

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (MAPLE RIDGE-PITT MEADOWS)
WEDNESDAY MARCH 12, 2008**

Present:

Chair	Mrs. C. Ashlie
Vice Chair	Mrs. K. Ward
Trustees:	Mr. R. Butler Mrs. K. Marshall Dr. D. Rempel
Superintendent of Schools	Mr. J.L. Simpson
Secretary Treasurer	Mr. D. Woytowich
Asst. Superintendent	Dr. R. Cranston
Asst. Superintendent	Mrs. J. Unwin
Communications Officer	Mr. S. Nesling
Executive Assistant & Recorder	Mrs. C.J. Jones

Absent: Trustee: Mr. S. Vdovine

A - OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Correspondence & Announcements

3. Ordering of Agenda

P332-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

"That the agenda be ordered as circulated and amended as follows:

Delete

H2(c) Ridge Meadows College Recommendations 2 & 4."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board Chair asked whether anyone present had questions regarding items on the agenda. There were no questions.

B - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1) February 27, 2008

P333-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Minutes of the February 27, 2008 Public meeting be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C – PRESENTATIONS

1. Technology Overview – Mr. Darren Rowell

Assistant Superintendent Jan Unwin introduced Mr. Rowell, Vice Principal, Information Technology.

Mr. Rowell provided an overview on the District’s information technology initiatives. He said that BCeSIS has now been implemented in nine elementary schools and that two schools were part of a provincial pilot to develop a module for writing individual education plans, and that the District would be piloting a program that would allow parents to view student information on line.

He said a three year technology plan will be established with input from staff, administrators, students, parents and trustees. Through a partnership with IBM, the District will develop a reporting tool that will help link school improvement plans and District achievement contracts. Administrators will be provided with workshops to look at how free web tools can be used to promote collaboration and learning within schools.

Mr. Rowell was thanked for his presentation and he left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The Board moved to Item H1(c) Ridge Meadows College Programs Approval.

D – DELEGATIONS**E - CHAIR REPORT**

- a) Correspondence for Board Action
- b) Board Announcement
- c) Other Matters

- School Heritage Archives Policy

P334-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board lift tabled Motion P314-07/08 from the table.”

Chair Ashlie stated that the Heritage Society is pleased with the Policy and would not recommend any changes. However, it will ask the Policy Committee to develop procedures.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P335-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board grant second reading to the School Heritage Policy, as circulated.”

Trustee Marshall said that she would recommend an amendment.

P336-07/08 Mover: Trustee Marshall
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

“That the Board amend the School Heritage Archives Policy as follows:

Guiding Principles – 2 should read: The school district believes that every school should attempt to collect the stories of each school year and preserve them, as they are valuable to the communities of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.”

Motion **P335-07/08** as amended by **P336-07/08** was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P337-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board grant third and final reading to the School Heritage Policy, as amended.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Agenda Preparation Meetings

P338-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board move the agenda preparation meetings from Wednesday morning the week preceding the scheduled Board meetings to Monday morning the week preceding the Board meetings.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F - DEFERRED ITEMS

G - TRUSTEE MOTIONS

H - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

1. Decision Items

- a) Superintendent of Schools
- b) Assistant Superintendents

- 15 Seater Vans

P339-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board receive the Assistant Superintendent’s 15 Seater Passenger Vans Report, for information.”

Assistant Superintendent Jan Unwin advised that, following a recent Deputy Minister announcement that Districts would have to make their own recommendations as to how they will use their 15 seater passenger vans, an information group of administrators met with the District’s Transportation Manager and the following recommendations were formulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P340-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board approve the following Committee recommendations:

- Restrict their use to the geographic area of West Vancouver to Chilliwack, but also to include the greater Victoria and Nanaimo areas. Any exceptions to this would be considered a level 2 field trip and would need permission from an Assistant Superintendent.

- Restrict speed to the posted speed limit. This would be posted on the rear of the vehicle.
- Installation of winter tires on all wheels from November 1st to March 1st.
- Standardize on the pre-trip form – “Bus Trip Inspection Booklet” from the BC Trucker Association. This is a more detailed form than some of the schools were using.
- Driver to speak with Administrative Officer on the day of use to discuss weather and any other concerns.
- Administrative Officer to personally review class 4 licenses and driver’s abstract.
- Convert the rear axle to a dual wheel.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Secretary Treasurer

- Paperless Board Meetings

P341-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the report on purchasing a paperless Board meeting package.”

The Secretary Treasurer explained that the package is available as a purchase, yearly subscription, or a lease to purchase arrangement. He said that the system will run on the District’s current servers and the only other equipment purchase would be a projection screen and projector which would cost less than \$1,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P342-07/08 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board make arrangements for a “lease to purchase” of the Electronic School Board system, and install it over the summer in order that it can be fully tested and ready for the first meeting in September 2008, and furthermore that while the early implementation is occurring the current practice of providing paper packages be maintained.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Ridge Meadows College Programs Approval

Mr. Ron Lancaster, Director of Operations, outlined several new programs which will be implemented at Ridge Meadows College.

P343-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the report on proposed new programs at Ridge Meadows College.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P344-07/08 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Seconder: Trustee Rempel

“That the Board approve the University Bridge Program expansion for the 2008/09 school year.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P345-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Seconder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board approve the expansion of the Ridge Meadows Tutoring Academy to include all grades and subject areas. “

Trustee Ward	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Marshall	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Ashlie	Negative

CARRIED

P346-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board approve the expansion of the Ridge Meadows College TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) Program.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P347-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Seconder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board approve the educational aviation partnership with Pacific Rim Aviation.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board Chair thanked Mr. Lancaster for initiating the new programs for the College.

The Board returned to the remaining agenda items.

2. Information Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

- Good News Items

P348-07/08 Mover: Trustee
 Secunder: Trustee

“That the Board receive the following “good news” items:

- The interesting MRSS “climatic zones around the world” project made by a student at Maple Ridge Secondary School;
- The successful parent/student night on March 4th to introduce the new academies and partnership programs;
- The recent presentation and workshops for parents on “Math makes Sense” by Terri Maltais’, Numeracy Facilitator;
- The Ministry official announcement of the renovations and additions for Garibaldi Secondary School’
- The Tzu Chi Foundation donation of \$16,000 to assist financially challenged students for extra-curricular activities;
- The exciting PMSS Marauders Boys Basketball Championship in Vancouver;
- The great success of the Healthy Food Show on March 5, 2008 organized by the District Nutrition Committee.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Assistant Superintendents

- School Timetables

P349-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board receive the Assistant Superintendent’s School Timetables Status Report, for information.”

Assistant Superintendent Jan Unwin circulated a coordinated timetable consultation recap for Board information.

The Superintendent said that the recent local news articles stating that there was no consultation on this matter, is incorrect as shown on the recap summary of meetings with various groups.

Copies of all school timetables will be provided at the April 9th meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Kindergarten Enrolment

P350-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the Assistant Superintendent’s Kindergarten Enrolment Report, for information.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Summer School Report

P351-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Seconder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board receive the Assistant Superintendent’s Summer School Report, for information.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Success for all Students – Regional Forum

P352-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the Assistant Superintendent’s report on a Regional Forum – “Success for all Students”.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Secretary Treasurer

- District Logo Redesign Report

P353-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the Communications Officer’s verbal report on the District Logo Redesign, for information.”

Mr. Nesling, Communications Officer advised that the response to the request for suggestions for a new District logo design has not been good. He said that he may go to a "Request for Proposal" plan if there is not an adequate response by the end of March.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I - COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Committee-of-the-Whole
2. Committees & Advisory Committee Reports
 - a) Education Committee
 - b) Human Resources Committee
 - c) Finance Committee
 - d) Policy Advisory Committee
 - e) Education Advisory Committee
 - f) Aboriginal Education Committee
 - g) French Immersion Advisory Committee
 - h) Anti-Vandalism Advisory Committee
 - i) District Student Advisory Committee

J - QUESTION PERIOD

1. Trustee Questions

Trustee Marshall mentioned that Trustee Vdovine had made a statement at the last public meeting that the Access to Information Bylaw was not available on the website. She said this was incorrect, the bylaw had been on the website since the Board approval of first reading on January 30th.

2. Public Questions
3. DPAC Questions
4. Employee Group Questions

K- TRUSTEE REPORTS

1. External Representative Reports

Trustee Rempel reported that the Ridge Meadows Educational Foundation Annual Dinner on February 29th at Thomas Haney, was an outstanding success. The event was attended by 125 guests. The meal was prepared and served by THSS's Teaching Kitchen, and the dessert was made by Samuel Robertson Teaching Kitchen. A District elementary choir, MRSS Jazz band, a THSS student vocalist and a Piper from MRSS provided superb entertainment during the evening.

Trustee Ward advised that the date for the Social Wellness District Trivia Night has been changed to April 26th at MRSS.

Trustee Butler attended the recent DPAC meeting at Harry Hooge and provided a brief report. The next meeting is on April 7th at Westview.

2. Board Liaison Representative Reports
3. Other Trustee Reports

L - OTHER BUSINESS

M - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer