

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (MAPLE RIDGE-PITT MEADOWS)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2008**

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

A - OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Correspondence & Announcements

3. Ordering of Agenda

P153-08/09 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“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) October 8, 2008

P154-08/09 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

“That the Minutes of the October 8, 2008 Public meeting be approved as circulated and amended as follows:

Page 3 – Motion **P137-08/09** – add the words “on a no cost basis” at the end of the motion”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C – PRESENTATIONS

The Board welcomed Mr. Perry Bateson of Yuen Family Martial Arts. Mr. Bateson is the Vice Chair of the Ridge Meadows Education Foundation, and he outlined his plans to raise awareness of the Foundation, and the “Kicks for Kids” fund raiser which will take place on November 29th at noon. He said he will be delivering 1,000 karate kicks, breaking a wooden board with each on hundredth kick. Boards can be obtained with a minimum \$100 donation. The funds will go towards creating an endowment to fund books for school libraries.

D - DELEGATIONS

E - CHAIR REPORT

P155-08/09 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the Board Chair Report, for information.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) Correspondence for Board Action

- Correspondence from Best Buy Canada

Following a brief discussion the Secretary Treasurer was directed to investigate the Best Buy proposal and to bring forward a report and recommendation for Board consideration.

b) Board Announcements

- November Board Meeting Date Changes

The Board Chair advised that owing to Staff and Trustee commitments, the November Board meetings will be held on Monday, November 10, and Tuesday, November 25.

c) Other Matters

- Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Chair Ashlie advised that Trustee Marshall has been asked to represent the Board, for Maple Ridge and Trustee Ward will represent the Board for Pitt Meadows at the Remembrance Day Ceremonies.

- Trustee Remuneration Committee

A committee has been selected as directed by the Board to review and determine Trustee remuneration. A full report will be presented to the Board at the November 10th meeting.

F - DEFERRED ITEMS**G - TRUSTEE MOTIONS****H - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

1. Decision Items

- a) Superintendent of Schools
- b) Assistant Superintendents

- French Immersion Needs Assessment

P156-08/09 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secoder: Trustee Ward

"That the Board receive the French Immersion Needs Assessment Update, including a draft French Immersion Survey.

Deputy Superintendent Unwin reported that the French Immersion Advisory Committee requested that the survey be conducted as soon as possible, despite concerns about the Ministry requiring districts to offer full day kindergarten, beginning in September 2009. This would affect the amount of space available for French Immersion programs.

The FI Committee made it clear that should the program proceed, students should be able to progress through all grades at the same school. The Board agreed that the survey results would be good to have, regardless of whether the FI program goes ahead

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- French Immersion Needs Assessment Update

P157-08/09 Mover: Trustee Marshall
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

“That the Board, based on the input from the French Immersion Advisory Committee, proceed with the French Immersion Survey.

Staff was asked to check the French Immersion minutes to ensure the recommendations contained in the report are correct. The Board Chair stated the draft survey did not need to come back to the Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Secretary Treasurer

- Temporary Borrowing – Operating

P158-08/09 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board approve the temporary borrowing resolution as circulated.”

The Secretary Treasurer explained that the borrowing resolution is a standard procedure that occurs every six months.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Information Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

- Good News Items

P159-08/09 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board receive the Good News items from Trustees and Senior Staff”.

- Doug Hoey, Principal of Aboriginal Education has arrange for the Lieutenant Governor of BC to visit the District's StoryTime program at Edith McDermott on December 2nd;

- 15 BC teacher coaches were honoured at a provincial dinner. Rich Goulet and Lesley McPherson from our District were included in the 15;
- Terasen Gas and BC Hydro are assisting the District to achieve its carbon emission goals;
- The successful Bookfest event held at Edith McDermott, and the hard work of the librarians in organizing the event;
- The District has been chosen to pilot a FitSmart nutrition initiative which will be overseen by a District graduate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Assistant Superintendents

- Final Bill 33 Report

P160-08/09 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board receive the verbal Final Bill 33 Report.”

Deputy Superintendent Unwin reported that the District is in compliance with the requirements of Bill 33, and that all classes were appropriate for student learning. She thanked the Maple Ridge Teachers’ Association Executive for its assistance with the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Secretary Treasurer

I - COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Committee-of-the-Whole

- Finance – Budget Process Bylaw

P161-08/09 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the Budget Process Bylaw, for information.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P162-08/09 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board grant first reading to the Finance Process Bylaw, as circulated.”

The Secretary Treasurer said that the bylaw will provide a series of requirements for the annual budget process. The bylaw will receive second reading at the November 10, 2008 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Committees & Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Education Committee
- b) Human Resources Committee
- c) Policy Advisory Committee

- Fees – Hardship Policy – 1st Reading

P163-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

“That the Board grant first reading to the Fees – Hardship Policy as circulated.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- School Heritage Archives Policy – 1st Reading

P164-08/09 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That pursuant to part E, Bylaw and Resolutions, Section 3.01 subsection d), the Board advance the School Heritage Archives Policy through to final stages in one meeting.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P165-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P166-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- District Funded Attendance at Functions Policy – Final Reading

P167-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

“That the Board grant second and final reading to the District Funded Attendance at Functions Policy, as circulated.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Official Ceremonies Policy – 2nd and Final Reading

P168-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board grant second and final reading to the Official Ceremonies Policy, as circulated.”

P169-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board table Motion **P168-08/09**, pending further review by the Policy Advisory Committee.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Policy will be brought forward to the November 10, 2008 meeting.

- Travel Expenses Policy – 2nd and Final Reading

P170-08/09 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board grant second and final reading to the Travel Expense Policy, as circulated.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- d) Aboriginal Education Committee
- e) French Immersion Advisory
- f) District Student Advisory

- g) Anti-Vandalism Advisory Committee

Trustee Ward reported on the recent Community Safety Fair, the Apple Pie Night at Blue Mountain Elementary, and the unveiling of the ant-vandalism mural.

- h) Communications Advisory Committee
- i) Inclusive Education Committee

J - QUESTION PERIOD

- 1. Trustee Questions
- 2. Public Questions
- 3. DPAC Questions
- 4. Employee Group Questions

K- TRUSTEE REPORTS

- 1. External Representative Reports

- a) Joint Leisure Services
- b) Social Planning Advisory
- c) Municipal Advisory & Accessibility

Trustee Rempel reported that the Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council is working on setting criteria for awarding bursaries, is organizing an Arts Fair for November, and a Festival of Arts event in April.

- d) Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council
- e) BCSTA Provincial Council

Trustee Ward, BCSTA Provincial Council representative provided a report on the outcome of motions presented at the recent BCSTA Provincial Council meeting. She said that most of the Board supported motions were carried.

- f) District Parent Advisory Council
- g) Tzu Chi Foundation

Trustee Rempel advised that the Tzu Chi Foundation is planning a bursary program for May, and a campaign is in development, to make people more aware of the funding available through the Foundation.

Chair Ashlie suggested that the public, schools, and students should also be made aware of all sources of funding available through various organizations.

h) Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

The Board was advised that the RMEF Annual Dinner will be held at Thomas Haney Centre, on February 27th, 2009, tickets are now on sale at \$60.00 each. The event will again feature a gourmet dinner, live and silent auctions, and displays and performances by students.

There will also be an unveiling of a large wooden Maple Leaf defining "Community Spirit", created by local artist Lisa Lake.

2. Board Liaison Representative Reports
3. Other Trustee Reports

L - OTHER BUSINESS

M - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer