



IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Chair – Kathie Ward
Vice Chair – Ken Clarkson
Trustee – Susan Carr
Trustee – Mike Huber
Trustee – Eleanor Palis
Trustee – Dr. Dave Rempel
Trustee – Stepan Vdovine

STAFF:

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ORIGINAL - Motion P338 – 08/09

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Ken Clarkson) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board approve Staff's second recommendation to maintain the Hammond Montessori program as a Kindergarten to Grade 5 program for the foreseeable future. Students would enter the regular program at Hammond for grades six and seven.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 0 Nay: 7.

The motion FAILED 0-7.

ORIGINAL - Motion P339 – 08/09

Member (Mike Huber) Moved, Member (Dave Rempel) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board approve the recommendations numbered 2 to 5, as is, regarding the Montessori Program.'

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 1. (Trustee Vdovine opposed)

The motion CARRIED 6-1.

2. Alternative Schools

ORIGINAL - Motion P340 – 08/09

Member (Eleanor Palis) Moved, Member (Susan Carr) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board receive the Deputy Superintendent's report on Alternative Schools.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED 7-0.

The Deputy Superintendent explained that at the last Board meeting, a motion directing staff to explore and enter into a consultation process related to alternative schools including progressive and traditional and bring the options back to the board, was passed.

She presented the Board with a report on the Educational Choice options available in school districts neighbouring or near School District No. 42, as well as enrollment patterns of choice schools, and also the pros and cons of choice schools.

It was recommended by Staff that the Board reconsider its motion for Staff to explore and enter into a consultation process related to alternative schools, and address it sometime in the future if there is a ground-swell from the public wishing to go in this direction.

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The motion FAILED 1-6.

ORIGINAL - Motion P342 – 08/09

Member (Eleanor Palis) Moved, Member (Stepan Vdovine) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board direct Staff to send out a survey to parents and staff in our District to look at the possibility of Traditional, Fine Arts or other Alternative school choices.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED 7-0.

3. Public Consultation Process Update – Riverside Elementary

The Board had directed staff to begin a public consultation process to determine the viability of amalgamating Riverside Elementary with Maple Ridge Elementary school. The Deputy Superintendent distributed copies of the packages from the meeting that took place at Riverside Elementary with the Riverside parents, on the Monday night (April 27, 2009) prior to the Board meeting.

The Survey responses were included and the main message received from the Parents was just for the Board to decide on it, then let everyone know.

The Recommendation from Staff was for the Board to consider closing Riverside Elementary for September 2010 allowing those people currently enrolled at Riverside, the full year to make alternate arrangements for the following September. Staff also felt that amalgamating Riverside with Maple Ridge Elementary is not a suitable option for this particular school as many students do not live near either school and so Staff would prefer to allow parents to choose any school that is either in their home catchment or a school of choice that has room across the District.

There would be a full 60-day consultation and the final motion to close could not be voted on before early fall in order to allow for sufficient time.

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Member (Ken Clarkson) Moved, Member (Stepan Vdovine) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board consider closing Riverside Elementary for September 2010 allowing those people currently enrolled at Riverside, the full year to make alternate arrangements for the following September.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED 7-0.

4. Public consultation Process Update - Mount Crescent & Glenwood

At the last Board meeting the Staff was asked to begin a public consultation process to determine the viability of amalgamating Mount Crescent Elementary School with Glenwood Elementary School.

Staff now recommends to begin this process in the fall of 2009 with the final set of options or recommendations coming to the Board before Christmas 2009. The recommendations could include amalgamation or if that does not seem feasible, a recommendation for school closure could result.

ORIGINAL - Motion P344 – 08/09

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Eleanor Palis) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board direct Staff begin the Mount Crescent and Glenwood Public Consultation Process in the fall of 2009 with the final set of options or recommendations coming to the Board before Christmas 2009. The recommendations could include amalgamation or if that does not seem feasible, a recommendation for school closure could result.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED 7-0.

5. Public consultation Process Update - Webster's Corners & Blue Mountain

At the last Board meeting Staff was asked to begin a public consultation process to determine the viability of amalgamating Webster's Corners Elementary School with Blue Mountain Elementary School.

Staff now recommends that the Board direct Staff to begin this process in the fall of 2009 with the final set of options or recommendations coming to the Board before Christmas 2009. The recommendations could include amalgamation or if that does not seem feasible, a recommendation for school closure could result.

Discussion ensued and some Trustees felt that Webster's Corners still has viable options available to it and that starting a public consultation process around it would cause students to move to other schools and in turn it would have to close due to lack of enrollment.

ORIGINAL - Motion P345 – 08/09

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Eleanor Palis) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board direct Staff begin the Webster's Corners and Blue Mountain Public Consultation Process in the fall of 2009 with the final set of options or recommendations coming to the Board before Christmas 2009. The recommendations could include amalgamation or if that does not seem feasible, a recommendation for school closure could result.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 3 Nay: 4 (Trustees Vdovine, Palis, Clarkson, and Carr opposed).

The motion FAILED 3-4.

6. Catchment Review

At the last Board meeting Staff was asked to undertake a Catchment Review immediately upon and in conjunction with all possible amalgamations or school closures.

Staff Recommendations:

1. That the Board allow staff to proceed with necessary redrawing of the entire district concurrently with each decision around amalgamation or school closure.
2. That the Board decides whether students who are currently in schools who may land "out of catchment" once redrawing takes place, will be grandfathered.

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Member (Susan Carr) Moved, Member (Ken Clarkson) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board allow Staff to proceed with necessary redrawing of the entire District concurrently with each decision around amalgamation or school closure.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED 7-0.

The Board decided that a motion for recommendation number 2 was not required.

ORIGINAL - Motion P347 – 08/09

Member (Susan Carr) Moved, Member (Eleanor Palis) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board direct Staff to enter into meetings with Parents, Students, & Staff at Mount Crescent to give them their opportunity to meet with the Trustees and Senior Staff, in order to get clarification and more information on what the District's possible plans are for that area, prior to the end of June 2009.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED 7-0.

SECRETARY TREASURER'S DECISION ITEMS1. Update on pricing for ESB

The Secretary Treasurer advised that a new striped-down version of Electronic School Board is now available for the cost of \$8900 over 3 years. This was information that had been asked to be brought back to the Board.

ORIGINAL - Motion P348 – 08/09

Member (Ken Clarkson) Moved, Member (Mike Huber) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board not proceed with purchasing the newly proposed version of ESB.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED 7-0.

2. Draft Property Disposal Policy

The Secretary Treasurer presented a Draft Policy for the Disposal of Property for the Board's consideration.

The policy aligns with the template that was recommended by BCSTA legal council and the new policy will make the District compliant with the new legislation, similar to what all the other Districts have adopted.

The District already has a Policy in place but changes and regulations were made after it was created, so changes are needed in order to become compliant.

ORIGINAL - Motion P349 – 08/09

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Susan Carr) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board approve the first reading of the Property Disposal Policy and that it be put out to the public and brought back to the Board in 30 days for a second reading.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED 7-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION ITEMS1. Environmental School Proposal

The Superintendent explained that he had received a proposal to establish a school that is specifically focused on the environment. An initial grant of \$20,000 has been applied for and approved.

He recommended that the Board refer this proposal to the Education Committee and that the applicant's be referred to the "Expanding Program Options" procedure. He will also arrange for them to make a presentation to the Board regarding this initiative.

ORIGINAL - Motion P350– 08/09

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Ken Clarkson) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board refer this proposal to the Education Committee and that the applicant's be referred to the "Expanding Program Options" procedure.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED 7-0.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION ITEMS1. Late French Immersion Update

Following the last Board meeting where Late French Immersion was cancelled at both Highland Park and Fairview, all students who had signed up at both locations were tracked for future plans. The Deputy Superintendent presented the Board with the results and current enrollment numbers, for the Board's information.

ORIGINAL - Motion P351– 08/09

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Ken Clarkson) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board receive the Deputy Superintendent's report on Late French Immersion, for information.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED 7-0.

2. Impact of Declining Enrollment

The Deputy Superintendent presented the Board with a report that shows information on plans to address declining enrollment into the future.

ORIGINAL - Motion P352– 08/09

Member (Ken Clarkson) Moved, Member (Eleanor Palis) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board receive the Deputy Superintendent's report on the Impact of Declining Enrollment, for information.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED 7-0.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS - COMMITTEE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Education Committee

2. Aboriginal Education Committee

There is a meeting next week.

3. Human Resources Committee

4. Inclusive Education Committee

Trustee Clarkson submitted a report.

5. Finance Committee

6. Anti-Vandalism Committee

The Chair wanted to mention the newspaper from Blue Mountain, as they did a really great job on it.

7. Policy Advisory Committee

8. Communications Advisory

Trustee Carr submitted a report.

9. French Immersion Advisory

10. District Student Advisory

The meeting was cancelled due to the rally.

11. Social Wellness Committee

12. Nutrition Committee

Trustee Carr submitted a report and advised that the Chair's position had been discontinued unfortunately, so now as a group, they are focusing on how to move forward.

13. Historical Committee

TRUSTEE REPORTS

1. Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

2. Joint Leisure Services

3. Social Planning Advisory

4. Municipal Advisory & Accessibility

5. Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council

Trustee Rempel advised that there was on Monday (April 27) and that is why he wasn't at the Riverside meeting. He also informed the Board about the Celebration of the Arts week that just finished and that it had over 600 people attend. He also advised that the AGM will take place on October 5, 2009.

6. BCSTA Provincial Council

The Board Chair announced that the Provincial Council passed the budget. She also wanted the Trustees to be aware of the motion tracking that is in the back of their BCSTA binders.

7. District Parent Advisory Council

8. Tzu Chi Foundation

Trustee Rempel advised that on April 7th the Tzu Chi committee allocated around \$8000, to a Bursary that is about the celebration of students.

9. Youth Society Committee

Trustee Carr submitted a report. She also advised that the Haney Rotary Charity Golf tournament is coming up on Wednesday, May 27th and the money raised will go towards purchasing a new washer and dryer for the Iron Horse Safe House. There will also be a Silent Auction at the tournament, as well as a booth at the Home Show, and any money raised from these events will also go to the washer and dryer

10. External Representative Reports

11. Board Liaison Representative Reports

12. Other Trustee Reports

1. Good news items:

- Trustee Carr showed everyone the t-shirts from the DSAC and from Davie Jones that students had created.
- Trustee Palis shared that her and Trustee Carr went to 3 schools the day before for the Susical at Hammond Elementary, the Webster's Corners Science demonstration, and also to Hammond in order to visit 3 of the classes involved in the laptop program.
- The Board Chair wanted to take the opportunity to thank Trustee Carr for attending the Spirit of BC Office opening and the DSAC Core Project on behalf of the Board while they were away at BCSTA AGM. She also wanted to share that she attended the opening of the Spirit Square in Pitt Meadows as well as the Kick-off event for the Disability games.
- The Board also thanked Thomas Haney Secondary for hosting the Board meetings and meals all day. They hope the community can appreciate that the reason that the meetings are in schools, is that they want to show that they are accessible to the public in Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION ITEMS1. Environmental School Proposal

The Superintendent explained that he had received a proposal to establish a school that is specifically focused on the environment. An initial grant of \$20,000 has been applied for and approved.

He recommended that the Board refer this proposal to the Education Committee and that the applicant's be referred to the "Expanding Program Options" procedure. He will also arrange for them to make a presentation to the Board regarding this initiative.

ORIGINAL - Motion P350– 08/09

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Ken Clarkson) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board refer this proposal to the Education Committee and that the applicant's be referred to the "Expanding Program Options" procedure.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED 7-0.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION ITEMS1. Late French Immersion Update

Following the last Board meeting where Late French Immersion was cancelled at both Highland Park and Fairview, all students who had signed up at both locations were tracked for future plans. The Deputy Superintendent presented the Board with the results and current enrollment numbers, for the Board's information.

ORIGINAL - Motion P351– 08/09

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Ken Clarkson) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board receive the Deputy Superintendent's report on Late French Immersion, for information.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED 7-0.

2. Impact of Declining Enrollment

The Deputy Superintendent presented the Board with a report that shows information on plans to address declining enrollment into the future.

ORIGINAL - Motion P352– 08/09

Member (Ken Clarkson) Moved, Member (Eleanor Palis) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board receive the Deputy Superintendent's report on the Impact of Declining Enrollment, for information.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED 7-0.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS - COMMITTEE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Education Committee

2. Aboriginal Education Committee

There is a meeting next week.

3. Human Resources Committee

4. Inclusive Education Committee

Trustee Clarkson submitted a report.

5. Finance Committee

6. Anti-Vandalism Committee

The Chair wanted to mention the newspaper from Blue Mountain, as they did a really great job on it.

7. Policy Advisory Committee

8. Communications Advisory

Trustee Carr submitted a report.

9. French Immersion Advisory

10. District Student Advisory

The meeting was cancelled due to the rally.

11. Social Wellness Committee

12. Nutrition Committee

Trustee Carr submitted a report and advised that the Chair's position had been discontinued unfortunately, so now as a group, they are focusing on how to move forward.

13. Historical Committee

TRUSTEE REPORTS

1. Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

2. Joint Leisure Services

3. Social Planning Advisory

4. Municipal Advisory & Accessibility

5. Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council

Trustee Rempel advised that there was on Monday (April 27) and that is why he wasn't at the Riverside meeting. He also informed the Board about the Celebration of the Arts week that just finished and that it had over 600 people attend. He also advised that the AGM will take place on October 5, 2009.

6. BCSTA Provincial Council

The Board Chair announced that the Provincial Council passed the budget. She also wanted the Trustees to be aware of the motion tracking that is in the back of their BCSTA binders.

7. District Parent Advisory Council

8. Tzu Chi Foundation

Trustee Rempel advised that on April 7th the Tzu Chi committee allocated around \$8000, to a Bursary that is about the celebration of students.

9. Youth Society Committee

Trustee Carr submitted a report. She also advised that the Haney Rotary Charity Golf tournament is coming up on Wednesday, May 27th and the money raised will go towards purchasing a new washer and dryer for the Iron Horse Safe House. There will also be a Silent Auction at the tournament, as well as a booth at the Home Show, and any money raised from these events will also go to the washer and dryer

10. External Representative Reports

11. Board Liaison Representative Reports

12. Other Trustee Reports

1. Good news items:

- Trustee Carr showed everyone the t-shirts from the DSAC and from Davie Jones that students had created.
- Trustee Palis shared that her and Trustee Carr went to 3 schools the day before for the Susical at Hammond Elementary, the Webster's Corners Science demonstration, and also to Hammond in order to visit 3 of the classes involved in the laptop program.
- The Board Chair wanted to take the opportunity to thank Trustee Carr for attending the Spirit of BC Office opening and the DSAC Core Project on behalf of the Board while they were away at BCSTA AGM. She also wanted to share that she attended the opening of the Spirit Square in Pitt Meadows as well as the Kick-off event for the Disability games.
- The Board also thanked Thomas Haney Secondary for hosting the Board meetings and meals all day. They hope the community can appreciate that the reason that the meetings are in schools, is that they want to show that they are accessible to the public in Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer



IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Chair – Kathie Ward
Vice Chair – Ken Clarkson
Trustee – Susan Carr
Trustee – Mike Huber
Trustee – Eleanor Palis
Trustee – Dr. Dave Rempel
Trustee – Stepan Vdovine

STAFF:

Superintendent – John Simpson
Deputy Superintendent – Jan Unwin
Secretary Treasurer – Don Woytowich
Executive Assistant – Tina Fuchs
Communications Officer – Seamus Nesling

OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1. Ordering of Agenda

ORIGINAL - Motion P330 – 08/09

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Stepan Vdovine) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board order the agenda as circulated.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7
Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED 7-0.

2. Correspondence

ORIGINAL - Motion P331 – 08/09

Member (Susan Carr) Moved, Member (Ken Clarkson) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board receive any correspondence for information.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was:
Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED 7-0.

Correspondence included a letter from the Ministry of Education regarding maximizing the use of BC Wood in school construction projects funded by the Ministry of Education, and another email from Ms. Karen Georgi regarding Trustee Committee reporting.

ORIGINAL - Motion P332 – 08/09

Member (Stepan Vdovine) Moved, Member (Ken Clarkson) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board move the letter from the Ministry to the Chair Report for discussion.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED 7-0.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. April 8, 2009 Public Meeting Minutes

ORIGINAL - Motion P333 – 08/09

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Mike Huber) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board approve the April 8, 2009 Public Meeting Minutes as circulated.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS

1. MRSS Relay for Life Presentation

Mr. Bruce Cunnings, the Vice Principal of Maple Ridge Secondary School (MRSS) along with 2 students from MRSS made a presentation to the Board regarding MRSS hosting the first Relay for Life at a high school in BC.

It is an event that students and staff from MRSS will be participating in by taking turns walking/running around the track for 12 hours straight starting at 7:00 pm on May 22, 2009. Thus far, they have over 120 participants.

This year the Relay is for Friends and Family of MRSS only, but they extend the invitation for anyone to come by and watch. Their vision is to get other schools in the District involved so that eventually each school will host their own Relay for Life in the future.

There will be a "Survivors' Lap" where all survivors or friends and family of survivors can take part in a one victory lap. The Survivors' Lap will start at 7:00 pm, with the Relay to follow.

Luminaries are also available for purchase in remembrance of those who have either survived Cancer or lost their battle to Cancer. The Luminaries will be lit up around the track and it is a very touching display.

Donations can be made online or in person to anyone participating in the event.

The Board Chair stated that she was publicly donating \$50 to the Cause and she challenged all the other Trustees to match or beat her donation.

2. SSS Scholarships

Mr. Ron Lancaster, Coordinator of Work Experience and Trades, presented 3 students from the Carpentry, Commercial Transportation, and Culinary Apprenticeship Programs, with Secondary Scholarships from the Provincial Government.

The Chair then invited anyone to speak to any item on the agenda but no one took the opportunity at that time.

CHAIR REPORT

1. Spring Break – info item

ORIGINAL - Motion P334 – 08/09

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Ken Clarkson) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board receive the Chair Report.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. **The motion CARRIED 7-0.**

The Superintendent advised that some employees that live outside of the District may be working while their children are on Spring Break, being some of the other districts have different Spring Breaks than our district.

2. Letter from the Ministry of Education regarding the use of BC Wood

Trustee Vdovine asked the Secretary Treasurer, Don Woytowich, about the implications and if our District is using BC Wood. The Secretary Treasurer stated that a fair amount of BC wood is used in the Elementary Schools however Secondary Schools use more metal than wood. The Garabaldi expansion is also using quite a lot of wood.

TRUSTEE MOTIONS

1. Advocacy Committee Motion

Trustee Vdovine explained that he feels it is perfect timing right now and it comes as a result of recognizing that advocacy is one of our goals just like our agenda, that we set for the term in office. He thinks it is critical that the agenda for advocacy work be set and that it would be a productive effort to engage that expertise. There is also a desire from the Partner Groups to work with us on this.

He then stated that if the Board is willing to move that way, he will be the representative and could set up a time to discuss the work that the committee will focus on.

Some Trustees commented that the Board already does advocate and get information when needed and that this would be another committee that would be duplicating the work of the other committees.

ORIGINAL - Motion P335 – 08/09

Member (Stepan Vdovine) Moved, Member (Ken Clarkson) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board establish a District Advocacy Committee, as part of its Committee Structure, meeting quarterly and extending representation to DPAC, MRPVPA, MRTA, CUPE and the Board of Education.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 2. (Trustees Ward and Palis did not vote in favour)

The motion CARRIED 5-2.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S DECISION ITEMS1. Montessori Registration Update**ORIGINAL - Motion P336 – 08/09**

Member (Ken Clarkson) Moved, Member (Susan Carr) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board receive the Deputy Superintendent's report on Montessori Registration.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED 7-0.

The Deputy Superintendent explained that at the March 25th, 2009 Board of Education Meeting, the Montessori parent group provided an update on the Montessori program at Hammond and identified that they would like the program to grow to include grade 5 students. They identified that this would require an additional FTE teacher. This was provided and the teacher FTE in the program increased from 2.5 teachers to 3.5 teachers. However due to the number of students who have registered in Montessori for the 2009/10 school year and the large number of early primary students in contrast to the smaller number of intermediate students it is not possible to allow the grade fives to attend the program unless an additional .5 FTE teacher is provided.

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4. If the program continues to grow and Hammond Elementary does not have room for expansion, consideration be given to establishing a second Montessori program at another location in the school district.
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Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Susan Carr) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board approve the first reading of the Property Disposal Policy and that it be put out to the public and brought back to the Board in 30 days for a second reading.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED 7-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION ITEMS1. Environmental School Proposal

The Superintendent explained that he had received a proposal to establish a school that is specifically focused on the environment. An initial grant of \$20,000 has been applied for and approved.

He recommended that the Board refer this proposal to the Education Committee and that the applicant's be referred to the "Expanding Program Options" procedure. He will also arrange for them to make a presentation to the Board regarding this initiative.

ORIGINAL - Motion P350– 08/09

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Ken Clarkson) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board refer this proposal to the Education Committee and that the applicant's be referred to the "Expanding Program Options" procedure.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED 7-0.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION ITEMS1. Late French Immersion Update

Following the last Board meeting where Late French Immersion was cancelled at both Highland Park and Fairview, all students who had signed up at both locations were tracked for future plans. The Deputy Superintendent presented the Board with the results and current enrollment numbers, for the Board's information.

ORIGINAL - Motion P351– 08/09

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Ken Clarkson) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board receive the Deputy Superintendent's report on Late French Immersion, for information.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED 7-0.

2. Impact of Declining Enrollment

The Deputy Superintendent presented the Board with a report that shows information on plans to address declining enrollment into the future.

ORIGINAL - Motion P352– 08/09

Member (Ken Clarkson) Moved, Member (Eleanor Palis) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board receive the Deputy Superintendent's report on the Impact of Declining Enrollment, for information.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED 7-0.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS - COMMITTEE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Education Committee

2. Aboriginal Education Committee

There is a meeting next week.

3. Human Resources Committee

4. Inclusive Education Committee

Trustee Clarkson submitted a report.

5. Finance Committee

6. Anti-Vandalism Committee

The Chair wanted to mention the newspaper from Blue Mountain, as they did a really great job on it.

7. Policy Advisory Committee

8. Communications Advisory

Trustee Carr submitted a report.

9. French Immersion Advisory

10. District Student Advisory

The meeting was cancelled due to the rally.

11. Social Wellness Committee

12. Nutrition Committee

Trustee Carr submitted a report and advised that the Chair's position had been discontinued unfortunately, so now as a group, they are focusing on how to move forward.

13. Historical Committee

TRUSTEE REPORTS

1. Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

2. Joint Leisure Services

3. Social Planning Advisory

4. Municipal Advisory & Accessibility

5. Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council

Trustee Rempel advised that there was on Monday (April 27) and that is why he wasn't at the Riverside meeting. He also informed the Board about the Celebration of the Arts week that just finished and that it had over 600 people attend. He also advised that the AGM will take place on October 5, 2009.

6. BCSTA Provincial Council

The Board Chair announced that the Provincial Council passed the budget. She also wanted the Trustees to be aware of the motion tracking that is in the back of their BCSTA binders.

7. District Parent Advisory Council

8. Tzu Chi Foundation

Trustee Rempel advised that on April 7th the Tzu Chi committee allocated around \$8000, to a Bursary that is about the celebration of students.

9. Youth Society Committee

Trustee Carr submitted a report. She also advised that the Haney Rotary Charity Golf tournament is coming up on Wednesday, May 27th and the money raised will go towards purchasing a new washer and dryer for the Iron Horse Safe House. There will also be a Silent Auction at the tournament, as well as a booth at the Home Show, and any money raised from these events will also go to the washer and dryer

10. External Representative Reports

11. Board Liaison Representative Reports

12. Other Trustee Reports

1. Good news items:

- Trustee Carr showed everyone the t-shirts from the DSAC and from Davie Jones that students had created.
- Trustee Palis shared that her and Trustee Carr went to 3 schools the day before for the Susical at Hammond Elementary, the Webster's Corners Science demonstration, and also to Hammond in order to visit 3 of the classes involved in the laptop program.
- The Board Chair wanted to take the opportunity to thank Trustee Carr for attending the Spirit of BC Office opening and the DSAC Core Project on behalf of the Board while they were away at BCSTA AGM. She also wanted to share that she attended the opening of the Spirit Square in Pitt Meadows as well as the Kick-off event for the Disability games.
- The Board also thanked Thomas Haney Secondary for hosting the Board meetings and meals all day. They hope the community can appreciate that the reason that the meetings are in schools, is that they want to show that they are accessible to the public in Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer