

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (MAPLE RIDGE-PITT MEADOWS)
WEDNESDAY APRIL 9, 2008**

Present:

Chair	Mrs. C. Ashlie
Vice Chair	Mrs. K. Ward
Trustees:	Mr. R. Butler
	Mrs. K. Marshall
	Dr. D. Rempel
	Mr. S. Vdovine
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

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

P376-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

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

Add:

H1(b) Board Authority/Authorized Courses
 H1(b) Day Care Space Report.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board Chair asked whether anyone present had questions regarding items on the agenda. Mr. George Serra, Maple Ridge Teachers' Association representative, said that he would like to speak to the "Optimal Size Schools Report".

B - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1) March 26, 2008

P377-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

"That the Minutes of the March 26, 2008 Public meeting be approved as circulated."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C – PRESENTATIONS

1. Students Kyle McLelland and Simone Slavenov, DSAC representatives, reported on the April 2nd Celebration of Respect (COR) Project Leadership Conference. They advised that over 300 participants from across the district attended. The Theme this year was "Think Globally - Act Locally". Kyle and Simone thanked the Board for their support for the conference and ongoing support generally.
2. Using Moodle – Darren Rowell, Vice Principal, Information Technology, Thomas Haney Secondary student, Chris Wishart.

Chris Wishart demonstrated how the program allows students to upload projects from home, to participate in surveys and on-line discussion, to review skills, to access course materials, and to interact with teachers and other students.

Mr. Rowell and student Wishart were thanked for their informative presentation, and they left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

D – DELEGATIONS

Mr. George Serra, Maple Ridge Teachers' Association, spoke to the "Optimal School Size Report". Mr. Serra said that he had a concern about some of the statements contained in the report. He said the arguments and research for and against small schools can be misconstrued. He urged the Board to research this issue thoroughly before proceeding with the development of a policy.

Chair Ashlie said that the recommendations came out of an Education Committee meeting and are presently for Board information only.

E - CHAIR REPORT

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

- Nutrition Committee Letter to Minister of Education

P378-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board requests the Minister of Education to facilitate the further enhancement of support above and beyond the existing position at the Ministry level that monitors the Brand Food List that meets the Ministry requirements.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F - DEFERRED ITEMS

G - TRUSTEE MOTIONS

1. School Bus Passes – Trustee Vdovine

P379-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive Trustee Vdovine’s presentation on Translink’s fares, monthly passes, negotiated transportation agreements with the University of BC and Simon Fraser University, for information.”

Trustee Vdovine spoke to his report and provided an overview of student passes and current local bus routes. He said the passes would provide students with affordable transportation. He would encourage the Board to support this initiative and contact other Districts to seek their interest.

Board members asked questions for clarification and indicated their support of the concept.

Chair Ashlie said she fully supported the initiative, and suggested that the Board ask the BCSTA to put together an ad-hoc committee to canvas other districts to determine interest provincially. The Superintendent said that staff would also support the concept.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P380-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

WHEREAS South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority (Translink) has negotiated a transportation agreement with the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University resulting in a 3 zone monthly transit pass (U-Pass) at a cost of only \$22.00 per month (\$136 regular price) or \$220.00 during a 10 month school year;

WHEREAS students in the K-12 system are eligible for a 1 zone monthly pass at the price of \$42.00 per month, or \$420.00 during a 10 month school year;

WHEREAS introduction of the U-Pass to UBC and SFU in 2003 has resulted in increased ridership by 53% and 39% respectively, providing students with affordable access to public transit and reducing vehicle trips to campuses;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approach Boards in Translink's jurisdiction to lobby Translink for an agreement similar to that of the U-Pass, at the price available to the university students."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P381-07/08 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

"That the Board receive a report on Translink's Employer Pass program report, for information."

Vice Chair Ward suggested that this issue be discussed with each of the Employee Groups to determine their interests, as this would be considered a benefit.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P382-07/08 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

"WHEREAS South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority (Translink) offers an Employer Pass program, allowing companies to offer discounted annual transit passes to its employees when 25 or more employees are enrolled in the program;

P383-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

"That Motion **P383-07/08** be amended as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education direct staff to explore School District 42 employee interest and involvement in the Employer Pass Program."

Motion **P382-07/08** as amended by **P383-07/08** was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

1. Decision Items
 - a) Superintendent of Schools
 - Restructuring of Senior Team

P384-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Ward

"That the Board receive the report on the proposed restructuring of the Senior Team."

The Superintendent advised that a reassessment of the current organizational structure has been undertaken to determine whether it is the optimal structure for moving the District's Vision, Mission, and Values, forward for the implementation of the District's Achievement Contract. He outlined a proposed new structure.

The District will advertise the positions internally and externally in the next couple of days. The positions should be filled within the next six weeks.

The reclassification of the Assistant Superintendent to Deputy Superintendent will be sent to BCPSEA for approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P385-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Butler

"That the Board approve the immediate reclassification of the Assistant Superintendent position and the Systems Analyst position and the approval of a budget increase for 2007/2008 of \$40,340 to be accommodated within the balanced budget for that year."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Assistant Superintendents

- Board Authority/Authorized Courses

P386-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board approve “Applications for Learning 10” proposed by Laurie Meston, Director of Student Support Services, as a BAA course”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P387-07/08 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board approve “Applications for Learning 11” proposed by Laurie Meston, Director of Student Support Services, as a BAA course”..

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P388-07/08 Mover: Trustee Marshall
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board approve “Applications for Learning 12” proposed by Laurie Meston, Director of Student Support Services, as a BAA course”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P389-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board approve “Contemporary Music 11” proposed by Denise O’Brien, Thomas Haney Secondary School, as a BAA course”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P390-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board approve “Aviation 11” proposed by Brad Dingler, Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary, as a BAA course”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P391-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board approve “Equine Studies 10 (Academy)” proposed by Shelley Evans, Thomas Haney Secondary School, as a BAA course”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P392-07/08 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

“That the Board approve “Equine Studies 11 (Academy)” proposed by Shelley Evans, Thomas Haney Secondary School, as a BAA course”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P393-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board approve “Equine Studies 12 (Academy)” proposed by Shelley Evans, Thomas Haney Secondary School, as a BAA course”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Day Care Space Report

P394-07/08 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

“That the Board receive the report on Before School, During School, After School DayCares and PreSchools (attached).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P395-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board of Education approve the following costs for before, during or after school daycare or preschools, for the 2008/09 school year.

A yearly rate of \$10,080.00.
 A daily rate of \$51.00.

GST would have to be charged on these rates”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P396-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That Senior Team members with responsibility for Early Learning and Budgets review the cost factors (secretarial, custodial, utilities, school support) in the 2008/09 school year and bring forwarded recommended rates for a multi year period by the first board meeting in April, 2009”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P397-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board of Education approve the charging a different rate for use of school facilities in the summer, if needed”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P398-07/08 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board of Education approve an increase in the rate charged the Hammond Playport Preschool over a three year time period, starting in 2009/10 until it reaches the rate charged other daycare providers. A 30% increase each year for two years would bring their rate to approximately what will be charged daycare providers by the District next year”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P399-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board of Education approve the following schools as possible sites for before, during, and after school daycares or preschools. The number in brackets following the school’s name indicates the number of classroom available taking into consideration rooms used for Sensory rooms, Active Kids Clubs, StrongStart Centres, and additional support rooms. This number then is the minimum number of rooms available”.

Pitt Meadows: Davie Jones Elementary (3), Edith McDermott Elementary (1)

Maple Ridge: Alouette Elementary (2), Blue Mountain Elementary (2), Eric Langton Elementary (2) (possibly the empty portable), Fairview Elementary (4), Glenwood Elementary (2), Harry Hooze Elementary (2), Laity View Elementary ((2), Maple Ridge Elementary (2), Mount Crescent Elementary (1), Riverside Elementary (2), Webster’s Corners Elementary (2).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Secretary Treasurer

2. Information Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

- Good News Items

P400-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

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

- The opening of the conference “Man’s Inhumanity to Man: An Exploration of Genocide in the 20th Century Conference at the ACT today;
 - The District’s receipt of a grant for \$350,000 to develop a proof of concept initiative;
 - The number of teachers involved in in-service workshops and the enthusiasm displayed by those attending;
 - Recognition of a District employee who assisted with the arrangements of a charitable event;
 - The excellent quality of public speaking at Mount Crescent;
 - The Grade 1 class from Yennadon Elementary’s participation in an educational environmental experience arranged by Maple Ridge resident Ken Hemminger and Ms. Gibson, Grade 1 teacher;
 - The humanoes project which aims to involve the entire school district in the formation of human domino chains while raising funds for impoverished villages in Malawi;
 - The financial support of the Genocide Conference provided by the local Rotary, BCTF, MRTA, and Rwandans Refuge Association;
 - The excellent school to work transition fair at Thomas Haney Secondary.
- 2008-2009 School Year Calendar

P401-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board receive the 2008-2009 School Year Calendar for information.”

It was noted that two dates were incorrect and should be amended:

Thanksgiving Day is Monday, October 13, 2008 and
 Remembrance Day is Tuesday, November 11, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Assistant Superintendents

- Grade 7 to 8 Registration Report

P402-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board receive the Assistant Superintendent’s Grade 7 to 8 Registration Report, for information.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Maintaining a Local School Calendar

P403-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board receive the Local School Calendar Report, for information.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Secretary Treasurer

- Draft Bylaw re: Trustee Remuneration

P404-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the Procedural Bylaw – Trustee Remuneration, for information.”

The Secretary Treasurer said that his research of other Districts showed there was no occasion where a committee was used to set trustee remuneration.

Trustee Vdovine said that he had not, in his initial proposal, recommended the committee set the remuneration structure but rather to make a recommendation to trustees and the Board would then set the remuneration.

Vice Chair Ward said that she had a problem with item 5.0 of the bylaw. She suggested that the makeup of the Committee should be similar to that of the Board - 5 members from Maple Ridge and 2 from Pitt Meadows. She would like the Committee to review the level of committee work undertaken by Board members in setting the remuneration, and asked whether other District trustees participated in external and internal committees.

Trustee Marshall said that she was not in agreement with the formation of a committee and that the current process is working well.

Trustee Rempel said that 5.0 of the bylaw should be amended to allow the Secretary Treasurer to bring forward reports on Trustee stipends without the need for a committee.

Chair Ashlie said that she likes the idea of a committee of 3 people from Maple Ridge and 2 from Pitt Meadows. She said she would like 4.0 of the bylaw removed. She agreed that there should be some sort of weighting process for trustees who represent the Board on a number of committees.

P405-07/08 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

“That the Board approve the proposed Trustee Remuneration bylaw, as circulated.”

P406-07/08 Mover: Trustee Vdovine
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board amend the bylaw by removing 4.0.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P407-07/08 Mover: Trustee Vdovine
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board combine 3.0 and 7.0 to coincide with general elections and to read as follows:

3.0 Trustee remuneration should be reviewed every three years prior to the general elections, and recommendations of the Committee must be debated in an open meeting.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P408-07/08 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

That the Board amend 5.0 of the Bylaw to reflect the committee structure at a maximum of 3 citizens from Maple Ridge and 2 citizens from Pitt Meadows or a minimum of 2 citizens from Maple Ridge and 1 citizen from Pitt Meadows.”

Trustee Ashlie	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Vdovine	Affirmative

Trustee Marshall Negative

CARRIED

The question was called on Motion **P405-07/08** which received the following vote:

Trustee Ashlie	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Vdovine	Affirmative

Trustee Marshall Negative

The bylaw will be amended and receive all three readings at the April 30th Board meeting.

- Access to SD42 Programs

P409-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the report on registration of students in SD42 programs, for information.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- PMSS Artificial Turf Field

P410-07/08 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board receive the report on the funding of the Pitt Meadows Secondary School turf field.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I - COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Committee-of-the-Whole

2. Committees & Advisory Committee Reports

a) Education Committee

- Optimal School Size Report

P411-07/08 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

“That the Board will determine an optimal school size based on the optimal learning environment for each school, on a school by school basis rather than on a fixed number.”

Considerable discussion ensued.

P412-07/08 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board refer the Optimal School Size Report to the Education Committee for further work by the stakeholder groups.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b) Human Resources Committee
- c) Finance Committee

P413-07/08 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

“That staff prepare a letter to the Minister of Education expressing concern over the apparent divergence from past practice as it relates to the re-allocation of the per pupil block funding of additional funds resulting from declining enrolment. Further, the letter should outline the Board’s concern that proposed changes to the funding allocation system will have an impact on the stability of funding for the future. Specifically, salary differential funding, claw-back of funds for changes in general enrolment and special needs enrolment at the autumn recalculation, February counts, and May final distribution of funds.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 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
2. Public Questions
3. DPAC Questions

Ms. Froelich, DPAC Chair asked how the committee members will be selected for the review of the Trustee Remuneration.

The Secretary Treasurer said that he would advertise for interested parties to participate.

4. Employee Group Questions

K- TRUSTEE REPORTS

1. External Representative Reports

Trustee Rempel reported that 22 students will receive bursaries, and he reminded Trustees and staff about the Tzu Chi June 5th Bursary celebration event at Yennadon. He also gave a brief report on his attendance at the Maple Ridge Arts Council Scholarship Policy review, and advised that he would bring forward a report to the Board at a future date. Also, as a member of the local Rotary, he reported on the Rotary Esteem Team project in the School District.

Trustee Ward highlighted some of the activities and initiatives which will be taking place involving DPAC, and the presentation from Ridge Meadows College at the DPAC meeting on Monday. The next DPAC meeting will be held on May 5th at MRSS.

2. Board Liaison Representative Reports
3. Other Trustee Reports

L - OTHER BUSINESS**M - ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

