



**PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Wednesday, March 30, 2011
6:00 p.m.

District Education Office
22225 Brown Avenue
Boardroom

A G E N D A

"The great accomplishments of man have resulted from the transmission of ideas and enthusiasm"

A - OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order
2. Correspondence
 - i. George Abbott, Minister – Ministry of Education*
 - ii. Samantha Boutet, N.D.*
3. Ordering of Agenda

B- CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. March 9, 2011*

C – PRESENTATIONS

1. District Partnerships/Academies – Ron Lancaster

D – DELEGATIONS

E – CHAIR REPORT

F – DEFERRED ITEMS

G – TRUSTEE MOTIONS

H – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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 - a) Superintendent of Schools
 - b) Deputy Superintendent
 - c) Secretary Treasurer
2. Information Items
 - a) Superintendent of Schools
 - b) Deputy Superintendent
 - c) Secretary Treasurer

I – COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Committees of the Whole
 - a) 2010 - 2011 Finance
 - b) 2011 - 2012 Budget

3. Committee & Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Education Committee
- b) Human Resources Committee
- c) Inclusive Education
- d) Policy Advisory Committee
- e) Aboriginal Education Committee
- f) French Immersion Advisory Committee
- g) Anti-Vandalism Advisory Committee
- h) Communications Advisory
- i) District Student Advisory Committee
- j) Social Wellness Committee
- k) Historical Committee
- l) Advocacy Committee

J – QUESTION PERIOD

- 1. Trustee Questions
- 2. Staff Questions
- 3. Public Questions
- 4. DPAC Questions
- 5. Employee Group Questions

K – TRUSTEE REPORTS

- 1. Ridge Meadows Education Foundation
- 2. Joint Parks and Leisure Services
- 3. Social Planning Advisory
- 4. Municipal Advisory & Accessibility
- 5. Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council
- 6. BC School Trustee Association Provincial Council
- 7. District Parent Advisory Council
- 8. Tzu Chi Foundation
- 9. Youth Society Committee
- 10. External Representative Reports
- 11. Board Liaison Representative Reports
- 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 March 30, 2011
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

1. George Abbott, Minister - Ministry of Education
2. Samantha Boutet, N.D.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

Attachment



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Ken Clarkson, Chair
Board of Education
School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)
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Ken
Dear Mr. Clarkson:

Thank you for your letter dated January 31, 2011, regarding the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA). As the newly appointed Minister of Education, I am pleased to respond.

Measures like FSA are key accountability tools for government and school districts. These measures provide educators and policy makers with important student performance information. This student performance information enables the Province and school districts to identify long-term trends, including performance by specific groups of students. Only with such uniform and reliable year-to-year data can schools, districts and the Province be fully accountable to students, parents and British Columbians at large.

I welcome opportunities to discuss topics such as assessment with all stakeholders, including the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF). In fact, discussions of this sort are well underway in many school districts in the context of personalized learning and 21st century skills. I plan to meet with many stakeholders in the education system, including the BCTF, as part of my objective as the new Minister of Education.

We look forward to working together with educators across the province to design the future state of curriculum, assessment and educational programs.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours truly,

George Abbott
Minister

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Maple Ridge School Trustees:

Ken Clarkson, Eleanor Palis, Susan Carr, Mike Huber, Dave Rempel,
Stepan Vdovine, Kathie Ward

Maple Ridge School Superintendent:

Jan Unwin

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Thank you for receiving my presentation of February 23, 2011, regarding health risks of non-thermal biological effects from long term low level microwave radiofrequency radiation as emitted by the Wi-Fi Base Stations now installed in Maple Ridge schools.

As a parent, I do not relinquish my legal right and moral obligation to choose the risks my children will sustain. Further, the school does not have a right to make such choices on my behalf.

I have chosen to educate myself extensively on the issue of adverse health effects and no amount of statements assuring safety, nor reliance on platitudes from Health Canada, can evaporate the actual peer reviewed and published science showing risks to life from this toxic exposure. My daughter has suffered greatly as a result of close and continuous exposure to a Wi-Fi Base Station in Laity View Elementary over a period of two years. I was not asked for my consent, nor are any parents asked for their consent. Therefore, this school district has no waiver of liability from me, or other parents for the continued irradiation of our children from Wi-Fi Base Stations. This is a serious oversight given continuously emerging science evidencing health risks from non-thermal biological effects.

It is unconscionable for the school district, its trustees, administrators, teachers and staff to work for anything other than the best interests of all our children. There is no health risk from wired technology, while

there is clear evidence of health risk from wireless microwave radiation used in telecommunications.

On behalf of my daughter, whose health has been severely damaged by exposure to Wi-Fi Base Stations in Laity View Elementary, I request Maple Ridge School District institute a process of Informed Consent whereby parents are the ones to choose the level of risk their child will sustain. Again, it is not the school's legal right to supersede parental authority with regards to exposure of children to microwave radiation on a daily basis while in school.

I request that you oblige me with a formal written response to my presentation and this letter and the requests made therein. I also request that you create a committee consisting of parents with no ties to the telecommunications industry and no ties to the school board to examine the issue, including the latest research and the steps that other international governments are taking to safeguard the children in their schools.

I await your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

 N.D.
Samantha Boutet, N.D.

Please see attached page for example of a suitable consent form.

Here is a suggestion for a consent form that would move the liability away from the school district, and back to the parent, where it belongs:

Consent for Exposure to Microwave Radiation from Wireless Technology

I am satisfied that I have been informed of my right to obtain as much information about the health effects of exposure to low level, non-ionizing microwave radiation as I feel necessary, including information beyond that information provided to me by the school or School District 42 to the extent that I require and am not, in any way, relying solely upon information provided by School District 42 respecting the nature and extent of the risks and hazards associated with my child's exposure to low level, non-ionizing microwave radiation from wireless technology in School District 42 school buildings.

I freely and voluntarily assume the health risks and hazards inherent in the nature of low level, non-ionizing microwave radiation and understand and acknowledge to the school and School District 42, that my child, as a participant, may suffer personal and potentially serious injury to health. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to advise the school of any medical or health concerns of my child that may affect his/her risk level when being exposed to non-ionizing microwave radiation from wireless technology used at school.

Based on my understanding, acknowledgment and consents as described herein, I agree that my child has my permission to be exposed to the non-ionizing microwave radiation from wireless technology at school.

OR

I do not give my consent for the following reason(s) _____

The alternative program for non-participating students will be _____

In signing this consent and waiver, I waive any and all claims I may have against, and release from all liability and agree not to sue the Board of School Trustees of SD 42 and its officers, employees, agents, volunteers and representatives, and the Ministry of Education for any personal injury, long term illness, future health effects or death sustained as a result of my child's exposure to low level, non-ionizing microwave radiation from wireless technology at school.

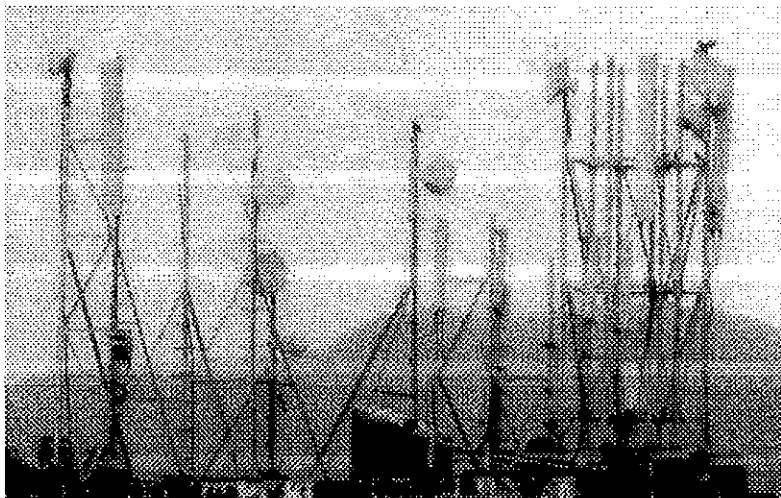
Signed: _____

Parent/Guardian of: _____

Date: _____

REPORT
ON
CELL TOWER RADIATION

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CELL TOWER RADIATION REPORT

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Table 1. List of studies reporting biological effects at low intensities of radiofrequency radiation (RFR).

Reference	Frequency	Form of RFR	Exposure duration	SAR (W/kg)	Power density ($\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$)	Effects reported
Balmori (2010) (in vivo) (eggs and tadpoles of frog)	88.5–1873.6 MHz	Cell phone base station emission	2 months		3.25	Retarded development
Belyaev et al. (2005) (in vitro)	915 MHz	GSM	24, 48 h	0.037		Genetic changes in human white blood cells
Belyaev et al. (2009) (in vitro)	915 MHz, 1947 MHz	GSM, UMTS	24, 72 h	0.037		DNA repair mechanism in human white blood cells
Blackman et al. (1980) (in vitro)	50 MHz	AM at 16 Hz		0.0014	0.5	Calcium in forebrain of chickens
Boscol et al. (2001) (in vivo) (human whole body)	500 KHz–3 GHz	TV broadcast				Immunological system in women
Campisi et al. (2010) (in vitro)	900 MHz	CW (CW–no effect observed) AM at 50 Hz	14 days, 5, 10, 20 min per day		26	DNA damage in human glial cells
Capri et al. (2004) (in vitro)	900 MHz	GSM	1 h/day, 3 days	0.07		A slight decrease in cell proliferation when human immune cells were stimulated with mitogen and a slight increase in the number of cells with altered distribution of phosphatidylserine across the membrane
Chiang et al. (1989) (in vivo) (human whole body)	Lived and worked close to AM radio and radar installations for more than 1 year				10	People lived and worked near AM radio antennas and radar installations showed deficits in psychological and short-term memory tests
de Pomerai et al. (2003) (in vitro)	1 GHz		24, 48 h	0.015		Protein damages
D'Inzeo et al. (1988) (in vitro)	10.75 GHz	CW	30–120 s	0.008		Operation of acetylcholine-related ion-channels in cells. These channels play important roles in physiological and behavioral functions
Dutta et al. (1984) (in vitro)	915 MHz	Sinusoidal AM at 16 Hz	30 min	0.05		Increase in calcium efflux in brain cancer cells
Dutta et al. (1989) (in vitro)	147 MHz	Sinusoidal AM at 16 Hz	30 min	0.005		Increase in calcium efflux in brain cancer cells
Fesenko et al. (1999) (in vivo) (mouse–wavelength in mm range)	From 8.15–18 GHz		5 h to 7 days directed on response depended on exposure duration		1	Change in immunological functions
Forgacs et al. (2006) (in vivo) (mouse whole body)	1800 MHz	GSM, 217 Hz pulses, 576 μs pulse width	2 h/day, 10 days	0.018		Increase in serum testosterone
Guler et al. (2010) (in vivo) (rabbit whole body)	1800 MHz	AM at 217 Hz	15 min/day, 7 days		52	Oxidative lipid and DNA damages in the brain of pregnant rabbits

Table 1 (continued).

Reference	Frequency	Form of RFR	Exposure duration	SAR (W/kg)	Power density ($\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$)	Effects reported
Hjollund et al. (1997) (in vivo) (human partial or whole body)	Military radars				10	Sperm counts of Danish military personnel, who operated mobile ground-to-air missile units that use several RFR emitting radar systems, were significantly lower compared to references A gene related to cancer Improved cognitive functions
Ivashchuk et al. (1997) (in vitro)	836.55 MHz	TDMA	20 min	0.026		
Jech et al. (2001) (in vivo) (human partial body exposure-narcoleptic patients)	900 MHz	GSM—217 Hz pulses, 577 μs pulse width	45 min	0.06		
Kesari and Behari (2009) (in vivo) (rat whole body)	50 GHz		2 h/day, 45 days	0.0008		Double strand DNA breaks observed in brain cells
Kesari and Behari (2010) (in vivo) (rat whole body)	50 GHz		2 h/day, 45 days	0.0008		Reproductive system of male rats
Kesari et al. (2010) (in vivo) (rat whole body)	2450 MHz	50 Hz modulation	2 h/day, 35 days	0.11		DNA double strand breaks in brain cells
Kwee et al. (2001) (in vitro)	960 MHz	GSM	20 min	0.0021		Increased stress protein in human epithelial amnion cells
Lebedeva et al. (2000) (in vivo) (human partial body)	902.4 MHz	GSM	20 min		60	Brain wave activation
Lerchl et al. (2008) (in vivo) (hamster whole body)	383 MHz	TETRA	24 h/day, 60 days	0.08		Metabolic changes
Magras and Xenos (1997) (in vivo) (mouse whole body)	900 and 1800 MHz "Antenna park"	GSM TV and FM-radio	Exposure over several generations		0.168	Decrease in reproductive function
Mann et al. (1998) (in vivo) (human whole body)	900 MHz	GSM pulse-modulated at 217 Hz, 577 μs width	8 h		20	A transient increase in blood cortisol
Marinelli et al. (2004) (in vitro)	900 MHz	CW	2–48 h	0.0035		Cell's self-defense responses triggered by DNA damage
Marková et al. (2005) (in vitro)	915 and 905 MHz	GSM	1 h	0.037		Chromatin conformation in human white blood cells
Navakaukian and Tomashevskaya (1994) (in vivo) (rat whole body)	2450 MHz 3000 MHz	CW (no effect observed) Pulse-modulated 2 μs pulses at 400 Hz	Single (0.5–12hr) or repeated (15–60 days, 7–12 h/day) exposure, CW—no effect	0.0027		Behavioral and endocrine changes, and decreases in blood concentrations of testosterone and insulin
Niitby et al. (2008) (in vivo) (rat whole body)	900 MHz	GSM	2 h/week, 55 weeks	0.0006		Reduced memory functions
Novoselova et al. (1999) (in vivo) (mouse whole body—wavelength in mm range)	From 8.15–18 GHz		1 s sweep time—16 ms reverse, 5 h		1	Functions of the immune system
Novoselova et al. (2004) (in vivo) (mouse whole body—wavelength in mm range)	From 8.15–18 GHz		1 s sweep time/16 ms reverse, 1.5 h/day, 30 days		1	Decreased tumor growth rate and enhanced survival

Table 1 (continued).

Reference	Frequency	Form of RFR	Exposure duration	SAR (W/kg)	Power density ($\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$)	Effects reported
Panagopoulos et al. (2010) (in vivo) (fly whole body)	900 and 1800 MHz	GSM	6 min/day, 5 days		1–10	Reproductive capacity and induced cell death
Panagopoulos and Margaritis (2010a) (in vivo) (fly whole body)	900 and 1800 MHz	GSM	6 min/day, 5 days		10	“Window” effect of GSM radiation on reproductive capacity and cell death
Panagopoulos and Margaritis (2010b) (in vivo) (fly whole body)	900 and 1800 MHz	GSM	1–21 min/day, 5 days		10	Reproductive capacity of the fly decreased linearly with increased duration of exposure
Pavlicic and Trosic (2008) (in vitro)	864 and 935 MHz	CW	1–3 h	0.08		Growth affected in Chinese hamster V79 cells
Pérez-Castejón et al. (2009) (in vitro)	9.6 GHz	90% AM	24 h	0.0004		Increased proliferation rate in human astrocytoma cancer cells
Persson et al. (1997) (in vivo) (mouse whole body)	915 MHz	CW and pulse-modulated (217 Hz, 0.57 ms; 50 Hz, 6.6 ms)	2–960 min; CW more potent	0.0004		Increase in permeability of the blood–brain barrier
Phillips et al. (1998) (in vitro)	813.5625 MHz	iDEN	2, 21 h	0.0024		DNA damage in human leukemia cells
Pologea-Moran et al. (2002) (in vitro)	836.55 MHz 2.45 GHz	TDMA	2, 21 h 1 h		15	Change in membrane of cells in the retina
Pyrpasopoulou et al. (2004) (in vivo) (rat whole body)	9.4 GHz	GSM (50 Hz pulses, 20 μs pulse length)	1–7 days postcoitum	0.0005		Exposure during early gestation affected kidney development
Roux et al. (2008a) (in vivo) (tomato whole body)	900 MHz				7	Gene expression and energy metabolism
Roux et al. (2008b) (in vivo) (plant whole body)	900 MHz				7	Energy metabolism
Salford et al. (2003) (in vivo) (rat whole body)	915 MHz	GSM	2 h	0.02		Nerve cell damage in brain
Sarinov et al. (2004) (in vitro)	895–915 MHz	GSM	30 min	0.0054		Human lymphocyte chromatin affected similar to stress response
Schwartz et al. (1990) (in vitro)	240 MHz	CW and sinusoidal modulation at 0.5 and 16 Hz, effect only observed at 16 Hz modulation	30 min	0.00015		Calcium movement in the heart
Schwarz et al. (2008) (in vitro)	1950 MHz	UMTS	24 h	0.05		Genes in human fibroblasts
Somosy et al. (1991) (in vitro)	2.45 GHz	CW and 16 Hz square-modulation, modulated field more potent than CW		0.024		Molecular and structural changes in cells of mouse embryos

Table 1 (concluded).

Reference	Frequency	Form of RFR	Exposure duration	SAR (W/kg)	Power density ($\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$)	Effects reported
Stagg et al. (1997) (in vitro)	836.55 MHz	TDMA duty cycle 33%	24 h	0.0059		Glioma cells showed significant increases in thymidine incorporation, which may be an indication of an increase in cell division
Stankiewicz et al. (2006) (in vitro)	900 MHz	GSM 217 Hz pulses, 577 ms width		0.024		Immune activities of human white blood cells
Tattersall et al. (2001) (in vitro)	700 MHz	CW	5–15 min	0.0016		Function of the hippocampus
Velizarov et al. (1999) (in vitro)	960 MHz	GSM 217 Hz square-pulse, duty cycle 12%	30 min	0.000021		Decrease in proliferation of human epithelial amnion cells
Veyret et al. (1991) (in vivo) (mouse whole body)	9.4 GHz	1 μs pulses at 1000 pps, also with or without sinusoidal AM between 14 and 41 MHz, response only with AM, direction of response depended on AM frequency		0.015		Functions of the immune system
Vian et al. (2006) (in vivo) plant	900 MHz				7	
Wolke et al. (1996) (in vitro)	900, 1300, 1800 MHz	Square-wave modulated at 217 Hz		0.001		Stress gene expression
	900 MHz	CW, 16 Hz, 50 Hz, and 30 KHz modulations				Calcium concentration in heart muscle cells of guinea pig
Yurekli et al. (2006) (in vivo) (rat whole body)	945 MHz	GSM, 217 Hz pulse-modulation	7 h/day, 8 days	0.0113		Free radical chemistry

Note: These papers gave either specific absorption rate, SAR, (W/kg) or power density ($\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$) of exposure. (Studies that did not contain these values were excluded). AM, amplitude-modulated or amplitude-modulation; CW, continuous wave; GSM, global system for mobile communication; IDEN, integrated digital enhanced network; TDMA, time division multiple access; TETRA, terrestrial trunked radio; UMTS, universal mobile telecommunications system.

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March 8th, 2011

Health Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
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Att: Health Minister

cc: Environment Commissioner, MP Ron Cannan, Health Canada, Standing Committee on Health, Provinces, School Districts, Teacher's, Unions & Parent Advisory

Re: Significant Oversight(Error or Omission) Reported in Safety Code 6 (2009)

Dear Minister Aglukkaq;

There was an oversight(unintentional error or omission) reported in safety standards associated with Radio Frequency Emfs interaction with humans. The oversight in safety standards was reported to Health Canada in September, 2010 and by expert witness to Canadian Parliament's Standing Committee on Health in October 2010. The recommendations of the committee in December 2010 included Health Canada thoroughly investigating the error or omission reported in safety standards. That error is the causation Health Canada is looking for in whether emf interaction with tissue is happening. The error or omission qualifies electromagnetic induction, radiation, etc is going to happen.

Due to the error in safety standards, the reporting Health Canada would normally get has changed because it is missing critical data. Professional reporting to date including the BC Centre of Disease Control and recent reporting for Simcoe School District on Wi Fi Safety have missed critical data when all of their data refers to heating of the appliance but totally neglects to mention human vulnerability to emfs, electromagnetic induction, high speed radiation or mention the natural frequencies of the biologic systems. It is impossible to solve a frequency equation when you leave out frequencies of the biologic systems. We generate electricity by waving a conductor through a magnetic field or moving the field around the conductor. In Schools, the Wi Fi 2.4 or 5 Ghz frequency is the moving magnetic field and **EACH** person's biologic systems are the electrical conductors.

Further complicating the adverse health effects is that each child already has their own electrical systems that are vulnerable to electrical change with emfs induced. **(If you changed your voltage on your computer, it wouldn't work)**. Health Canada calls it nerve and muscle depolarization or a heat effect which is the reason it is to be avoided. Any tissue or biologic systems interacting with the emfs will polarize at twice the frequency(4.8 to 10 Billion Times Per Second). This Isn't discussing what the computer is doing. Any present day reporting from Health Canada on emfs has to incorporate the electrical considerations without exception or it will be flawed science which affects health, medical costs, administration, sustainability, legality and liability.

As an example of the errors in the reporting on the dangers of emfs, there is a report attached from the BC Centre of Disease Control. The Head of Radiation Protection Services wrote a report on Wi Fi Safety and his reporting neglected to incorporate critical electrical information on electromagnetic induction. His reporting didn't incorporate the electrical profession into an electrical problem and he isn't qualified which impacts the reporting. As a result of the flawed reporting the school district is told Wi Fi is safe where the reality is Wi Fi is to be avoided. The children, teachers, etc are being electromagnetically induced and Health Canada's Safety Code 6 states the unintentional stimulation of tissue is to be avoided because experimental studies show it can lead to nerve and muscle depolarization or heat effect.

It has been 3 months since it was recommended that Health Canada investigate the significant oversight reported in safety standards. All it would take is a call to electrical standards to qualify induction happens and it is the way we create electricity. Health Canada and Industry Canada are presently reporting Wi Fi is safe in schools but not declaring the error or omission was reported showing it isn't safe in schools. That is an administrative decision at the cost of student and teacher health.

It requires a response as to why provinces haven't been informed there is an error or omission in safety standards reported? How are the school districts supposed to administer their areas with missing information? The laws have changed with the error reported and Wi Fi or any influence by emfs is to be avoided.

There is a reason the electrical and construction industry do their jobs with those associated costs. It keeps people and the data safe. Schools need to be wired without exception or any emf can impact people.

Electromagnetically inducing populations is dangerous and if it were done in a military application the planes would be in the air. This somehow escaped us as not causing the unintentional stimulation of tissue or a mysterious heat effect.

Our reporting to you as the authority has been because we are government trained and certified professionals that consult at operations levels. We lecture emf interaction in medical education for education credits required for licensing in Canada and the U.S.

Can you please forward the work completed to date on the reported error in safety standards and when you will report the error to provinces? Has the Defence Minister been informed of an error in safety standards reported? Did the Health Minister report the error to the United States or WHO?

This issue requires immediate attention as is a national emergency and we look forward to answering questions within our professional capacity.

Sincerely

Curtis Bennett
President
Thermografix Consulting Corporation



To: Board of Education

From: Board Chair
Ken Clarkson

Re: **ORDERING OF AGENDA**

Date March 30, 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: March 30, 2011
(Public Board Meeting)

Decision

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Minutes of the March 9, 2011 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

Attachment



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, March 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 – Laurie Meston
Communications/Community Relations – S. Nesling
Director of Secondary/Adult Education – S. Sonne
Acting Director, Human Resources – Harry Dhillon
Director of Instruction, Advancing Tech. – D. Vandergugten
Executive Assistant – Tracy Smith

ABSENT:

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

Call to Order

Motion: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Chair welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

1. **Correspondence**

- British Columbia Teachers' Federation – S. Lambert
- British Columbia Public School Employers' Association – H. Finlayson

2. **Ordering of Agenda**

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

Additions:

- Trustee Motions: Trustee Vdovine
- Superintendent Decision Item: Proposed Local School Calendar
- Secretary Treasurer Information Item: 2010-11 Year Capital Plan – Ministry of Finance

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

CARRIED

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **February 23, 2011 Public Meeting Minutes**

Moved: Trustee Ward

Seconded: Trustee Palis

The following change was made to the minutes:

Page 1 A.3. "Trustee Motions: Ridge Meadows Home Show – Trustee Carr"

THAT the Minutes of the February 23, 2011 Public Board Meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

A member of the public spoke to correspondence presented at the meeting regarding WiFi research to which the Chair reported the said correspondence would be added to the next Public Agenda allowing time for Trustees to review same. Curtis Bennett, introduced himself as an expert witness serving the Canadian parliamentary hearings finding errors (or omissions) qualifying electromagnetically induced damage to humans.

C. PRESENTATIONS

Youth and Philanthropy Initiative – Carlos Silva, Kyle Ludeman, Educators at Garibaldi Secondary School

- Mr. Silvan and Ludeman thanked the Board for the invitation and introduced the Garibaldi Secondary students: Lukas Bunsko, Michelle McDonald, Zoe Herron, Richard Mozisek and Carmen Watson.
- The initiative provides grade 9 students the opportunity to explore local social issues and helping organizations in our communities.
- The students are required to meet with non-profit organizations ("NPOs"), conduct interviews and site visits.
- Upon compiling information, the student groups are required to make a formal presentation on behalf of their NPO hoping to earn them grant money in the amount of \$5,000.
- This year's award-winning students were motivated and inspired by Jude Platzer of the Josh Platzer Society for Teen Suicide Prevention. The students provided a compelling presentation on the social matters surrounding suicide including a poster and overhead presentation.
- The students made a presentation in front of a grade wide assembly.
- The Josh Platzer Society for Teen Suicide is funded solely by donations.
- <http://www.teensuicideprevention.org/joshplatzermemorialfund.html>

Chair Clarkson reported he was one of many Trustees who were invited to judge the presentations stating that what the students are doing is 'real' and shows the students how important charity is to our communities and how it affects our own lives.

Jude Platzer was scheduled to attend tonight's meeting.

Trustee Palis exited the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

F. DEFERRED ITEMS

G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS

Moved: Vdovine

Seconded: Carr

THAT the Board contact Provincial and Federal health authorities to report local incidents around WiFi and attempt to seek counsel and how to proceed in resolving this.

CARRIED

A suggestion was made to work with other levels of Government working towards solutions of concerns of parents. As such, the Board wished to acknowledge concerns, document and seek guidance from other levels of Government on the WiFi matter.

Trustee Palis joined the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Trustee Ward inquired into a report she thought Judy Dueck may have prepared and suggested it be brought back to the Board to which the Secretary Treasurer said he would seek a copy of same.

The Chair called for a vote on the original motion.

CARRIED.

H. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

1. Decision Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

Proposed Local School Calendar

Moved: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Palis

Superintendent Unwin thanked senior staff for attending tonight's meeting and noted the calendar originally distributed prior to the meeting has some changes. New handouts were provided. The changes are reflective upon the wish to honour a two (2) year commitment with respect to Common Professional Development days with the MRTA.

As part of the Learning for Tomorrow Forum, continued financial pressures and in order to bring options to the Board seeking creative ways to save money, build efficiencies and fairness across the District, an independent consultant, Horizon Research & Evaluation Inc. was engaged to assist with the evaluation process. Research conducted indicates the proposed changes would not have an adverse effect on student learning and would alternatively provide other opportunities.

The Superintendent presented a powerpoint summarizing the consultant's process. The Board is asked tonight, to approve a public feedback component for 30 days in accordance with the *School Act* prior to making a final decision.

Additional supportive comments provided if approved:

- The District would work with community groups;
- A transition team could be provided if the need is there;
- Meet with community groups to see what the District can offer;
- Public information night is scheduled for March 29, 2011 at Thomas Haney Secondary School;
- Will continue discussions with CUPE regarding particular groups who are not tied to students;
- Continue discussion with MRTA to discuss local school calendars;
- Work with Kanaka Creek Elementary regarding inclusion;
- Benefits of teacher collaboration time;
- Possible introduction of new subjects to students;
- Grade 7 elementary schools collaborating with secondary catchment schools;
- Health and wellness benefits;
- Greater efficiencies in balancing schedules for better time-share opportunities for staff;
- Zero impact on excluded staff;
- First step is to seek parental feedback.

Suggestions were made to review this over a two (2) or three (3) year program as one(1) year is too short of a timeline to measure.

The consultant has completed her work and it is up to the School District to determine which plans work best for everyone. Support for the consultant was provided in the added benefit of her questioning 'why we do the things we do' compelling the District to review past practices.

Acting Director, Human Resources, Harry Dhillon exited the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Concerns were raised regarding added child care costs for both families who can and cannot afford the extra costs associated.

THAT the Board approve the attached Proposed Local School Calendar to go out for public consultation from March 9 to April 10, 2011 as per the *School Act*.

CARRIED

b) Deputy Superintendent

c) Secretary Treasurer

Capital Project Amendment Bylaw

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

The Secretary Treasurer referred to the report in the Agenda package.

THAT Capital Project Amendment Bylaw 126150A be given three (3) readings at this meeting (vote must be unanimous).

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Ward

Seconded: Trustee Rempel

THAT Bylaw 126150A re: Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 126150A All Day Kindergarten Modular Units be approved as read a **first** time.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT Bylaw 126150A re: Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 126150A All Day Kindergarten Modular Units be approved as read a **second** time.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT Bylaw 126150A re: Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 126150A All Day Kindergarten Modular Units be approved as read a **third and final** time.

CARRIED

Stewart Sonne, Director Secondary and Adult Education and David Vandergugten, Director of Instruction, Advancing Technology in Education, exited the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Trustee Remuneration

Moved: Trustee Ward

Seconded: Trustee Palis

The Secretary Treasurer referred to information contained in the Agenda package. The Executive Assistant will be providing BCSTA with the requisite information in due course. Concerns were raised regarding the increases when School Districts are faced with cutbacks. Future consideration is needed in order to determine remuneration. The Secretary Treasurer will review other Boards.

The Secretary Treasurer agreed to review the Trustee Remuneration policy.

THAT the annual base remuneration for Trustees for January 1, 2011 be increased by 2%, as per the Metro Vancouver Consumer Price Index (CPI) change, for December 2010 compared to December 2009.

CARRIED (Opposed: Trustees Huber and Rempel)

2. Information Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

Personnel Update

The Superintendent stated there will be announcement made tomorrow regarding the appointment of the new Principal, Aboriginal Education.

b) Deputy Superintendent

Kindergarten Registration Update

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

The Deputy Superintendent reviewed the report attached to the Agenda. A majority of students will be able to attend either first or second choice schools and there is no waitlist for any of the French immersion programs.

THAT the Board receive the Deputy Superintendent's Kindergarten Registration update for information.

CARRIED

c) Secretary Treasurer

2010-2011 Year Capital Plan Ministry of Education – Project Report

The Secretary Treasurer referred to the report attached to the Agenda. The School District's projects have received high ranking in the Ministry's office obtaining endorsement and a budget of \$12 million. The District continues to seek efficiencies to facilitate the process of a new South Albion elementary school competing against other high need areas such as Surrey. A new elementary has been placed in highest priority. Although the District is faced with declining enrollment, there is also still a need for an expansion to Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary. The projects are currently in the three (3) year portfolio.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the Board receive the Secretary Treasurer's report on the Ministry of Education 2010/11 year Capital Plan for information.

CARRIED

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

J. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was raised regarding the review of Chilliwack and Abbotsford School Districts who are reviewing the return to a one (1) week Spring Break.

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Ward referred to the motions provided in the Agenda package.

The link for the synopsis was sent out via email.

Good News Items.

Trustee Vdovine commented on International Women's Day wanting to express the importance of acknowledging women everywhere, recognizing women in the school system, and the women in the room while handing out roses.

Trustee Carr thanked Fairview Elementary for including her in their reading event which included week long activities fostering reading.

Trustee Carr thanked the Maple Ridge Teachers' Association and the justice committee for organizing the event at the ACT in celebration of International Women's Day.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

CARRIED

Ken Clarkson, Chair

Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer



To: Board of Education

From: Board Chair
Ken Clarkson

Re: **PRESENTATION**

Date March 30, 2011
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

1. District Partnerships / Academies – Ron Lancaster

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board receive the presentation for information.

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:

March 9, 2011

Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 3:09 p.m.
Motion of Exclusion	Approved
Ordering of Agenda	Approved as amended
Confirmation of Minutes – February 23, 2011	Approved as circulated
Chair Report	Received for information
Trustee Motions	Approved
Superintendent Decision Item	Approved
Secretary Treasurer Decision Item	Approved
Secretary Treasurer Information Item	Received for information
Committee Business	Received for information
Question Period	
Adjournment	Approved and adjourned at 4:09 p.m.