

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (MAPLE RIDGE-PITT MEADOWS)  
WEDNESDAY APRIL 30, 2008**

Present:

Chair	Mrs. C. Ashlie
Vice Chair	Mrs. K. Ward

Trustees:	Mr. R. Butler
	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

Absent:	Trustee:	Mrs. K. Marshall
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**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

**P414-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the agenda be ordered as circulated.”

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) April 9, 2008

**P415-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Second: Trustee Butler

"That the Minutes of the April 9, 2008 Public meeting be approved as circulated and amended as follows:

Page 10 – second paragraph following motion P404 should read:

Trustee Vdovine said that he had not, in his initial proposal, recommended the committee set the remuneration structure but rather to make recommendations to the Board."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## C – PRESENTATIONS

1) Using Technology to meet the diverse needs of students, Mrs. Laurie Smith, District Principal, Gabrielle Barrett-Lennard, and Betty Ann Waddington, Speech and Language Pathologists from Student Support Services

The presenters highlighted the varied ways in which technology has been used to assist students with such diverse needs, as speech and visual impairments, and motor challenges. The technology also helps students to improve in reading, writing, and organizational challenges. The presenters advised that only a small proportion of the District's needs for technology can be met through provincial funding. Students generally are dependent upon funds provided through the District budget, fundraising, and their own families.

The Board thanked the student support team for their informative presentation and they left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

2) French Immersion Program Review – Dr. D. Osborne

The Board welcomed Dr. David Osborne to the meeting. Mr. Simpson, Superintendent advised that Dr. Osborne, a retired Superintendent, has an extensive background in French Immersion program analysis.

Dr. Osborne presented his detailed report on all current French Immersion programs in the District, and advised that the District has a strong FI program which attracts 9.2% of the student population. He recommends the Board consider establishing a program at the elementary level at a school in the East part of the District, and to determine the viability of the FI program at Riverside.

Board members asked questions for clarification and the Board Chair asked whether staff would be bringing forward specific recommendations as to how the District will balance the French Immersion programs and catchment areas. The Superintendent advised that he would bring a plan forward for discussion to the next Board meeting

Dr. Osborne outlined what he considered to be the next steps in the process, and the viability of continuing all of the current FI programs.

Chair Ashlie thanked Dr. Osborne for his presentation and he left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

## **D – DELEGATIONS**

## **E - CHAIR REPORT**

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

- Exempt Staff Notification

Chair Ashlie said that she had attached a recent BCPSEA announcement regarding Bill 33 and amendments to the Public Sector Employers Act, for Board information.

## **F - DEFERRED ITEMS**

## **G - TRUSTEE MOTIONS**

## **H - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

- 1. Decision Items
  - a) Superintendent of Schools
    - School District No. 42 Logo Re-design

**P416-07/08** Mover: Trustee Butler  
 Secoder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the Superintendent’s report on the new logo re-design for School District No. 42.”

Communications Officer Seamus Nesling, advised that attempts to involve students in the design of a new District logo has not been successful, with only eight submissions being sent in for consideration.

Superintendent Simpson said that the new logo is essential for the promotion of the District's new Vision, and Mission statements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**P417-07/08** Mover: Trustee Butler  
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

"That the Communications Officer contract with a professional graphic design service in order to develop a new logo to represent what we stand for and how we wish to be perceived in the community."

Trustee Aslie	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Vdovine	Negative

CARRIED

**P418-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

"That in the absence of actual student design submissions, the project should be guided by input received from students during a brainstorming session on April 22<sup>nd</sup>."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**P419-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Wartd

"That money previously approved to cover costs associated with logo design, and Vision, Mission and Core Values launch, and not yet spent be put towards the cost of Recommendation #2."

Trustee Aslie	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Vdovine	Negative

CARRIED

## b) Assistant Superintendents

- 15 Seater Passenger Vans

**P420-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board receive an update on the 15 seater passenger vans.”

Assistant Superintendent Jan Unwin advised that staff had investigated the dual rear wheel proposal and had determined that there were too many unknowns, including possible mechanical complications, vehicle warranties, and cost.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**P421-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board reconsider the decision to have all 15 seater passenger vans refitted with dual rear wheels.”

Trustee Aslie	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Vdovine	Affirmative

Trustee Ward	Negative
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CARRIED

**P422-07/08** Mover: Trustee Butler  
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

“That the Board allow 15 seater passenger vans back on the road with the recommendations outlined in the original report.”

Trustee Aslie	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Vdovine	Affirmative

Trustee Ward	Negative
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CARRIED

c) Secretary Treasurer

- Procedural Bylaw entitled Trustee Remuneration

**P423-07/08** Mover: Trustee Butler  
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

“That pursuant to part E, Bylaws and Resolutions, Section 3.01 subsection d), the Board advance the Procedural Bylaw entitled Trustee Remuneration through to final stages in one meeting (April 30<sup>th</sup>).”

DEFEATED

**P424-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board grant first reading to the Procedural Bylaw entitled Trustee Remuneration.”

Trustee Vdovine said that the intent in his initial bylaw was different than that presented. He said he did not feel the drafted bylaw reflects his intention. He questioned the purpose of establishing a committee, and said he was not prepared to support the bylaw in its present form.

Trustee Vdovine said that he did not bring forward any amendments to the bylaw but suggested the Board bring forward his originally tabled motions on this matter.

The Board Chair said that Trustee Vdovine’s motions were not tabled. It was decided that it would be better to create a bylaw, which is as now presented.

The Executive Assistant was asked to check the minute file to determine whether any motions were tabled on this matter.

The bylaw will be brought back for second and final reading at the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 2. Information Items

## a) Superintendent of Schools

- District External Review Team Format

**P425-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board of Education receive an update report from the Superintendent of Schools.”

Superintendent John Simpson updated the Board on the current format for District reviews. He said that a team of educators spend up to four days examining operations in four areas: organizing for improvement; setting directions; building learning communities, and achieving results. SD42 will continue to focus on the Achievement Contract and will be ready for any future review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Good News Items

**P426-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

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

- Kudos to Laurie Meston, Director of Student Support Service, for stepping up to fill in for the keynote speaker at the recent BCCACE conference, ending with a standing ovation;
- Commendations from Timo Juurakka, Assistant Fire Chief, to a youth fire academy student who used her training during a recent rugby injury situation;
- The resounding response to a request at the April 18<sup>th</sup> Pro D day for the donation of toiletries. 18 boxes have been collected and will be donated to the Salvation Army Caring Place and Cythera House;
- The success of the recent Garibaldi Project ground breaking ceremony.

The Executive Assistant was asked to prepare letters to thank the Ministry for approving the project, and the local MLA’s for their attendance at the sod turning ceremony.

- Compliments to SD42 for its treatment of SFU student teachers;
- The creation of flower boxes at Riverside Elementary, as part of a successful anti-vandalism initiative;
- Congratulation to Trustees Ashlie, Ward, Marshall and Rempel who were presented with Certificates of Honour for their long years of service as a Trustee;
- The display at Maple Ridge Arts Centre of the student designed 2010 Spirit banners;
- Director Laurie Meston's excellent presentation at a recent Rotary luncheon.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Assistant Superintendents

- Secondary Coordinated Timetables

**P427-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the report on the coordinated timetables set by the secondary schools for the 2008-2009 school year.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Cyberschool Achievement

**P428-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Seconder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board receive information on the progress of Cyberschool students over the past three years.”

Assistant Superintendent Unwin reported on the progress of students in the cyberschool program at Yennadon Elementary over the last three years. She said that students who completed grades 6 and 7 at Yennadon, and who are now in grades 8, 9, and 10, are doing extremely well in school. The data supports the request to expand the cyberschool program throughout the District.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



- Proposal for Strong Start BC Early Learning Centre

**P429-07/08** Mover: Trustee Ward  
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

“That the Board receive for information, the Proposal for Strong Start BC Early Learning Centres.”

Assistant Superintendent Randy Cranston reported that the circulated proposal for funding from the Ministry of Education Early Learning Grant, is for the Early Childhood Community to establish five new StrongStart BC early learning centres for the 2008-2009 school year. The five proposed sites are: Davie Jones, Hammond, Blue Mountain, Glenwood, and Mount Crescent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- c) Secretary Treasurer

## 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

- Class Placement: Elementary Procedure

**P430-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the procedure entitled Class Placement: Elementary, for information.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**P431-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That Policy IE: Placement of Elementary Students in Homeroom Classes, be deleted from the current policy manual.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- e) Education Advisory Committee

f) Aboriginal Education Committee

Chair Ashlie advised Board members about the invitation to attend the first Annual Aboriginal Achievement Awards Ceremony on May 29, 2008 at Thomas Haney Centre. Those planning to attend should advise the Aboriginal Education Department as soon as possible.

- 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
4. Employee Group Questions

Mr. Serra, MRTA representative said that he did not consider the Districts outlined in the Trustee Remuneration bylaw are an appropriate comparable with our District.

Secretary Treasurer Don Woytowich advised that they are Districts which BCPSEA considers to be comparable with our District.

Mr. Serra referred to the Cyberschool program and said that more comparable data is needed from other schools to establish how well the District's students are doing.

The Secretary Treasurer reported that this data could be obtained through the data warehouse if required. Assistant Superintendent Jan Unwin said that the Board had asked how well the students who were part of the initial Cyberschool program were progressing in high school, and the results are as presented.

## K- TRUSTEE REPORTS

1. External Representative Reports

Trustee Rempel attended the recent Maple Ridge Arts Council meeting and reported that the committee dealt with scholarships, the creation of a scholarship policy, and the use of the ACT by District students. He said there will be a five year Anniversary Celebration for the ACT on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. Anyone interested in attending may obtain a ticket from him at a cost of \$40.00.

The Tzu Chi bursary celebration event reported to take place on June 5<sup>th</sup> has been changed to June 4<sup>th</sup> at Yennadon Elementary, 3:30 p.m.

Mrs. Froelich, DPAC President advised that the next DPAC meeting will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at Maple Ridge Secondary School.

2. Board Liaison Representative Reports
3. Other Trustee Reports

**L - OTHER BUSINESS**

**M - ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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**Chair**

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**Secretary Treasurer**