

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (MAPLE RIDGE-PITT MEADOWS)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2008**

Chair	Ms. K. Ward
Vice Chair	Mr. K. Clarkson
Trustees	Ms. S. Carr Mr. M. Huber Ms. E. Palis Dr. D. Rempel Mr. S. Vdovine
Superintendent of Schools	Mr. J. Simpson
Secretary Treasurer	Mr. D. Woytowich
Deputy Superintendent	Ms. J. Unwin
Communications Officer	Mr. S. Nesling
Executive Assistant & Recorder	Ms. T. Fuchs

A - OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order

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

2. Correspondence & Announcements

No correspondence

3. Ordering of Agenda

P199 – 08/09 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Carr

RECOMMENDATION: "That the agenda be amended as follows."

Addition to Chair Report – "Committee Responsibilities"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES1) November 25, 2008 Public Meeting Minutes

P200 – 08/09 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Second: Trustee Huber

RECOMMENDATION: “That the Minutes of the November 25, 2008 Public meeting minutes be amended as follows:

Correction to Item 10 under K. TRUSTEE REPORTS – District Parent Advisory, regarding DSAC’s “Coins for Kids”, should read “...Donations will be collected until December 16, 2008”.

Moving Item 10 under K. TRUSTEE REPORTS – District Parent Advisory, regarding DSAC’s “Coins for Kids” under Item 12 for Other Trustee Reports

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2) December 8, 2008 Inaugural Meeting

P201 – 08/09 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Second: Trustee Vdovine

RECOMMENDATION: “That the Minutes of the December 8, 2008 Inaugural meeting minutes be amended as follows:

Item 2 under A OPENING PROCEDURES should read “...elected to serve as School Board Trustees for the term December 8, 2008 to November 30, 2011”

Item a) under 6. Board Organizational Matters, should read “...elect a Chair and a Vice Chair for the Board, for the period from December 8, 2008 until the first meeting in December 2009”

Item c) under 6. Board Organizational Matters, should read “...for the term from December 8, 2008 until the first meeting in December 2009”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C – PRESENTATIONS**D - DELEGATIONS****E - CHAIR REPORT**

- a) Correspondence for Board Action
- b) Board Announcements

c) Other Matters

- Notice of Motion to Amend Procedural Bylaw to add Nutrition Committee

P202 – 08/09

Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Carr

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Quarterly Report

Communications Officer, Seamus Nesling and Superintendent Jan Unwin, distributed small mock-up copies of the Quarterly Report. Mr. Nesling explained that only a minimal number of copies were printed but that the Report would also be uploaded onto the SD42 website.

The Board Chair advised that the District is trying to go paperless but each school and each partner group still needs to receive one copy of the Quarterly Report. It was also explained that hard copies of the Quarterly Report are a great method to get notices out to the Public.

Discussion then followed about how the report should be distributed and who all should receive a copy of it going forward. Board Chair Kathie Ward reiterated that the report is a celebration of the things that are happening in the School District and that the Public needs to hear about all the successes so the Report should not be limited to just the internet web site.

Ideas such as posting a notice in the community paper, changing the name of the report, and changing the physical size of the report are being considered. Mr. Nesling then stated that the Communications Committee will print and distribute the current Quarterly Report as soon as possible this time, but that the changes being considered will be discussed further and fine-tuned before the next report goes out. He will also follow up with the Communications Committee and the Board regarding any changes.

- Committee Responsibilities

Board Chair Kathie Ward advised that the Committee lists have been updated. It was then voted on and decided that:

- The representatives for BCPSEA would be Trustee Eleanor Palis with Board Chair Kathie Ward as her alternate.
- The representatives for BCSTA would be Board Chair Kathie Ward with Trustee Stepan Vdovine as her alternate.

Board Chair Kathie Ward then notified the board that the rotation schedules for DPAC and DSAC are still being finalized.

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

1. Decision Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

b) Deputy Superintendent

c) Secretary Treasurer

- Financial Information Act Statements (SOFI) Report

P203 – 08/09

Mover: Trustee Rempel

Seconder: Trustee Carr

RECOMMENDATION: "That the Board receive the Financial Information Act Statements of employee earnings and payments to suppliers for the period of 2007/2008."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Secretary Treasurer stated that the Report is the same as every year and it is a requirement. He explained what is included and how it is broken down and derived. He then went on to say that it is now ready to go to the Ministry.

P204 – 08/09

Mover: Trustee Rempel

Seconder: Trustee Clarkson

RECOMMENDATION: "That the Board approve the Financial Information Act Statements of employee earnings and payments to suppliers for the period of 2007/2008 and that the statements be submitted to the Ministry of Education."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Information Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

- Report on Student Achievement

P205 – 08/09

Mover: Trustee Rempel

Seconder: Trustee Clarkson

RECOMMENDATION: "That the Board receive the Superintendent's report on Student Achievement".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Superintendent explained the focuses and the purpose of the report as well as its challenges and successes. He said that the primary focus right now is on the at-risk students and that overall he is pleased with the progress. The Aboriginal students are at the same level as the non-aboriginal students and students with learning difficulties are meeting completion rates. Challenges are being targeted and corrective actions will be taken. Other success stories such as the reading programs were highlighted.

P206 – 08/09 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Palis

RECOMMENDATION: "That the Board approve the Superintendent's report on Student Achievement".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Good News Items

P207 – 08/09 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Huber

RECOMMENDATION: "That the Board receive the Good News items from Trustees and Senior Staff".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- The BCSTA Academy was effective and was enjoyed by all of the new Trustees.
- The Kicking 4 the Kids event was a success. It raised over \$4000 and the proceeds will go to new library books in the community. It is also now going to become an annual event.
- The RMEF Chair became the VP for the Rotary Club.
- Across the District school Christmas concerts will be taking place and the teachers are all working extra hard to make the concerts a success. Trustees are encouraged to attend the Christmas Concerts.
- The Reporters for our newspapers are doing an exceptional job with reporting on all the great things going on in our community.
- Thomas Haney has a great Equestrian program that is getting kids involved. Most recently a trainer came in to give a lesson on horse and buggy signals.
- Lt.-Gov. Steven Point, a former judge and First Nations Chief, visited Edith McDermott Elementary School in Pitt Meadows to talk to the kids about the importance of literacy. He has launched a literacy program encouraging students to write stories.

- b) Deputy Superintendent
- c) Secretary Treasurer

I - COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Committee-of-the-Whole
2. Committees & Advisory Committee Reports
 - a) Education Committee
 - b) Human Resources Committee
 - c) Policy Advisory Committee
 - First Reading Electronic Devices Policy

P208 – 08/09 Mover: Trustee Clarkson
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

RECOMMENDATION: “That the Board grant first reading to the Policy entitled Electronic Devices.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Secretary Treasurer Woytowich explained that after the previous reading by the Board, it was sent to the Policy Committee for more work. As it turned out, only one word needed to be changed. The Board Chair explained the rationale and highlighted that the Committee felt that it is up to individual teachers to create their own classroom rules and keep order in their classes. A lot of devices are not just cell phones anymore and students are utilizing the devices for learning because they add beneficial value. It is the behaviour of the used of electronic devices in the classroom that is at fault, not the electronic devices themselves. The Policy is to be used with respectful behavior expectations and Board does not want to dictate what teachers can or cannot do in their classrooms. It will now go out to the Public for 30 days to receive input.

P209 – 08/09 Mover: Trustee Clarkson
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

RECOMMENDATION: “Motion for all in favour of first reading.”

Trustee Vdovine opposed explaining that he felt the policy needed more guidance.

MOTION CARRIED 6-1

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

h) Communications Advisory Committee

J - QUESTION PERIOD

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

K- TRUSTEE REPORTS

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

L - OTHER BUSINESS

M - ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to Adjourn

P210 – 08/09 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Carr

RECOMMENDATION: "That the Board adjourn the meeting."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer