



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**
Wednesday, April 14, 2010 (6:00 PM)
DEO Board Room

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

STAFF:

Superintendent – Jan Unwin
Secretary Treasurer – Wayne Jefferson
Deputy Superintendent – David Vandergugten
Communications Officer – Seamus Nesling
Executive Assistant – Tracy Smith

ABSENT:

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Welcome to David Vandergugten as Deputy Superintendent.

2. Correspondence

3. Ordering of Agenda

Corrections:

- Correspondence from The Act moved to Chair Report

Added:

- Superintendent's Information Items: Ratification of Principalships for Riverside Centre and Summer School

ORIGINAL - Motion P300 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Rempel) Moved, Member (Trustee Carr) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'THAT the Board order the agenda as amended.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7
Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. March 31, 2010 Public Meeting Minutes

ORIGINAL - Motion P301 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Rempel) Moved, Member (Trustee Ward) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'THAT the minutes of the March 31, 2010 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. PRESENTATIONS**D. DELEGATIONS****E. CHAIR REPORT**

The Chair referred to correspondence received from Lindy Sisson of The Act and reported that they are seeking an increased relationship between the Arts Council and the schools and commended Trustee Rempel for his participation. One suggestion was to display School Smart projects at the Act.

ORIGINAL - Motion P302 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Rempel) Moved, Member (Trustee Ward) seconded to approve 'THAT the Board invite Lindy Sisson from the Act to make a presentation to the Board.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

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
 - i. Bylaw RE: PMSS Statutory Right-of-Way
 - ii. PMSS – Artificial Turf Operating and Construction Agreements

1c)i. Bylaw RE: PMSS Statutory Right-of-Way

The Board of Education and the City of Pitt Meadows have entered into a construction, maintenance and use agreement for the proposed new artificial turf field at the Pitt Meadows Secondary School site. The agreement allows for the entering into a Statutory Right-of-Way ("SROW") between the parties to protect the rights and interests of both parties.

The SROW covers only the current existing play space as detailed on Schedule "A" of the agreement. The two companion agreements (construction and use) provide the details on the roles and responsibilities of each party and have a process to resolve any issues or disputes with the agreements'

language under the requirements of the School Act. Section 68 (1) school districts, must exercise their authority on matters dealing with land and for improvement by passing bylaws.

The City of Pitt Meadows council last week approved the SROW, construction and use agreements and we are awaiting the School District's approval to award the construction tender. The tender is under the budgeted amount. The tender is only available for a short period of time and along with the City of Pitt Meadows are anticipating the passing tonight of the Bylaw.

Discussion ensued in strong support of this Bylaw and is a testament to the strong partnership with the Districts of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.

ORIGINAL - Motion P303 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Rempel) Moved, Member (Trustee Ward) seconded to approve 'THAT Bylaw re: Pitt Meadows Secondary – Statutory Right-of-Way – construction, maintenance and use of the artificial turf field be given **three (3) readings** at the meeting (vote must be unanimous).' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 7 Nay: 0

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ORIGINAL - Motion P304 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Rempel) Moved, Member (Trustee Ward) seconded to approve 'THAT Bylaw re: Pitt Meadows Secondary – Statutory Right-of-Way – construction, maintenance and use of the artificial turf field be approved as read a **first time**.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 7 Nay: 0

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ORIGINAL - Motion P305 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Rempel) Moved, Member (Trustee Ward) seconded to approve 'THAT Bylaw re: Pitt Meadows Secondary – Statutory Right-of-Way – construction, maintenance and use of the artificial turf field be approved as read a **second time**.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 7 Nay: 0

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ORIGINAL - Motion P306 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Ward) Moved, Member (Trustee Rempel) seconded to approve 'THAT Bylaw re: Pitt Meadows Secondary – Statutory Right-of-Way – construction, maintenance and use of the artificial turf field be approved as read a **third time**.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 7 Nay: 0

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1c)ii. PMSS – Artificial Turf Operating and Construction Agreements

Over the past three years, the Board of Education and the City of Pitt Meadows have been discussing the exciting opportunity of jointly developing the Pitt Meadows Secondary School site to include an artificial turf field for school and community use.

The discussions have involved a lot of staff time, as well as, time of both Board of Education Trustees and Mayor and City Councillors.

The two enclosed agreements are the results of these negotiations and reflect the best use of the funds available now and into the future for the construction, maintenance and use from the school district and community perspective.

The funds being contributed are in the form of grants, city and private contributions and school district AFG funds as follows:

BCFCC	\$1,190,000
City of Pitt Meadows	595,000
Pitt Meadows Soccer Club	100,000
School District No. 42	<u>300,000</u>
	<u>\$2,185,000</u>

The Board previously approved the use of the \$300,000 from the Annual Facilities Grant funding for this purpose. With signing of the agreements, monies can be released. The City of Pitt Meadows will fund the replacement of the field as part of the long term agreement. Field user groups also pay towards maintenance.

ORIGINAL - Motion P307 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Palis) Moved, Member (Trustee Rempel) seconded to approve ‘THAT the Board approve the Pitt Meadows Artificial Turf Field Operating and Construction Agreements (“Agreements”) and authorize the Board Chair and Secretary Treasurer to execute the Agreements on behalf of the Board.’ Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 7 Nay: 0

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Information Items:

a) Superintendent of Schools

Ratification of Riverside Centre and Summer School Principalships

Superintendent Unwin reported that the Board ratified two appointments of Principalship:

Riverside Centre: For clarification, this is not an additional Principalship, but rather an expanded mandate for the previous principalship of Continuing Education.

The Riverside Centre District Principal is Bruce Grady.

Summer School: The appointment is awarded to Drew Clutchey who was principal last year. Future hopes are to have it continue under the umbrella of Continuing Education. This school district as are other districts, are reviewing summer school practices and are considering decreasing offerings of Summer School by half as compared to that of last year. Two considerations for Summer School: Funding and Educational. The program is designed for kids who want to be successful but can’t quite make it.

ORIGINAL - Motion P308 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Rempel) Moved, Member (Trustee Palis) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's report for information.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 7 Nay: 0

- b) Deputy Superintendent
- c) Secretary Treasurer
 - i. Roofing Tender Process

2.c)i. Roofing Tender Process

In response to a question asked at the last Board meeting, March 31, 2010, by a roofing contractor, staff has reviewed the matter of extending the bid closing date by five (5) days and has agreed to issue an amendment to the process to permit more time for the bidders to prepare their quote.

As of the date of the meeting, March 31, 2010, the Board had already received fourteen (14) bid requests from contractors, so the interest in competing for the work is strong. Eleven (11) bid forms have been submitted and a contractor has been chosen and the three schools are being done by one contractor.

Compliments to the district for the timely manner in which this matter was handled.

ORIGINAL - Motion P309 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Ward) Moved, Member (Trustee Rempel) seconded to approve 'THAT the Board of Education receive the Secretary Treasurer's report on the matter of the closing date for the roofing contracts for information.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 7 Nay: 0

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Advocacy Committee. Trustee Vdovine reported on the last meeting whereby they were working on a number of initiatives and discussed a review of the committee's year up until now. A committee survey is to be conducted and will be obtaining feedback from the partner groups. The information will be provided to the Board in due course.

Trustee Vdovine spoke to a new publication the district is looking into. Superintendent Unwin added that the publication showcases public education in a venue at no cost to us. Seamus Nesling reported that he has been speaking to a company who has been working with the Langley district. The advertising comes from the same companies who post on our website and is community based advertising. This is an opportunity to highlight the great things the school district is doing within the community and an opportunity for students to do the legwork such as reporting.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

1. Public Questions

2. Employee Group Questions

Gladys Hewson asked if the PMSS soccer field washrooms will be maintained by CUPE. Trustee Carr suspects it may be similar situation to Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary whereby the washroom is accessible from the outside and maintained by CUPE. The Secretary Treasurer reported that the Board will look into the matter and respond directly to the question.

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Tzu Chi Foundation. Trustee Rempel reported on the meeting he attended with Tzu Chi Committee. Had applications for \$14,000 and eventually allocated funding for \$5,000. The next celebration of bursaries is May 20th at Hammond Elementary from 3:30 – 5:30pm.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation. The Annual Gala dinner is on May 8th. The doors open at 6:00 pm with dinner commencing at 7:00pm. Theme: “Past and Future”. A fun evening for a very worthwhile cause.

Joint Leisure Services. Trustee Huber reported that he is pleased with the way the progress the communities are making. An example being the turf field/Master Cultural Plan. Good synergy of groups working together exemplifying the cooperation of groups in our community.

District Parent Advisory Council. The Chair and Secretary Treasurer attended the DPAC meeting at THSS. DPAC is seeking candidates for upcoming elections in June.

PMSS PAC Meeting. Trustee Ward reported that she and Trustees Carr and Palis attended the PMSS PAC meeting hosted by Barry Henderson showcasing a group of young leaders who raised \$6,400 for Africa and encouraged the public to attend the upcoming talent show “Artists for Africa” on April 28th 7:00 - 9:00pm. Entry is by donation. Donations more than \$10 will receive tax receipts. The students challenged the Board to supply a gift basket for their silent auction. Trustee Carr to cover details.

Education Committee. Trustee Carr reported how pleased she was to serve on the Education Committee and in doing so attended the celebration of the continuing research for the Environmental School and spoke to the information night that took place last Thursday April 7th. Trustee Carr publicly thanked anyone who has and is still working on this project.

Trustee Rempel spoke to the Maple Ridge Secondary School Grad Transition presentations and spoke to the talent and motivation of the students.

Trustee Palis reported that she was at the Act Theatre this morning for the holocaust and genocide student conference this morning. Every seat was filled with grades 10-12 students and commented on the wonderful up and coming young leaders.

Trustee Huber commented his observations in the newspapers on the diversity of our community and how our district works hard to highlight unique events.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

ORIGINAL - Motion P310 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Rempel) Moved, Member (Trustee Ward) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.
The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer