



Wednesday, February 9, 2011
6:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

District Education Office
22225 Brown Avenue
Boardroom

AGENDA

"It is the service we are not obliged to give that people value the most"

A - OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order
2. Correspondence
 - i. Ministry of Education – Anti-Bullying Day Proclamation 2011*
 - ii. Ministry of Education – BCeSIS - Letter from M. MacDiarmid*
 - iii. Stephen Hansen – BC School Trustee Association*
 - iv. RCMP Crime Prevention - Social Media Workshop*
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 - c) Secretary Treasurer

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 - e) Aboriginal Education Committee
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5. Employee Group Questions

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2. Joint Parks and Leisure Services
3. Social Planning Advisory
4. Municipal Advisory & Accessibility
5. Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council
6. BCSTA Provincial Council
7. District Parent Advisory Council
8. Tzu Chi Foundation
9. Youth Society Committee
10. External Representative Reports
11. Board Liaison Representative Reports
 - a) BCPSEA Annual General Meeting Update – E. Palis*
12. Other Trustee Reports
 - a) Good News Items
 - b) Public Disclosure of Closed Meeting Business*

L – OTHER BUSINESS

M – ADJOURNMENT



To: Board of Education

From: Board Chair
Ken Clarkson

Re: **CORRESPONDENCE**

Date February 9, 2011
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

1. Ministry of Education – Anti-Bullying Day Proclamation 2011
2. Ministry of Education – BCeSIS – Response Letter from M. MacDiarmid
3. Stephen Hansen – BC School Trustee Association (“BCSTA”)
Call for Nominations for Board of Directors
4. RCMP Crime Prevention – Social Media Workshop

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board receive any correspondence for information.

Attachments



January 21, 2011

Ref: 143650

To: Superintendents of Schools
Independent School Authorities
Public School, Independent School and Band School Principals

RE: Anti-Bullying Day Proclamation 2011

Wednesday, February 23, 2011, will be proclaimed "Anti-Bullying Day" throughout British Columbia. The annual "Pink Shirt" anti-bullying campaign promoted by CKNW radio in Vancouver is also scheduled for this date.

As you know, schools play an important role in helping children and youth develop positive social behaviours—by setting expectations for appropriate behaviour, by teaching healthy relationship skills, and by modeling healthy relationship skills in practice.

As we approach this year's Anti-Bullying Day, I hope you will encourage all principals and staff in your schools to reinforce conduct expectations with their students. Please also encourage them to reach out to parents for support in encouraging pro-social behaviours in their children to help make their schools as safe, caring and orderly as possible.

You may wish to provide your principals with the following information to help them as they plan any activities related to Anti-Bullying Day this year.

The 2010 pamphlet entitled *Your Role in Helping Children and Youth Develop Healthy Relationship Skills* highlights ways that teachers can address healthy relationships using topics in BC's curricula (Health and Career Education K to 7, 8 and 9, and Planning 10). Here is a direct link to a print-ready version of the brochure:

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sco/relationship.pdf>

Keeping Your Kids Safe—A Guide for Parents of Students in Grades K–12 was developed by the Ministry of Education to help schools positively engage parents regarding bullying behaviour and other safety issues.

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A direct link to the English version of this brochure is provided here:

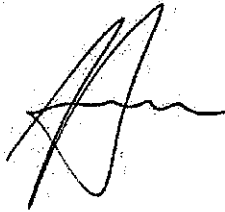
http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sco/resourcedocs/keeping_kids_safe/keeping_kids_safe_print.pdf

This brochure is also available in 14 additional languages at the Ministry's Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools website:

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sco/resources.htm>

Best wishes for success in this important collaborative work.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'James Gorman', written in a cursive style.

James Gorman
Deputy Minister



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Ref: 142236

Ken Clarkson, Chair
Board of Education
School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge- Pitt Meadows)
22225 Brown Ave
Maple Ridge BC V2X 8N6

Dear Mr. Clarkson:

Thank you for your letter of October 7, 2010, regarding the BC enterprise Student Information System (BCeSIS).

We recognize that the problems with BCeSIS performance in September were very disruptive to school operations and frustrating for all users. The Ministry has worked very closely with technical experts to identify and resolve the underlying causes of these problems. Several changes have already been implemented and the system is once again stable and functioning well. The support team continues to monitor performance and work with our vendors to make additional software improvements. Plans have been prepared for testing system functionality prior to each major business event throughout the year and mitigation strategies have been developed to ensure that there are no further interruptions to school operations. A thorough review of the incident is being conducted.

We are also working directly with specific districts to address their local infrastructure and performance issues.

The Ministry remains committed to providing a common student information system. School-level access to a single, consolidated record for each student throughout their entire educational career is a foundation for making decisions that affect school planning and individual student achievement, and is critical for the emerging vision for personalized learning. Recognizing that the maintenance of student records is a district responsibility, the Ministry supports a collaborative approach to managing and sharing student information.

Again, thank you for sharing your views about BCeSIS.

Sincerely,

Margaret MacDiarmid
Minister

Tracy Smith

From: Stephen Hansen <SHansen@BCSTA.ORG>
Sent: January-26-11 8:41 AM
To: Trustees
Cc: Superintendents; Secretary Treasurers; Executive Assistants; BCSTA All Staff
Subject: Call for Nominations for BCSTA Board of Directors
Attachments: bylaws_excerpts.pdf; 2011_Nomination_Form.pdf; 2011_Call_for_Nominations.pdf

Dear Trustees,

In accordance with Bylaw 15, nominations for the election of BCSTA officers for the 2011/2012 term of office are now open. President Denesiuk has decided that she will not be putting her name forward as a candidate for President. She will therefore become Past President for 2011/2012.

Nominations are being sought for the following positions:

President - 1 to be elected
Vice President - 1 to be elected
Directors - 4 to be elected

The deadline for receiving nominations to be included in delegate information packages is **Tuesday, March 15, 2011**. Additional nominations will be called for on Thursday evening, April 14th at the Annual General Meeting in Vancouver. Nominations will then be closed. Elections will be held on Saturday, April 16th.

Attached are: a copy of BCSTA Bylaw 2-5 and 15, which outline the procedures for the nomination and election of officers, as well as the roles and responsibilities of each office; and a nomination form. You may also access these documents online at:

- 2011 Call for Nominations: http://www.bcsta.org:8080/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-65360/2011_Call_for_Nominations.pdf
- 2011 Nomination Form: http://www.bcsta.org:8080/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-65361/2011_Nomination_Form.pdf
- Bylaw Excerpts: http://www.bcsta.org:8080/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-65362/bylaws_excerpts.pdf

Please note that the nomination form requires three signatures: those of the two nominators (trustees), and that of the nominee. Nominators do not need to be from the same board.

As per Bylaw 15(d), candidates are invited to submit a candidate statement (maximum of one double-sided 8 ½ by 11 page) plus a photograph. Candidate statements and photographs will be distributed to all members two weeks prior to the AGM – Candidate statements and photographs are due no later than March 22, 2011

**COMPLETED NOMINATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NO LATER THAN
MARCH 15, 2011**

Nomination forms may be mailed, faxed (604-732-4559), or emailed (shansen@bcsta.org) providing that signatures appear on the form when received. Digital (emailed) copies of candidate statements and photographs are preferred.

Tracy Smith

Subject: Social Media Forum
Attachments: Social Media workshop poster.pdf

----- Original Message -----

From: Clint Van Blanken
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 1:35 PM
Subject: Social Media Forum

Hello Pitt Meadows CPC,

Tomorrow (Feb 3) marks the "kick off" of our campaign to generate and stimulate interest for our upcoming Social Media Parents Workshop. Tomorrow myself and some fellow Auxiliary Constables will be attending local high schools for their Parent/Teacher day to chat up the parents and hand out posters for the event. We have 3 speakers confirmed for the evening and so far I have heard nothing but positive feedback. I have been in touch with both local papers and am awaiting response.....hopefully they will pick up the story. The poster for our event is attached to this email and I have the PA system booked for the evening as well.

How is everyone else doing on their list of "to do's"? It is time to start really flying the flag for this event. What else can we do?

Clint van Blanken
RCMP Crime Prevention/Volunteer Coordinator
District of Maple Ridge
11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC, V2X 6A9
Tel:604-467-7644
cvanblanken@mapleridge.ca



**Facebook, Youtube, Twitter.
What does it all mean?**

**The City of Pitt Meadows and their partner,
the Community Policing Committee, in conjunction with
the RCMP invites you to our free event**

Social Media Why it Matters to Your Teen & How to Notice Potential Problems

**Today's technology and information sharing is changing
so fast that it is easy to feel bewildered, particularly for
parents, as our youth seem to flourish with these
new and ever changing concepts**

**Please join us where we will have Police members,
Youth services and professional counsellors
speaking on the subject**

Feb 16, from 7pm to 8:30

**Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall
12460 Harris rd., Pitt Meadows**





To: Board of Education

From: Board Chair
Ken Clarkson

Re: **ORDERING OF AGENDA**

Date February 9, 2011
(Public Board Meeting)

Decision

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Agenda be ordered as circulated.



To: Board of Education

From: Board Chair
Ken Clarkson

Re: **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Date: February 9, 2011
(Public Board Meeting)

Decision

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Minutes of the January 26, 2011 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

Attachment



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, January 26, 2011 (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 – Stepan Vdovine
Trustee – Kathie Ward

STAFF:

Superintendent – Jan Unwin
Secretary Treasurer – Wayne Jefferson
Deputy Superintendent – Laurie Meston
Communications/Community Relations – S. Nesling
Executive Assistant – Tracy Smith

ABSENT:

Trustee – Mike Huber

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

Call to Order

The Chair welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. **Correspondence**

Local Government Program Services, Union of BC Municipalities

Moved: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board receive the correspondence from the Union of BC Municipalities for information.

2. **Ordering of Agenda**

Additions:

- E. Chair Report – Chair Clarkson

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

CARRIED

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **January 12, 2011 Public Meeting Minutes**

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Minutes of the January 12, 2011 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

Use of Technology to Support Online Learning of English 11/12 at Thomas Haney Secondary School

- Jamie Scoular, English Teacher and Claire Chang, Student

- Provides means to explore new ways of teaching students - 21st century learning will be different.
- Allows time/freedom to explore passions and allows student to choose topics they are interested in learning about, engaging the learner.
- Students are fueled with a passion to learn and share their curiosities; demands students to question themselves in the definition of excellence; students assist with collaboration, self-assessment.
- The Superintendent asked Claire what three things THSS models to engage students to which she responded that she like the self-directed system; working at own pace but having deadlines; can be self-motivated to do what she wants; is able to work ahead if she chooses and can get projects done quickly.
- Everyone is invited to visit the website: thssenglish.ca

In preparation for the course Mr. Scoular was motivated by setting aside time on both summer and rainy days. It is a constant work in progress and a passion to constantly refine the process.

Director Sonne asked what could be offered to facilitate this type of course in the future.

- Collaborative time would assist with these types of projects.
- Performance scales as suggested and supported by Superintendent Unwin during her days as Principal.

Chair Clarkson commended Mr. Scoular and Ms. Chang for the inspiring and refreshing views into finding new ways of learning.

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Clarkson reported the Board of Education held meetings with CUPE and MRPVPA on January 19th. The Board was pleased with the positive comments and suggestions from both partner groups. The next Board Work Day on February 16th has been cancelled as it is a District Professional Development day.

F. DEFERRED ITEMS

G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS

Moved: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board Chair write a letter on behalf of the Board to the Ministry of Education urging the Ministry and BCTF to work collaboratively in restructuring the FSA so it emerges as a useful tool enhancing and assisting the delivery of education in our Province.

CARRIED

Trustee Vdovine exited the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

1. Decision Items

- a) Superintendent of Schools

Mt. Crescent and Riverside Elementary Schools Transition Letter

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

The Superintendent referred to the draft letter included with the Agenda package outlining the purpose and intent of gathering information to determine how the students are managing through the school transition.

A suggestion was made to edit the letter specifically asking how the child(ren) and families are doing and gather feedback from staff (SEAs, noon hours, clerical, custodial, teachers).

THAT the Board of Education approve the draft letter to parents of students who attended either Mt. Crescent Elementary or Riverside Elementary and direct the Board's Chairperson and Superintendent to execute the letter on behalf of the Board of Education.

CARRIED

- b) Deputy Superintendent

Board Authorized Approved ("BAA") Courses

Moved: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Palis

Deputy Superintendent Meston turned the presentation over to the Director Sonne who reviewed the existing academies, integrated trades, partnership programs and all relevant learning opportunities engaging students the School District has to offer.

Director Sonne continued to review the attachments included with the Agenda package reviewing proposed courses.

THAT the Board approve the Board Authority Authorized courses called PE Leadership 11, European Languages & Cultures 11 and the Passport to Trades Program.

CARRIED

The last course proposed is the first of its kind in the Province which includes a partnership with Kwantlen Polytechnic University ("KPU"). The initial plan commenced with discussions with the University of the Fraser Valley ("UFV") however, UFV was not prepared to proceed at the time. KPU approached SD42 regarding the opportunity. Director Sonne is seeking approval 'in principle' as the plan is not quite 100% ready. Areas of exploration include SD42's ability to provide full service, transferability of credits, costs and MRTA teaching opportunities.

Discussion ensued regarding the meaning behind, "approving in principle".

The application deadline is April 30 in order to be available for September. Secondary school counselors have already gained information and feedback from prospective students.

Trustee Ward proposed an amendment to the original motion.

Moved: Trustee Ward

Seconded: Trustee Rempel

THAT the Board give direction to Deputy Superintendent to pursue talks around the University Academic partnerships to work out any potential issues.

CARRIED

c) Secretary Treasurer

International Education Fees

The Secretary Treasurer referred to the attachment included with the Agenda package. The proposed increases will not detract from the offerings to international students to Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows. The reasons for the increases are outlined.

Trustee Rempel exited the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Moved: Trustee Ward

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board approve the following tuition and other related fee increases, effective July 1, 2011:

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED FEE INCREASES	
MSP Fee	\$800/year (\$80/mo.)
Homestay Placement Fee	\$100 (Flat Fee)
Homestay Fee	\$8,000/year (\$800/mo.)
Legal Fee	\$100 (Flat Fee)
Airport Pick-Up Fee	\$60 (Flat Fee)
Tuition Fees	\$12,000/year (\$1,200/mo.)

CARRIED

Trustee Rempel joined the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

2. Information Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

Learning for Tomorrow

The Superintendent complimented Jamie Scouler on his inspiring presentation as it promises thoughtful motivation coinciding with the Districts "Learning for Tomorrow" vision and referred to the attachment in the Agenda package.

In follow-up to the forum held at THSS on November 16, 2010, where 200 participants were invited for the purpose of helping shape the future direction of learning in the Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District, the Communications and Community Relations Manager, Seamus Nesling will be placing an advertisement

in the newspaper requesting the community to visit the website. There, visitors can review responses captured at the forum where discussion was centred around three key questions. As many as 750 responses were provided and compiled by Peter Drescher, the forum hired facilitator. A link will be added to the website seeking further community input.

Moved: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board receive the 'Learning for Tomorrow' update for information.

CARRIED

Special Education Audit

The Superintendent provided a brief overview referring to the information provided in the Agenda package. The District is pleased with the results although the audit cost us approximately \$100K. It is a great loss but it could have been much worse. Other Districts lose millions. The Superintendent commended Deputy Superintendent, Laurie Meston for her direction and succession ability to pass along good practice to our schools. She further commended the teachers, Special Education Assistants and Student Support Services teams. The audit team was enthusiastic about what they saw. The Superintendent extended a tremendous thank you to everyone who assisted with the process.

Deputy Superintendent Meston commended all personnel on their special education expertise. It is hard to find such great people who perform so well in their chosen field. We are lucky on all levels. Approximately 490 files were audited and all personnel were accommodating assisting with requests.

If families wish to appeal a decision regarding the coding of their child, there is a process in place and can be found on the website.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board receive the Special Education Audit Results as presented by the Ministry of Education Audit team for information.

CARRIED

- b) Deputy Superintendent
- c) Secretary Treasurer

H. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Education Committee.

Trustee Palis recently attended the French Immersion Kindergarten information evening.

Trustee Rempel wanted to remark on comments made at the last meeting by two fellow Trustees however as neither are present, will save his remarks for next time.

Trustee Carr requested the draft letters to Mt. Crescent and Riverside be presented to the Board prior to the mail out.

I. QUESTION PERIOD

A member of the public ("MOTP") inquired into the cost associated with the independent researcher regarding calendar schedules to which the Superintendent chose to not divulge the amount given it is not at her discretion to say. Further questions were asked regarding the budget line and how much is contained in that budget to which it was confirmed it is within the Superintendent's budget at an amount of \$40K.

MOTP inquired into the preliminary survey regarding semesters and asked if the District is considering the possibility of switching back to that system. The Superintendent reminded everyone it is merely an information gathering tool for future use when strategizing for the future. The Superintendent reminded everyone that SD42 was accused in the past of making decisions without gaining knowledge before changes were made. The School District is changing practices in that it is gathering all information prior to the best strategic planning which includes hearing how the community feels.

MOTP questioned the Board Chair referring to a quotation in a local newspaper to which he was unable to speak to as it occurred during a Closed Board Meeting.

A question was raised regarding special needs students and the concerns of losing coding. Deputy Superintendent Meston responded urging the need for appropriate documentation and that there is an appeals process via Laurie Smith, District Principal, Student Support Services.

A question was raised regarding the daycare plan at Webster's Corners Elementary. The Secretary Treasurer commented it will form part of the review process on the use of facilities as we solidify our priorities regarding the capital plan.

MRTA President, George Serra commented in terms of discussions regarding the special education audit this is about underfunding; the extra efforts Student Support Services had to go through; BCTF class size and composition and directed those parents who are upset to forward their concerns to the Government.

J. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Ward reported the next Fraser Valley Branch meeting is scheduled for February 17th at 5:30 p.m. in the Chilliwack School District.

Trustee Ward reported BC School Trustee Association nominations are being sought for the positions of President, Vice-President and Directors. The deadline for receiving nominations to be included in the delegate information packages prior to the Annual General Meeting is March 15, 2011.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Rempel shared the events he attended at the River Rock Casino for an event hosted by the Tzu Chi Foundation and continues to be impressed with scope and passion of the foundation for kids.

Trustee Carr – attended a Spelling Bee at Alexander Robinson Elementary and was so impressed at the formality and skills of the students. "It was amazing".

Trustee Palis reported on the Great BC Shakeout where Chair Clarkson went up against Mayors MacLean and Daykin earlier in the Boardroom, to see who had the best 'grab-n-go' earthquake kit. Representing School District No. 42, Chair Clarkson came out the winner as attested by the esteemed judges.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

CARRIED.



To: Board of Education

From: Board Chair
Ken Clarkson

Re: **PRESENTATION**

Date February 9, 2011
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

1. Emergency Preparedness - Barb Morgan and Judy Dueck

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board receive the presentation for information.



To: Board of Education

From: Deputy Superintendent
Laurie Meston

Re: **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
PHASE ONE / ENVIRONMENTAL
PROGRAM ENROLLMENT**

Date: February 9, 2011
(Public Board Meeting)

Decision

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

At the time of posting this information, the full details of the Full Day Kindergarten / Environmental Program registration impact was unknown so this attached report is an interim report as of February 4, 2011. The French Immersion, Kanaka Creek, and Montessori information is accurate as of this date and is attached.

These numbers are preliminary and are subject to further checking over the coming days and the Board will be kept apprised of development and updated at a future Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board receive the attached interim report on Full Day Kindergarten / Environmental Program registrations as of February 4, 2011, for information.

Attachment

Full Day Kindergarten Interim Report as of February 4, 2011

French Immersion Enrollment

- Eric Langton: 72 (includes 16 requests for Laity View)
Hard Cap: 44
- Laity View: 38
Hard Cap: 44
- Pitt Meadows Elementary: 63
Hard Cap: 44

Montessori

- Hammond: 20 (2 on waiting list)
Soft Cap: 20

Alternate Calendar

- Kanaka Creek: 70 (2 on waiting list)
Hard Cap: 70

Full-Day Kindergarten Enrollment

Due to the fact that we have all students register at their catchment school and then we develop the "School of Choice" lists, it takes some time to determine the accurate numbers of registrations. This process has begun to check the enrollments. We have had very few parent complaints about registration and the entire week has run very smoothly. The school administration and support staff did an excellent job in assisting parents in registering their children in full day kindergarten in our schools.

Environmental Program

The current enrollment numbers for the Environmental Program as of the date are:

Full Day Kindergarten:	21
Grades 1 to 7:	40

BCPSEA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Submitted by Eleanor Palis, Representative to BCPSEA

The Secretary Treasurer, Wayne Jefferson, and I attended the 17th Annual General Meeting of BC Public School Employers' Association January 27 - 29, 2011.

Acting Human Resources Director, Harry Dhillon and Stepan Vdovine (Trustee assigned to MRTA bargaining), also attended the three day event.

With CUPE negotiations taking place now in some districts and teacher bargaining set to begin in March, Thursday's Pro D workshops included media relations throughout the bargaining process; the history of bargaining in BC, employee relations, the neuroscience of saying "NO" and moving forward with a provincial election around the corner.

BC Teachers' Federation President, Susan Lambert addressed the congregation Friday morning with the plan that was presented to BCPSEA earlier this month. The wish of the BCTF is that the structure of bargaining be put on the table; that everything but wages, benefits, hours of work and paid leave be bargained locally, that the previous 4 be left to the provincial table. BCPSEA's response was that of a willingness to work constructively and collaboratively, towards sustainable results, but made comparative recognition of recent provincially negotiated agreements by other unions.

Friday also provided networking sessions by BCPSEA staff facilitating conversations with Trustees from around the Province at each table, not unlike our model at the 21st Century Learning inquiry. We got a feel for the important issues in each district surrounding provincial and/or local bargaining. March 1st being the day that bargaining officially begins, there were no clear answers as to where this may land, but responses from every table were recorded and will be considered in BCPSEA's impending decisions. It was pointed out several times over the weekend the upcoming leadership decision in the provincial government may well be a factor in determining actions.

A nomination for the position of President of the BCPSEA Board of Directors came from the floor on Friday night. Mel Joy, Trustee from Kootenay Lake (SD8) was elected as Chair on Saturday morning and replaces Ron Christensen who had served several years in this position.

The assembly approved the annual Budget and resolutions.

I am confident that our Director of Human Resources will keep us informed as the bargaining process gets underway.

RECORD

2010-2011

Pursuant to provisions of 72 (1) of the *School Act*, the following report is a general statement of: (a) matters discussed and (b) the general nature of decisions resolved at the following meetings from which persons other than trustees or officers of the Board, or both were excluded:

January 26, 2011

Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 7:50 p.m.
Motion of Exclusion	Approved
Ordering of Agenda	Approved as circulated
Confirmation of Minutes – January 12, 2011	Approved as circulated
Secretary Treasurer Recommendation	Approved
Superintendent Information Items	Received for information
Secretary Treasurer Information Items	Received for information
Committee Business	Received for information
Trustee Reports	Received for information
Other Business	
Adjournment	Approved and adjourned at 8:58 p.m.