

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

**Wednesday, September 24, 2008 (6:00 PM)**

**ROLL CALL**

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Cheryl Ashlie - Chair  
Kathie Ward – Vice Chair  
Kathy Marshall  
Dr. Dave Rempel  
Stepan Vdovine

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

J.L. Simpson, Superintendent  
J. Unwin, Assistant Superintendent  
D. Woytowich, Secretary Treasurer  
S. Nesling, Communications Officer  
C.J. Jones, Executive Assistant and Recorder

**A - OPENING PROCEDURES**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**3. Ordering of Agenda**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the agenda be ordered as circulated.

**ORIGINAL - Motion P120-08/09**

Member (Dr. Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Kathie Ward) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion ". Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED. 5 - 0**

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

**B - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**1. September 10, 2008 Public Minutes**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Minutes of the September 10, 2008 Public Meeting be approved as circulated

### **ORIGINAL - Motion P121-08/09**

Member (Dr. Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Kathie Ward) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED. 5 - 0**

### **C - PRESENTATIONS**

1. Maple Ridge Museum – Shell Plan, Ms. Val Patenaude, Director of Maple Ridge Museum & Archives

The Board welcomed Ms. Patenaude to the meeting.

Ms. Patenaude referred to the school heritage archives project involving District schools, and described as creating a “scrapbook in a box”. Ms. Patenaude said that every school in the District will receive specially designed boxes and labeled folders which each school will be asked to use to collect documents relating to key events at the school throughout the year. Schools will also receive a pair of special gloves and a handbook on archival collecting.

One of the first schools to participate in this project is Samuel Robertson Technical and Ms. Patenaude presented the first archival box to the Principal, Mr. Mike Keenan.

### **D - DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations

### **E - CHAIR REPORT**

1. Chair Report

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board receive the Chair Report

### **ORIGINAL - Motion C122-08/09**

Member (Dr. Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Kathie Ward) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion ". Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED. 5 - 0**

2. Canadian Federation of Teachers Request re: Cyber Bullying

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board request the Policy Advisory Committee to give preference to a cyber bullying policy

Vice Chair Ward asked Assistant Superintendent Jan Unwin whether cyber bullying is a part of the Code of Conduct in schools. Ms Unwin replied that there is no specific reference to cyber bullying but it is planned that the Code will be reviewed and updated, as this should be addressed. The Policy Advisory Committee will be asked to establish a cyber bullying policy.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion C123-08/09**

Member (Dr. Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Kathy Marshall) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion ". Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED. 5 - 0**

### **3. All Day Kindergarten**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board request senior staff to provide a report to the Board on the pros and cons of an all day kindergarten.

The report should include potential benefits to the community, describe its challenges, and whether the program should be optional or mandatory. The request came from the BCSTA which is asking for input from all boards so that it can develop a response to the early Childhood Learning Agency, a provincial body which has been established to study the feasibility of full day and pre-kindergarten programs in B.C.

This item will be brought forward to the next meeting on October 8, 2008

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion C124-08/09**

Member (Dr. Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Kathy Marshall) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED. 5 - 0**

### **4. IQ Variables - Young Adults**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board receive the letter to Ministers Coleman and Christensen addressing the issue of IQ requirements, as it relates to adults with special needs.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion C125-08/09**

Member (Dr. Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Kathy Marshall) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion ". Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED. 5 - 0**

### **5. IQ Variables - Young Adults**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board receive the motion for BCSTA Provincial Council advocating for a change to the IQ requirements, as it relates to adults with special needs.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion C126-08/09**

Member (Dr. Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Kathie Ward) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion ". Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED. 5 - 0**

### **6. IQ Variables-Young Adults**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board approve the motion for BCSTA Provincial Council advocating a change to the IQ requirements, as it relates to adults with special needs.

**ORIGINAL - Motion 127-08/09**

Member (Dr. Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Kathie Ward) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion ". Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED. 5 - 0**

**F - DEFERRED ITEMS**

There were no deferred items

**G - TRUSTEE MOTIONS**

**1. Establishment of a Board Advocacy Committee - Trustee Vdovine**

**RECOMMENDATION:** BE IT RESOLVED That the Board establish a District Advocacy Committee as part of its committee structure

Discussion ensued as to whether such a District Advocacy committee was needed since Trustees felt existing committees and other mechanisms in place provide ample means for stakeholders to bring issues forward. Trustee Vdovine said that he believed a committee was needed, and that the Committee include representatives from all partner groups

**ORIGINAL - Motion P128-08/09**

Member (**Stepan Vdovine**) Moved, Member (**Kathie Ward**) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion ". Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 1 Nay: 4. The motion (**FAILED**). **1 - 4**

**H - CEO DECISION ITEMS - SUPERINTENDENT**

There were no CEO decision items at this time

**H - CEO DECISION - ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS**

**1. Bill 33 Preliminary Superintendent's Report**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board approve the Bill 33 Preliminary Superintendent's Report.

Superintendent Simpson said that this is very preliminary in order to provide a snapshot of where things stand at the moment in SD 42. A detailed report keeping with the Bill 33 timelines will be forthcoming at the October 8th Board meeting. Assistant Superintendent Unwin stated that the District is working closely with the Maple Ridge Teachers' Association, and is making progress towards meeting provincial guidelines for class size and composition.

**ORIGINAL - Motion P129-08/09**

Member (**Dr. Dave Rempel**) Moved, Member (**Kathie Ward**) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED. 5 - 0**

## **H - CEO DECISION - SECRETARY TREASURER**

### 1. Year End Financial Statements - Audit

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board approve the Audited Financial Statements for the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 as prepared by District staff and audited by the firm Grant Thornton

### **ORIGINAL - Motion P130-08/09**

Member (**Kathie Ward**) Moved, Member (**Dr. Dave Rempel**) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion ". Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED. 5 - 0**

## **H - CEO INFORMATION ITEMS - SUPERINTENDENT**

### 1. Good News Items

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board receive the following Good News items from Trustees and Senior Staff, for information.

The Innovation Council awards to three district high school students;

Funding from the Arts Council to bring in professional artists to work with schools;

The success of the Keeping Kids in Schools BBQ, which brought back more students into the system;

The comparison of the District's choice program offerings to other districts;

A common timetable making district programs more accessible to more students;

The possibility that the District may benefit from a carbon footprint incentive;

The ongoing good work by the Maple Ridge Rotary;

The participation of trustees in the recent Raise a Reader Fundraiser for Literacy in B.C.

## **H - CEO INFORMATION ITEMS - ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS**

## **H - CEO INFORMATION ITEMS - SECRETARY TREASURER**

There were no information items at this time

## **I - COMMITTEE BUSINESS - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

### 1. Committee-of-the-Whole Report

## **I - COMMITTEE BUSINESS - COMMITTEE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### 1. Education Committee

2. Human Resources Committee
3. Finance Committee
4. Policy Advisory Committee
5. Aboriginal Education Committee
6. District Student Advisory
7. French Immersion Advisory
8. Communications Advisory
9. Inclusive Education Committee
10. Anti-Vandalism Committee

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board receive the Anti-Vandalism Update Report, for information.

Trustee Ward, Chair of the Anti-Vandalism Committee, provided a statistical report on the increasing cost of vandalism in the district. She said the District has implemented many initiatives, but said that in order to reduce the vandalism to school property, the school community and the schools neighbours must work together.

**ORIGINAL - Motion P131-08/09**

Member (Kathie Ward) Moved, Member (Dr. Dave Rempel) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED. 5 - 0**

**11. Anti-Vandalism Mural Project**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board receive the Anti-Vandalism Mural Project Report

Trustee Ward, Chair of the Anti-Vandalism Committee stated that the \$1,500 mural project award will be presented to Blue Mountain Elementary this year, and that staff, parents and students will be participating in a variety of anti-vandalism related activities.

**ORIGINAL - Motion P132-08/09**

Member (Kathie Ward) Moved, Member (Kathy Marshall) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED. 5 - 0**

**J - QUESTION PERIOD**

**1. Trustee Questions**

There were no Trustee questions.

**2. Public Questions**

Ms. Dianne Kwast, PAC Chair of Webster's Corners Elementary, asked when the French Immersion Survey results will be made available.

Assistant Superintendent Unwin advised that the report will first go forward to the French Immersion Committee and then be made available to the Board in October.

Ms. Alison Patchett, Co-Chair of Mount Crescent Elementary, said that Building Community

Solutions Committee would like to invite Trustee Ward to a Community Safety Fair on October 18<sup>th</sup>. She said several neighbourhood associations will be in attendance and Mount Crescent students will have a booth at the fair and will be displaying artwork and writing regarding anti-vandalism.

The students have also designed posters depicting the ways how vandalism affects students and the community.

Ms. Patchett said that although she had initially only invited Trustee Ward, all trustees are welcome to attend.

### **3. DPAC Questions**

There were no questions from DPAC

### **4. Employee Group Questions**

Ms. Franklin, President of CUPE Local 703 asked which individuals sat on the Anti-Vandalism Committee. Trustee Ward said that the Committee has representatives from the Principals group, maintenance staff, RCMP, Fire Department, DPAC, and senior staff.

## **K - TRUSTEE REPORTS**

### **1. External Representative Reports**

### **2. Social Planning Advisory**

### **3. Municipal Advisory & Accessibility**

### **5. Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council**

Trustee Rempel provided a report and advised that there will be a celebration of the arts the week of April 20-25, 2009.

### **6. BCSTA Provincial Council**

### **7. District Parent Advisory Council**

### **8. Tzu Chi Foundation**

Trustee Rempel provided a report and advised that the District has received a grant from Tzu Chi again this year which will be used to assist students who, through financial hardships, would not otherwise be able to participate in extra-curricular activities.

### **9. Youth Society Committee**

Trustee Ward reported that a student from the Youth Council has been elected as Vice Chair of the Youth Society. She said a fountain has been ordered and will soon be installed at the Youth Action Park at Thomas Haney Secondary.

### **11. Board Liaison Representative Reports**

## **L - OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**M - ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary Treasurer