change seats in the Board.

Samuel commented that he is concerned about the decision the Board is making. Superintendent thanked for his comment. Trustee Koroluk replied that indigenous education enhancement meetings are great venue to gather inputs.


ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD TO THE IN CAMERA MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED/SECONDED Nicola Koroluk/ Christina Hoppe

That the regular meeting adjourns at 19:37 hours February 09, 2021


Chairperson


Superintendent