



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**
Wednesday, April 28, 2010 (6:00 PM)
DEO Board Room

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Chair – Ken Clarkson
Vice Chair – Eleanor Palis
Trustee – Susan Carr
Trustee – Dave Rempel
Trustee – Kathie Ward

STAFF:

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

ABSENT:

Trustee - Mike Huber
Trustee - Stepan Vdovine

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order

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

2. Correspondence

3. Ordering of Agenda

Corrections:

- Move the Presentation to the beginning of the meeting

Added:

- Superintendent Information Items

ORIGINAL - Motion P311 – 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: 5 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. April 14, 2010 Public Meeting Minutes

ORIGINAL - Motion P312 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Rempel) Moved, Member (Trustee Carr) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'THAT the minutes of the April 14, 2010 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. PRESENTATIONS

Ron Lancaster – Secondary School Apprenticeship (“SSA”)

Congratulations to

1. Derek Cooper (Plumbing apprenticeship)
2. Chris Jonsson (Floor layer apprenticeship)
3. Tyler Formosa (Electrician apprenticeship)
4. Robert McComb (Pipefitter apprenticeship)

SSA is a career program that provides students with the opportunity to begin an apprenticeship while still in high school, and to earn high school credits for doing so.

SSA Scholarships (unlike a traditional scholarship) can only be awarded six months following graduation

As an added bonus, SSAs can qualify for a \$1,000 scholarship if they have:

- Been registered in a school district SSA Program prior to graduation;
- Graduated with a Grade 12 Dogwood Diploma or Adult Dogwood;
- Successfully completed SSA 11A, SSA 11B, SSA 12A, and SSA 12B;
- Maintained a C+ average or better on Grade 12 numbered courses; and
- Continued working or training full-time in the trade 5 months after secondary school graduation or have 1100 hrs reported to ITA.

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

F. DEFERRED ITEMS

G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

1. Decision Items

- a) Superintendent of Schools
- b) Deputy Superintendent
- c) Secretary Treasurer

2. Information Items

- a) Superintendent of Schools

- i. School Closure Transition Update

Mt. Crescent:

School closure year end activities:

May 18 - all day - Greater Vancouver Zoo – whole school.

June 3 - 6:30 - 8:00 pm - Community open house in the gym with the focus being on an adult celebration for current and former staff and students. Short speeches and a chance to meet with friends and colleagues to remember and reminisce.

June 8 - Vancouver Aquarium – whole school.

The week of June 14 – student body will participate in the Marion Rose Step lively dance project – dance lessons will be provided to all students June 14 to June 17. The dance project culminates with a family dance on Thursday June 17 in the gym from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

June 18 - 9:00 am - noon – year end assembly and lunch.

Riverside:

School closure year end activities:

June 3: 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

Partyworks Inc. will be involved in this celebration. The celebration will include inflatable kids play centres and caravel activities. Hotdogs and other food items will be donated by Sysco Foods Inc. Sysco foods will also supply the hotdog cooking equipment on site.

May 26 and June 17 are the two visitation dates at Maple Ridge and Hammond Elementarlys.

Superintendent Unwin reassured everyone that the first priority is the kids and that a process is going to be in place one year from now to track how those kids and families have transitioned.

ORIGINAL - Motion P313 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Rempel) Moved, Member (Trustee Carr) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's school closure update for information.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ii. Audit Appeal Update

Superintendent Unwin reviewed the handout and reviewed the excerpt as sent to the Ministry of Education and explained the reasoning behind why funding was pulled back continuing on to state that the purpose of the appeal was to not only capture money back but to also show the Ministry that they need to change their system and that the process that has been in place is not working.

ORIGINAL – Motion P314 - 09/10

Member (Trustee Rempel) Moved, Member (Trustee Palis) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's audit appeal update for information.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b) Deputy Superintendent
- c) Secretary Treasurer

Administrative Placements and Ratification

Superintendent Unwin confirmed that management has now completed placements of administrators for 2010/11 using a long list of criteria including best fit, succession planning, experience, and long term view of getting to excellence. This list is subject to change as new information comes to the District.

ORIGINAL - Motion P315 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Ward) Moved, Member (Trustee Rempel) 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: 5 Nay: 0.

Appointment of new IT Manager

After a lengthy process of advertising, shortlisting from 95 to 7 applicants and interviewing 5, Richard Eskandar is the successful candidate for the position of IT Manager. Mr. Eskandar was the IT Director at Langara College in Vancouver and is a local resident of Maple Ridge with children in the School District. Mr. Eskandar starts May 3, 2010.

ORIGINAL - Motion P316 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Ward) Moved, Member (Trustee Rempel) 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: 5 Nay: 0.

H. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Anti-Vandalism Committee. Trustee Ward reported that on May 19th, the committee is teaming up with Pitt Meadows Community Policing to do an anti-gravity forum at 7:00 pm at Pitt Meadow Heritage Hall and on May 28th, Anti-Vandalism Committee will be participating in the Davie Jones country fair to get the message out and involve the students.

I. QUESTION PERIOD

A member of the public inquired as to why Thomas Haney Secondary has alcohol related banners on display. Trustee Rempel spoke to matter explaining that the Wine Festival occurred on April 10th. The banners are still up for the upcoming Ridge Meadows Education Foundation Gala taking place on May 8th. The banners were left up to save labour costs and effort.

Westview Secondary's Maynard Embree, Work Experience Coordinator, reminded everyone of the upcoming Home Show and all of the School District students who will be conducting work experience / volunteerism.

J. TRUSTEE REPORTS

The Trustees reminded everyone of the upcoming community events:

April 28: Pitt Meadows Secondary leadership students are hosting a fundraiser talent show raising money for Sierra Leone. The Trustees donated a gift basket for the raffle.

May 4: ICBC event, including rollover simulator, taking place at Pitt Meadows Secondary starting at 11:54 am.

May 6: ICBC event, taking place at Connex – South Lillooet Centre at 11:00 am.

May 8: Ridge Meadows Education Fund ("RMEF") Gala at Thomas Haney Secondary. Doors open at 6:00 pm. The theme is 'Past and Future'.

May 19: ICBC event, including rollover simulator, taking place at Westview Secondary at 9:53 am.

All ICBC events are being brought to the schools as part of ICBC's Road Sense appreciation. Any persons wishing to attend any of the above events, kindly contact the school accordingly.

May 20: Tzu Chi Foundation's Celebration of Bursaries - Hammond Elementary 3:30 – 5:30 pm.

Trustee Rempel reported on his attendance at the Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Arts Council event last week and commended the participants including the School District elementary choirs.

Trustee Palis reported that she attended Pitt Meadows Elementary last week to help the school welcome students from Quebec. The students had a great time and took part in many activities including Quinton Harris' wood carving and a trip into Vancouver on the West Coast Express.

Trustees Carr and Palis attended Public Speaking events at both Alexander Robinson on April 27th and Eric Langton this morning. Winners of the Public Speaking will speak at the upcoming RMEF dinner.

The Trustees reported on their attendance at the Garibaldi Secondary production of "Love is All" bringing "Across the Universe" to the stage.

Trustee Carr reported on the Trustee attendance at the DSAC Core Project at the Greg Moore Youth Centre.

Deputy Superintendent Vandergugten reported on the success of Webster's Corners successful Science Fair held in conjunction with Earth Day.

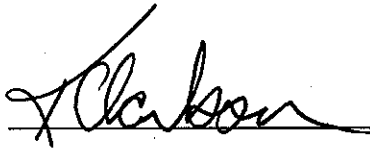
K. OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

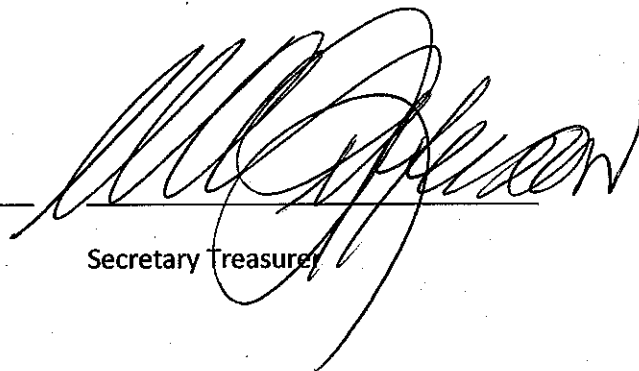
ORIGINAL - Motion P317 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Rempel) Moved, Member (Trustee Palis) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.



Chair



Secretary Treasurer