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**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, May 16, 2023**

**TRUSTEES:** C. Dixon, D. Simon, S. Gascon, R. Farrell

**STAFF:** P. Dubinsky, M. McLellan, A. Davidson

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM

*We gratefully acknowledge that we live, work, and learn on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Sinixt Peoples, and we honour their ongoing presence on the land.*

**2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda**

Nil

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was resolved: 2023.05.16-1

**THAT** the agenda for this May 16, 2023 meeting **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was resolved: 2023.05.16-2

**THAT** the minutes from the meeting closed to the public on April 18, 2023 **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

**5. Presentations**

A. Good News Report

The Good News Report was presented by Trustee Gascon.

## 6. Superintendent's Report

### A. Music Program Update

Superintendent Dubinsky introduced Diane Pare, music specialist who gave an update on the music program. She has spent the last 4 months working with K-7 students and is looking at how to expand music, in the future, to include secondary students. She reported students receiving new instruments, a digital library being compiled and concert choirs among other new endeavours.

### B. Middle-Years Development Instrument (MDI)

Superintendent Dubinsky reported the District's MDI results for this year. He explained that the MDI is a self-reporting survey that asks children about their thoughts, feelings, and experiences in the school and community. MDI implementation started in 2009 and participation is voluntary. Grades 4-7 students in the district participated as well as some grad 5 and 6's. MDI looks at 6 areas including social and emotional development, physical health and wellbeing, connectedness, use of out-of-school time, and school experiences. He explained a snapshot of highlights and brief comparison to other districts.

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of cohort tracking.

## 7. Trustee, Committee and Organizations Report

A report is posted.

## 8. Financial Report

### A. Monthly Financial Report

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan presented the monthly financial report and the expected surplus impacts on the next year's budget.

## 9. Unfinished Business – Nil

## 10. New Business

### A. 2023-2024 Annual Budget

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan gave a presentation regarding the 2023-2024 Annual Budget, including:

- An summary of the budget consultation and survey results.
- A review of the crucial parts of the budget,
- A discussion of the Ministry's new Feeding Futures Fund

- 2023-2024 will be the last year for the Affordability Fund to spend outstanding amounts from the current year.
- Staffing changes and new initiatives.

Upon motions duly made and seconded it was resolved: 2023.05.16-3

**THAT** the Board of Education **APPROVE** the 2023-2024 Annual Budget Bylaw, having read the bylaw a first time;

**THAT** the Board of Education **APPROVE** the 2023-2024 Annual Budget Bylaw, having read the bylaw a second time;

**THAT** the 2023-2024 Annual Budget Bylaw go forth to a third reading.

**AND THAT** the Board of Education **APPROVE, PASS** and **ADOPT** 2023-2024 Annual Budget Bylaw, having read the bylaw a third time.

#### B. **Board Policies**

There was discussion of the review of policies by the Policy Committee.

Upon motions duly made and seconded it was resolved: 2023.05.16-4

**THAT** the Board of Education rescind Policy 501 – Staffing, Class Size and Complexity in Class Composition.

**THAT** the Board of Education update its policies, as applicable, to change where it is written “Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer” to “Superintendent,” and that these housekeeping updates are not to be recorded as amendments to these policies.

#### **Notice of Motions:**

**THAT** the Board of Education adopt updated Policy 140 – Policy Development.

**THAT** the Board of Education adopt a new Policy – Community use of District Facilities.

### **11. Questions from the Public**

Nil

### **12. Next Meeting Dates**

A. Meeting of the Board Open to the Public: June 20, 2023

### **13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33