

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (MAPLE RIDGE-PITT MEADOWS)  
WEDNESDAY JUNE 11, 2008**

Present:

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

Absent: Trustee: Mr. R. Butler

**A - OPENING PROCEDURES**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Correspondence & Announcements

**P466-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That correspondence addressed to the Board be received for information.”

Correspondence from the Ministry of Education dated June 9, 2008 will be placed on the agenda for further discussion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Ordering of Agenda

**P467-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

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

Add:

H2(c) Ministry of Education correspondence re: Playground Equipment.  
 H2(c) Municipality of Maple Ridge Gaming Centre information”

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) May 28, 2008

**P468-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

“That the Minutes of the May 28, 2008 Public meeting be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**C – PRESENTATIONS**

1. Secondary Initiatives – Keeping Kids in School/Connex/School Completion – KKIS Team

Mr. Sonne, District Principal provided an overview of the achievements of the District’s “Keeping Kids in School” initiative. He said that 312 students are currently being tracked by the KKIS team and more than half are remaining at or returning to, school as a result of intervention by the KKIS team which is working in conjunction with school staff and community agencies. He also outlined the teams plans for the upcoming year.

Chair Ashlie thanked the presenters for all of their work on behalf of the students in the District.

2. Safety In Parking Lots – Ms. Judy Dueck, Health & Safety Officer, and Mr. T. Juurakko, Assistant Fire Chief

The Board Chair introduced and welcomed Ms. Dueck, Health & Safety Officer, and Mr. Juurakko, Assistant Fire Chief to the meeting. Mr. Juurakko said that emergency vehicle access to schools is being blocked by parents dropping off, or picking up, their children from school, and illegal parking. He said that, although there is signage and road markings, they are being ignored and are in need of updating.

Mrs. Dueck suggested that a committee be struck to develop solutions, to improve parent awareness, and student safety on the issue.

3. Secondary Timetable – Maple Ridge Teachers

Representatives from the Maple Ridge Teachers' Association outlined their concerns with regard to the District's plan to have all secondary schools operate on a common timetable. They stated that they did not feel it was educationally sound and was disruptive to many. They said that the teachers were not given an opportunity to provide input to the process, and would have liked more stakeholder involvement, prior to implementation.

The Superintendent stated that all stakeholders would be involved during the first year of implementation to ensure that issues were addressed and adjustments made as necessary.

Chair Ashlie thanked the presenters.

4. 2008/2009 Budget Input

The Board Chair asked whether anyone present had input to the 2008/2009 budget. There were no requests for input to the budget.

## **D – DELEGATIONS**

## **E - CHAIR REPORT**

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

## **F - DEFERRED ITEMS**

## **G - TRUSTEE MOTIONS**

## H - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

### 1. Decision Items

- a) Superintendent of Schools
- b) Assistant Superintendents
- c) Secretary Treasurer

- Election Bylaw No. 1-2008/2009

**P469-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

"That pursuant to Board Procedural Bylaw Section B – Part E, 3.01(d), the Board approve advancing Election Bylaw No. 1-2008/2009 through all three reading stages at the meeting of the board on June 11, 2008."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**P470-07/08** Mover: Trustee Ward  
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

"That the Board approve first reading to Election Bylaw No. 1-2009/2009."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**P471-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

"That the Board approve second reading to Election Bylaw No. 1-2008/2009."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**P472-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

"That the Board approve third and final reading to Election Bylaw No. 1-2008/2009."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Section 11 Appeals Bylaw

**P473-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

"That pursuant to Board Procedural Bylaw Section B – Part E 3.01(d), the Board approve advancing Section 11 Appeals Bylaw through all three reading stages at the meeting of the board on June 11, 2008."

Trustee Marshall suggested that the Notice of Appeal should include the Appellant on the signature line. Discussion ensued. The Secretary Treasurer stated that the template used to prepare the bylaw is in compliance with legislation and has been approved by lawyers for the Ministry, BC Trustees Association and BC Complaints Commission. He said that legal counsel had recommended that the policy be imbedded within the bylaw and said that any deviation would leave the Board at risk of being challenged in any subsequent appeal process.

Trustee Vdovine stated that some stakeholders were not in agreement with the bylaw. Trustee Ward said that she is a member of the Section 11 Appeals Committee, and none of the stakeholder representatives had expressed a concern during the compilation of the bylaw.

#### DEFEATED

**P474-07/08** Mover: Trustee Ward  
 Seconder: Trustee Vdovine

“That the Board approve first reading to Section 11 Appeals Bylaw”.

Trustee Marshall asked whether there are restrictions as to who can appear on behalf or with an appellant. The Secretary Treasurer said that he did not believe there were restrictions but he will verify this and bring it to the June 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Chair Ashlie said that anyone wishing to make an appeal has to follow a process. Trustees should not be involved until the last step. All schools and parents should be advised of the appeal process.

Board members suggested changes to the bylaw which were noted and will be implemented for the second reading on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Environmental Practices Initiatives Committee

**P475-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the Environmental Practices Initiatives, for information.”

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**P476-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board establish a Steering Committee consisting of a Trustee, Director of Maintenance, Health and Safety Officer, Manager of Purchasing, Elementary Principal, Secondary Principal, MRTA, CUPE, DPAC and Secretary Treasurer to develop a plan of action to address both carbon neutrality and environmental footprint issues.”

The Board Chair volunteered to be the Trustee representative on the committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Information Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

- Quarterly Report Format & Intent

**P477-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the following framework for Quarterly Reporting to be used to keep the Board apprised of SD42 accomplishments and goals for the 2008/2009 school year.”

The Superintendent stated that the framework will be used to keep the Board apprised of the District’s goals and accomplishments for 2008/09. Chair Ashlie said that the reporting process will keep decisions on new initiatives, budgeting and resources, in line with common direction and achievement goals.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- French Immersion Program Update

**P478-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board receive the Superintendent’s French Immersion Program Update Report, for information.”

Board members asked questions for clarification on the status of current FI teachers at Riverside. Assistant Superintendent Randy Cranston advised that some of the teachers had applied for other positions, and two had been offered placements. He said that following a recent meeting with parents, it was determined that 64 students will continue to attend Riverside, and 51 plan to attend other schools.

Chair Ashlie asked whether there were sufficient FI teachers in the system to cover the programs. Dr. Cranston confirmed there were. She asked whether, come September, the District would be in a position to offer a primary FI program.

Dr. Cranston stated that parents wishing to register at other schools will be accommodated immediately, rather than being waitlisted until September. Students who remain at Riverside will be enrolled in four divisions, a Grade ½ split, a Grade 3, a Grade 4/5 split, and a Grade 6/7 split.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Expanded Mandate Responsibility

**P479-07/08** Mover: Trustee Ward  
 Seconder: Trustee Rempel

“That the Board receive the Superintendent’s report on Expanded Mandate Responsibility, for information.”

The Superintendent stated that the recent Ministry of Education expanded mandate initiatives have resulted in additional work for districts throughout the province. Assistant Superintendent Unwin reported that the Deputy Minister has indicated that he will meet with representatives of some school districts to explore the potential for streamlining the responsibilities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Good News Items

**P480-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Seconder: Trustee Marshall

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

- the Successful graduation ceremonies at Garibaldi, Westview and Samuel Robertson;
- the distribution of Early Learning grant money of \$159,500 which will be used to hire a family connections worker;
- the successful first annual Aboriginal Education student awards night;
- the well attended Tzu Chi tea ceremony;
- the presentation of a cheque in the amount of \$8,300 to the Child Development Centre;

- the two day track and field event which was a success in spite of the rain.

The Board was advised that the Ridge Meadows Educational Foundation sponsored the track and field event this year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Assistant Superintendents

- Odyssey Learning Community – “The Next Step Home Learning”
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**P481-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Wartd

“That the Board receive the attached CLC DL Direction and Development Abstract, for information.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Secretary Treasurer

- Update – Coca Cola Sales Data Report

**P482-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the report on Coca Cola sales volumes in schools subsequent to the removal of carbonated sugar flavoured beverages.”

The Secretary Treasurer said that the vending machine sales volumes have declined considerably. At the Secondary level vending is down 21.96% and at the elementary level is down 13.17%.

Trustee Ward asked how schools will cope with declining sales, and the resulting decline in commission, which presently supports equipment and supplies for extra curricular activities. The Secretary Treasurer said that each school has a budget for equipment replacement, but schools may need to look at other ways to support athletic costs.

Trustee Vdovine said that he would like to see the vending machines removed entirely. The Board Chair said that a contract is in place and as long as nutritional drinks and water are offered, there is no need to remove the machines.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



- Playground Equipment Assessment

**P483-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board receive the report on the Ministry of Education’s intent to assess District needs for playground equipment.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**P484-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Vdovine

“That the Board receive the Municipality of Maple Ridge correspondence concerning the construction of a new community gaming centre, a 300 car parking structure, and site improvements.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **I - COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

1. Committee-of-the-Whole
2. Committees & Advisory Committee Reports
  - a) Education Committee
    - Optimal School Size Policy

**P485-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board receive the policy entitled “Optimal School Size” for information.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**P486-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board grant first reading to the policy entitled “Optimal School Size” for information.”

The Board agreed that to allow for input, the policy would receive second reading at the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b) Human Resources Committee
- c) Finance Committee
- d) Policy Advisory Committee

- Smoking Policy

**P487-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board delete the Smoking policies (GBK (Personnel section of policy manual), and JFCG (student section of the policy manual), which are both dated February 12, 2002.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Student Health Policy

**P488-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board delete Policy JHCA, Student Health, from the district policy manual.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Exclusion for Health Reasons Procedure

**P489-07/08** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the procedure entitled Exclusion for Health Reasons, for information.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 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 Rempel said that he did not have a question but would like to thank the reporter from the Times Newspaper for attending the recent Tzu Chi Bursary event this year.

## 2. Public Questions

Ms. Psota said that in 1989/90, when she was actively involved as a parent in the System, parents were reluctant to volunteer for various school activities as they were told they would not be covered by insurance. She said that now it appears they are. She asked when this change had occurred.

The Secretary Treasurer said that volunteers have always been covered by insurance.

Mr. Hill, a Riverside parent asked whether parents will be advised about the French Immersion program options as outlined in the FI report. Dr. Cranston advised that an announcement will be made at the meeting with Principals tomorrow, and the parents will then be contacted.

Ms. Carr referred to the Ministry of Education's proposed assessment of District's needs for playground equipment, and asked whether schools and PAC's will be involved in the process.

The Secretary Treasurer advised that Maintenance staff have reviewed the inspection reports, and the Principals of the schools will be contacted for their input.

## 3. DPAC Questions

Ms. Froelich said that she was concerned about the Appeals Bylaw, an intimidating document, which she said opposes the procedure process. The Secretary Treasurer stated that he is aware that the bylaw is written in legal language, but it cannot be changed. He said that a guide is being developed to interpret the bylaw which will help with progress through the appeal process.

Chair Ashlie said she would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Board, to congratulate the new DPAC Executive members, and their continued efforts on behalf of the parents.

## 4. Employee Group Questions

### **K- TRUSTEE REPORTS**

1. External Representative Reports
2. Board Liaison Representative Reports
3. Other Trustee Reports

Trustee Rempel gave a brief report on the May 26<sup>th</sup> Arts Council meeting, advising that a new Director has been appointed, and the Council reflected on the success of last years events.

Trustee Marshall gave a report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual RMEF AGM which took place last week, and advised that Wendy Lindvik, from HSBC had been appointed Chair, Perry Bateson, from Yuen Marshall Arts, as Vice Chair, and Don Woytowich as Secretary Treasurer. She said that two sub-committees will soon be established, one to develop a communications policy for donors, and one for the Grants distribution.

**L - OTHER BUSINESS**

**M - ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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**Chair**

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**Secretary Treasurer**