



School District #49 (Central Coast)

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: January 12, 2021

Time: 6:01 PM

Location: Board Office Board Room

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Staff: Stephen Dishkin, Superintendent
Helen Zhao, Secretary Treasurer

Guests: Rejeanne Morin, Central Coast Teachers' Association union president (Teleconference)
Scott Barnes, Principal SAMS(Teleconference)
Elysabeth Barnes, Teacher SAMS (Teleconference)
Andrea Dunett, Teacher SAMS(Teleconference)
CJ Dixon, Teacher SAMS(Teleconference)
Krista Wilson, Teacher NES(Teleconference)
Katy Best, Teacher NES(Teleconference)
Samuel Schooner (Teleconference)
Christie Smith (Teleconference)
Lisa Tallio(Teleconference)
Richard J Hall (Teleconference)
Evangeline Hans (Teleconference)
Omar Valdez (Teleconference)
Danika Naccarella (Teleconference)
Terry Webber (Teleconference)
Cheyenne T (Teleconference)
Leonard Kozak (Teleconference)
Julia Low Ah Kee (Teleconference)
Victoria Moody (Teleconference)
Doris Muise (Teleconference)
Ken Mellwain (Teleconference)
Other unidentified community guests

The meeting was called to order at 18:01 hours, January 12, 2021

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

ADOPTION of AGENDA

MOVED/SECONDED Crystal Anderson/Christina Hoppe

That the Board accepted the agenda items

CARRIED

ADOPTION of MINUTES

MOVED/SECONDED Crystal Anderson/Christina Hoppe
That the Board accepted amended minutes on December 08, 2020
CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Enrollment

There are 230 students enrolled in December.

Admin Report

Superintendent reviewed the report with the Board.

MOVED/SECONDED Crystal Anderson/Christina Hoppe
That the Board of Education accepted the Superintendent report
CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER REPORT

2020-21 Amended Budget

Secretary Treasurer reviewed the first draft of amended budget with the Board.

MOVED/SECONDED Crystal Anderson/Christina Hoppe
That the Board of Education accepted the Secretary Treasurer report
CARRIED

Committee Reports

Health & Safety

Meeting was held on December 09. The next meeting is January 20

Pro-D Committee

The Board accepted the minutes for the last meeting.

Questions and Comments

What leadership is guiding the decision regarding closing the school?

The decision was made by the Board, by taking inputs from the public, school administration, unions and public health officer.

How did Vancouver Coastal Health's recommendation weigh in the decision made by the Board?

The Public Health Officer from VCH does not support closing schools in any fashion. The Board took inputs from staff, families and the public and made decision to relieve anxiety when the contact tracing is still under way.

Why is the face to face instruction suspended not consistent with school closure in the spring last year? It was provincial order to close schools in Spring. Four day suspension of face to face instruction allows staff to work on meaningful education for students The Board intends to resume face to face instruction next week. The public board meeting will be held on Friday to gather inputs from all stakeholders.

Samuel Schooner commented that the decision was made without listening to the concerns from Nuxalk Nation. Superintendent replied that there was communication with Nuxalk Nation before the decision was made. Lisa Tallio commented that School District is relying on Public Health Officer from VCH, who does not live in the community. School District is taking inputs from the public but making decision on its own.

Samuel Schooner asked if home schooling option is provided to students. Superintendent replied that this is the question that can be discussed during the public consultation for the framework of enhancing student learning.

Christie Smith commented that Local Education Agreement (LEA) is the consultative partnership with first Nations. Superintendent thanked her for her comment.

Lisa Tallio commented that there is not option for students for remote learning since Spring last year. Valdez commented that remote learning was success in Spring last year in his opinion.

Valdez asked what challenge the school district has for remote learning. Superintendent replied that it is hard to engage students when they need support with remote learning. Families have to be committed to helping students at home. It is also difficult to provide K-5 student with education remotely. School District has been recruiting distributed learning teachers to help with the challenge we are facing.

Samuel Schooner commented that contact tracing is not effective. We do not want to put risks to students and staff. Julia Low Ah Kee commented that contact tracing is effective after learning more from VCH. She feels comfortable with sending her kids to schools.

Christie Smith commented that LEA is to address unique situation locally by the Board. School District should find its way to consult with the Nation. Superintendent thanked her comments and said that schools have been working to provide internet access to students at home. Recruitment of distributed learning teacher is still on going.

Samuel Schooner asked why schools were closed without active cases in the community in Spring last year. The Board chair replied that it was provincial measurement back then.

ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD TO THE IN CAMERA MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED/SECONDED Nicola Koroluk/ Christina Hoppe

That the regular meeting adjourns at 19:50 hours January 12, 2021


Chairperson


Superintendent