



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, February 9, 2011 (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

STAFF:

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

ABSENT:

Deputy Superintendent – Laurie Meston
Trustee – Kathie Ward

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

Call to Order

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

1. **Correspondence**

Ministry of Education – Anti-Bullying Day Proclamation 2011
Ministry of Education – BCeSIS – Letter from Honourable Minister M. MacDiarmid
Stephen Hansen – BC School Trustee Association
RCMP Crime Prevention – Social Media Workshop

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board receive all the correspondence for information.

CARRIED

2. **Ordering of Agenda**

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Huber

THAT the Agenda be ordered as circulated.

CARRIED

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **January 26, 2011 Public Meeting Minutes**

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

The following changes were made to the minutes:

Page 5 H. "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." This sentence was moved from section G. to H.

Page 5 H. "A member of the public ("MOTP") inquired into the cost associated with the independent researcher regarding calendar schedules to which the Superintendent did not know the amount and would find that out."

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

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

SD42 Emergency Program – Barb Morgan, Judy Dueck and Rick Delorme

Judy Dueck introduced Barb Morgan of 'On the Run Promotions' who is working with the District of Maple Ridge, City of Pitt Meadows and School District coordinating an emergency response program in relationship with BC Emergency Response Management System ("BCERMS"). Highlights of the presentation included:

- Displaying SD42 Emergency Response binder and providing an overview of the structure and training. It is not a matter 'if' we will have an earthquake but 'when'. The importance of the binder being a 'living' document.
- Has met with all departments supplying training sessions including working with BC Housing.
- Concerns with students and safekeeping ensuring their safety in getting home.
- The Secretary Treasurer is working on policies: Critical Incidents.
- A goal is to hold an annual exercise.

The Chair opened the floor to questions.

Discussion ensued regarding areas of importance including the cost of such a program, communications and student safety.

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

The Chair spoke to the Special Education Audit which recently completed. SD42 did exceedingly better than other districts and gave credit to staff and all the preparation that went into it. The end result is having to repay \$74K which is less than expected.

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

2. Information Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

Kindergarten Registration: Phase One / Environmental School Enrollment

The Superintendent provided an overview of Kindergarten phase one registration as of February 4th. Kindergarten deadline is Friday, February 11th.

Currently:

Eric Langton Elementary: has accepted 42 with 15 on a waitlist;

Laity View Elementary: has added one class and can accommodate 56;

Pitt Meadows Elementary: 44 registered with 18 on a waitlist;

French immersion has grown immensely. Enrolment is higher than it has been in many years however lower for the English programs, which causes a dilemma. Pitt Meadows Elementary only has 13 students registered in English programs. The Superintendent will be following up with Joanne Rowen regarding how many students start in French but end up leaving. A more thorough report will be provided at an upcoming meeting.

Kanaka Creek Elementary: 73 registered and it is believed they can all be accommodated. This is key information indicating more families are interested in the balanced calendar.

Environmental School: 21 have been accepted.

b) Deputy Superintendent

c) Secretary Treasurer

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Aboriginal Education Committee. Trustee Carr reported on the attendance and success of the Winter Aboriginal Advisory and Educational Forum which took place on Monday, February 7th.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

A member of the public thanked the Board for revising the January 26, 2011 minutes and expressed concerns regarding correspondence from the Superintendent with respect to information requested on the independent researcher. Accordingly, the said member of the public informed the Board she will be making a Freedom of Information request concerning the cost of the researcher.

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

District Parent Advisory Council. Trustee Palis provided a report on a meeting held at Albion Elementary on February 7th. The next DPAC meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2011 at Alexander Robinson Elementary.

Good News Items. Trustee Carr reported on the grade 12 interviews she attended with Ken Clarkson and Jan Unwin at Maple Ridge Secondary School that morning. She was extremely impressed with the caliber of the students' presentations and is thankful to the schools in the District who provide students with such an opportunity.

Trustee Carr announced the 2011 Maple Ridge Heritage Awards has nominated the Mt. Crescent Elementary group for all of their efforts with respect to the time capsule and preservation of the school's history. The award is in recognition of those whose work has demonstrated excellence in Heritage Conservation. The event takes place on February 17th at St. Andrew's Heritage Church Hall.

Trustees Clarkson and Carr reported on their attendance at Garibaldi Secondary School's Youth and Philanthropy Initiative project and the great work the school and others like them are doing. The event

brings great awareness of non-profit organizations to students who had to set up interviews and prepare a presentation highlighting the initiatives of the organization. The winning group earned their organization \$5K.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

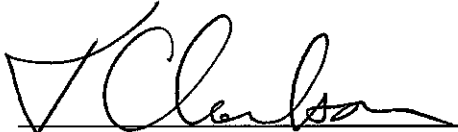
M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

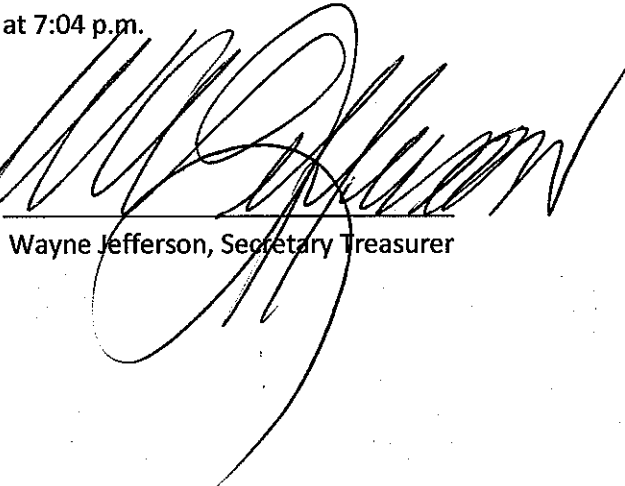
Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

CARRIED



Ken Clarkson, Chair



Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer