AGENDA
Open Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 2024
4:30 p.m.
Boardroom - Public Participation via Zoom

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1. CALL TO ORDER

'Uy' skweyul, sii'em' nu siiye'yu. 'Uy nu shqwaluwun kwunus 'i lumnalu. I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is taking place on the lands of the Hul'q'umi'num' speaking people, specifically the Kwa'mutsun village. The Board of Education is honoured to be able to collaboratively walk beside the Quw'utsun, Malahat, Ts'uubaa-asatx, Halalt, Penelakut, Stz'uminus, and Lyackson Peoples who have cared for this land for thousands of years. May we walk gently on the ceded and unceded territories of their lands as we work together to lift up all of the xe'xe' smun'eem.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 Motion to Adopt Agenda

"That the Board of Education of School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley) adopts the agenda of the May 7, 2024 Open Board Meeting."

3. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda 5 - 21

- Highlights of the April 11, 2024 DSAC meeting
- Summary of the April 16, 2024 Advisory Committee
- Minutes of the March 26, 2024 BEBC
- Minutes of the April 11, 2024 Special BEBC
- Minutes of the April 18, 2024 DPAC Meeting

"That the Board of Education of School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley) approves the consent agenda items of the Open Board Meeting of May 7, 2024, as presented."

4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the April 2, 2024 Open Board Meeting 22 - 27

"That the Board of Education of School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley) adopts

adopts the revised Policy 3 - Role of the Trustee as amended."
"That the Board of Education of School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley) adopts the revised Policy 4 - Trustee Code of Conduct as amended."

11. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

    11.1 Schedule of Upcoming Meetings and Events 63

12. CORRESPONDENCE

    12.1 Correspondence from West Vancouver Schools Board Chair to Ministers Singh and Conroy 64 - 65
    "That the Board of Education of School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley) receives the following correspondence: West Vancouver School Board Chair to Ministers Singh and Conroy."

13. NEW BUSINESS

    13.1 Correspondence to Ministers Singh and Conroy 66 - 67

14. QUESTION PERIOD

15. ADJOURNMENT

    15.1 Motion to Adjourn
    "That there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned."

HIGHLIGHTS

from the Minutes of the

April 11, 2024
District Student Advisory Committee
(DSAC) Meeting

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Advisory Committee Meeting

Robyn Gray: The Strategic Plan Regeneration 2025-2030 is underway, and agenda. Principal/Vice-Principal assignments for next year are being finalized. Yesterday was a non-instructional day (NID) for our teachers. She had the opportunity to visit most sites to

4.2 Distribution of Student and Family Affordability Fund

The Student and Family Affordability Fund is to help families in need with expenses such as paying bills, groceries (but not for in-school food programs), car repairs, glasses, and getting ID. The District will receive $347K for 2023-2024 that can be carried over into next year. The last time we received this funding it was distributed through a combined formula that recognized the size of the school and its level of need and was given to schools for administrators to distribute. Some schools had additional funds from their PAC, such as Cowichan Secondary whose PAC helped create a free store. There was discussion on communicating the availability of support to families to ensure all were aware, and not making assumptions on who needs help as people may be suffering quietly. It may also be difficult for administrators to find the time to allocate the funding on top of their other duties. The last time we received funding we went through a large process with administrators to share ideas of where monies could go which distribute it all away at once as want to have some held back for other needs that may arise. This may also be a good topic to bring to the PACs.