



**PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Wednesday, April 13, 2011
6:00 p.m.

District Education Office
22225 Brown Avenue
Boardroom

A G E N D A

*"If you are working on something exciting that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed.
The vision pulls you."*

A - OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order
2. Correspondence
 - i. Melanie Joy, Chair - BC Public School Employers' Association*
 - ii. Bob Cicci*
 - iii. George Abbott, Minister – Ministry of Education*
 - iv. Michele Desponte, Music Teacher, Laity View Elementary and Eric Langton Elementary*
3. Ordering of Agenda

B- CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. March 30, 2011*

C – PRESENTATIONS

1. Student Support Services and Learning Disabilities – Laurie Smith

D – DELEGATIONS

E – CHAIR REPORT

F – DEFERRED ITEMS

G – TRUSTEE MOTIONS

H – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

1. Decision Items
 - a) Superintendent of Schools
 - i. Proposed District Local School Calendar
 - 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

2. 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
 - i. Representative Motions – Trustee Ward

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 April 13, 2011
(Public Board Meeting)

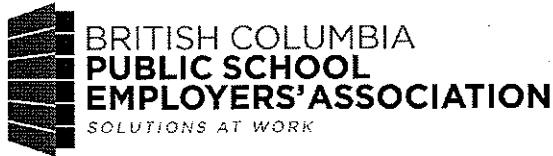
Information

1. Melanie Joy, Chair – BC Public School Employers' Association
2. Bob Cicci
3. George Abbott, Minister – Ministry of Education
4. Michele Despots, Music Teacher, Laity View Elementary and Eric Langton Elementary

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

Attachments



March 29, 2011

By E-mail: 2 Pages

Rolli Cacchioni, Chair
Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)
1940 Underhill Street
Kelowna, BC V1X 5X7

Dear Mr. Cacchioni:

Re: Ordinary Resolution 0-1 — BCPSEA Annual General Meeting

I am writing to provide an update on the status of the resolution proposed by the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) and debated by the members at the BCPSEA Annual General Meeting on January 29, 2011:

BACKGROUND

Whereas, from time to time the BCPSEA or Boards of Education identify human resource issues which affect all school districts,

Whereas, at times many of these issues are of a very complicated nature requiring expert professional and/or legal advice,

Whereas, the BCPSEA has, in the past, advised Boards that they should adopt or amend existing policy to address the new issue,

Whereas, rather than each district attempting to draft or amend existing policy to deal with the identified issue, it would be very beneficial and cost effective to have BCPSEA prepare and send draft policy to each Board to consider, thereby alleviating duplication of work and provide each Board with a starting point.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that the BC Public School Employers' Association identify emerging human resource issues which impact all school districts, advise districts of these issues, and provide draft policy on each issue for consideration by individual districts.

Following debate and discussion, by way of disposition the matter was referred to the BCPSEA Board to report back to the assembly regarding the estimated costs to proceed with the initiative proposed by this resolution.

At the most recent meeting of the BCPSEA Board of Directors, the Board instructed staff to undertake the following activities:


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- Liaise with the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) to determine the scope of BCSTA policy development to ensure there is no duplication and both associations can maximize their service efforts
- Work with school districts to determine the breadth of issues related to the BCPSEA mandate requiring broad policy guidance
- Draft a protocol for the development of identified policy needs
- Estimate the cost and resources required to develop such policies.

Once this work is complete, it will be review by the Board. We then anticipate we will be in a position to consider this issue further at our next AGM.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,



Melanie Joy
BCPSEA Board Chair

c: Board Chairs
BCPSEA Trustee Representatives

Subject:

FW: track and field

From: cicci@shaw.ca [mailto:cicci@shaw.ca]

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 4:17 PM

To: Dennis Dickson; Ken Clarkson

Subject: track and field

Hello

My daughter is a member of the PMSS track team which conducts all their practise sessions at Maple Ridge Secondary. I want to express my disappointment that the recent construction of a new field at PMSS did not include any concessions for the track team. The current practise program is cumbersome and seems unfair to both team members and parents from a travel perspective and the perception that the PMSS track and field team is somewhat insignificant.

This opinion may be after the fact but I still felt obligated to express it.

Yours Truly,

Bob Cicci(Pearl's Dad)



March 30, 2011

Ref: 144778

To: All Board Chairs
All Boards of Education

Re: 2011/12 Annual Facility Grant Funding

I am pleased to advise you that government has approved the 2011/12 allocation of the Annual Facility Grant (AFG) for school districts as part of our Budget and Fiscal Plan announced on February 15, 2011.

Government recognizes the importance of ongoing maintenance of school facilities across the province, not only as a benefit to the students attending those schools but also to the larger educational community that all of our schools serve.

School boards will receive \$110 million in total of AFG funding, fulfilling government's commitment to the maintenance of BC's schools.

Further correspondence from Ministry staff regarding the allocation of AFG funding will be provided to school districts shortly.

Sincerely,

George Abbott
Minister

March 30th, 2011

Re: Music program at Eric Langton and at Laity View

To: Wayne Jefferson
Secretary Treasurer
SD 42

I am a music teacher at the Elementary level and I have been teaching music for 22 years for School District 42 (21 years at Riverside Elementary). Presently I work two days at Laity View on the stage beside the gymnasium and two days at Eric Langton in a portable. From September 2010 to March 2011, I conducted a French Choir which had between 55 and 71 students coming from the three Elementary French Immersion Schools.

I would like to express my opinion concerning music education at SD 42 and clarify some of my concerns related to the space available for the music program next year.

I believe that music provides an outlet for creativity and self-expression. In music making, the whole person is involved: the intellect (reading, understanding structures), the emotions (self-expression), the physical abilities (motor skills) and social skills (interacting, listening, playing in harmony, sharing the same beat, feeling connected).

Being part of a music group develops a sense of self-discipline, self-esteem, empathy and the ability to work as part of a team – skills which Canadian industry seeks in order to maintain our competitive place in the global economy.

In my music program I want the children to feel confident in expressing themselves musically, and to be proud of what they can achieve. The music room is the perfect space for students to experiment, to try, to practice, to hear and to be heard.

Music and silence are equally important; one cannot exist without the other. The stage beside the gymnasium is not conducive to music learning. The students cannot disassociate music making from noise. A young child cannot project his/her voice loud enough to be heard above the noise coming from the gym. I strongly believe that children develop a tremendous amount of self-confidence when they can be heard individually and when they are getting positive feedback from their teacher and their peers. As a music teacher I want to encourage a maximum number of children to develop their self-confidence and their inner-strength. Music education can provide this!

I would like to implement a “music culture” at Laity View and at Eric Langton. At Riverside I had this privilege. I built a program with increasing challenges for older students.

Students were encouraged to perform at Assemblies. The younger students could see what the older students could achieve which created an eagerness amongst the young ones who had a good sense of what was possible for them in the future.

During my career I learned different ways to present music to children. I took Orff courses in Seattle and in Salzburg (Austria) and many workshops in Vancouver. With the Orff approach the students are exposed to a large variety of instruments such as bar instruments (xylophones, glockenspiels, metallophones) and percussions (drums, claves, cymbals, etc). A music class always involves at least two of these elements: movement, singing, poetry, sound effects and team work. In the music class all the students are part of the same project; their goals are not to compete, but instead to work at making the common project successful and enriched by their contribution.

For next year the students from both schools (LV and E.L.) would greatly benefit from having a proper music room that is soundproof. In my opinion the stage is not appropriate because of the noise coming from the gym. Also, at Eric Langton the stage is often used by other classes. It is important to retain these community spaces so that the children may practice for concerts, have movement breaks as not all children can remain in a classroom for extended periods, enjoy action school sessions, practice for plays, present talent shows, work on a project with other classes and use a large enough space for everyone. I strongly believe that music, and art education in general, should not be adversely affected by the growing population of Laity View and Eric Langton.

The music program calls for a proper soundproof space. A classroom or a portable, in my opinion, would be suitable.. It is the best solution so that the children may continue to be offered a well-balanced education that embraces all aspects of children's development.

When making decisions of this nature, please consider all this information. Your efforts in negotiating creative solutions are appreciated.

Sincerely,



Michèle Desponts

Music Teacher
Laity View and
Eric Langton
Michele_Desponts@sd42.ca



To: Board of Education

From: Board Chair
Ken Clarkson

Re: **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Date: April 13, 2011
(Public Board Meeting)

Decision

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Minutes of the March 30, 2011 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

Attachment



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, March 30, 2011 (6:00 PM)
DEO Board Room**

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Chair – Ken Clarkson
Trustee – Susan Carr
Trustee – Mike Huber
Trustee – Dave Rempel
Trustee – Stepan Vdovine

STAFF:

Superintendent – Jan Unwin
Assistant Secretary Treasurer – Susanne Instance
Deputy Superintendent – Laurie Meston
Communications/Community Relations – Seamus Nesling
Executive Assistant – Tracy Orobko-Smith

ABSENT:

Vice Chair – Eleanor Palis
Secretary Treasurer – Wayne Jefferson

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

Call to Order

Motion: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

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

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

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

Additions:

- Correspondence: Sharon Hack
- Chair Report: BCSTA - Meeting with the Minister
- Trustee Motion: Trustee Vdovine
- Superintendent Information Item: Personnel Update

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

CARRIED

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. February 9, 2011 Public Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

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

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

District Partnership and Academy Programs – Ron Lancaster, District Coordinator; and Monica Dmytrenko, Chantal Chapman and Braedon Nick, Students.

- *Monica Dmytrenko* - Culinary Arts Program - Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary ("SRT") who spoke positively about her experiences in school – especially since enrolling in the program – which has helped her overcome personal challenges. Monica proudly states she is "happy finding something she is good at". The improvement in her attendance reflects her new found passion. The program has rejuvenated her entire school experience. Future goals include Vancouver Community College.
- Mr. Lancaster reminded everyone of the dinner service.
- *Chantal Chapman* - Salon 42 Hairstyling Cosmetology Academy - SRT. Throughout high school, she took courses she was not particularly interested in and has now found a program she *loves*. Future ambitions include becoming a hairdresser for a Milan runway and owning her own salon. She has a great relationship with her instructor and enjoys going to school more than ever. For Salon 42 details and hours of operation, everyone is encouraged to visit the SRT website.
- *Braedon Nick* - Carpentry - Alouette River Campus. Prior to entering the program, he faced school attendance challenges. Braedon credits Stewart Sonne who suggested he look into the program. Braedon is thankful to be in the program and is more motivated to go to school having only missed two days this year. He is proud of his accomplishments and is looking into an apprenticeship citing BC carpenters are highly sought after. He further provided a Powerpoint presentation on his experience at Kwantlen Polytechnic University.

Mr. Lancaster commented on the recently successful Partnership/Academy Information Night held on March 9, 2011 at Thomas Haney Secondary where approximately 200 members of the community attended.

Mr. Lancaster further explained the importance of trades training, apprenticeship training, alternative graduation pathways, engagement with students, values of real life experience, midday transportation options, cross enrollment, credits, and meeting others with like interests. Students graduate from their home school but attend other schools for programs. These opportunities provide a *new way to finish grade 12*. Upon completion, students earn post-secondary certification and/or level 1 apprenticeship certification.

3,000 students have taken these programs in BC schools and current statistics show a projection of 134,000 skilled job vacancies by 2019.

The Metal Fabrication is now partnered with BCIT.

The Board offered compliments and support to Mr. Lancaster, students, staff and the School District as a whole while also speaking to the students congratulating them for following their passions.

The Chair opened the floor to questions:

How do students learn about the noon hour bussing option? Mr. Lancaster responded the School District has been providing an East to West bus service at midday. Students are informed via the website, at the schools and on the applications. The midday bus gets students to the program but after school, students find their own transportation home.

How critical is the transportation? Mr. Lancaster responded it changes year to year. Overall, it boosts the opportunities for students as not all families have someone available during the day to provide transportation.

Mr. Lancaster would like to return to the Board in the near future to speak to two more topics: RCMP Youth Academy and the \$7,000 apprenticeship awards.

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

The Chair spoke to recent correspondence regarding the upcoming BCSTA Annual General Meeting whereby School District No. 42 was not selected to take part in a meeting with the Minister of Education which means this Board, during their term, will not have the chance to meet with the Minister. The Chair opened the floor to questions.

F. DEFERRED ITEMS

G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS

Moved: Trustee Vdovine

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board authorize the Chair to write a letter to the new education Minister congratulating him on his re-appointment to the position, expressing support for his efforts approaching the education portfolio in an inclusive manner, and extending an open invitation for him to visit School District No. 42 to meet with the Board.

CARRIED

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

The Superintendent announced Alan Millar will be replacing Doug Hoey who is retiring as Principal of Aboriginal Education and knows the District will continue to experience the success everyone's enjoyed under Mr. Hoey's leadership.

- b) Deputy Superintendent
- c) Secretary Treasurer

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Chair Clarkson referred to the Inclusive Education meeting he attended the previous night and provided a handout of information. The meeting is a compassionate venue where parents are able to echo concerns and where heartfelt emotion is felt. The Chair is contemplating recommending the addition of another Trustee to sit on the committee.

The committee is reviewing a proposal for re-constructing it into two entities: one to provide information to parents and the other to be formed and do business along the line of Robert's Rules of Order with the purpose of providing recommendations to the Board of Education.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

Trustee Vdovine spoke to correspondence received from Ms. Boutet regarding WiFi. Ms. Boutet has specifically asked for a response and believes the writer deserves one. The Chair agreed to add the matter to the next agenda preparation meeting.

Trustee Rempel asked if it is still the plan for kids to duck under tables during earthquakes. Superintendent Unwin and Deputy Superintendent Meston are planning to meet with Health and Safety Officer, Judy Dueck, on Friday, April 1st. The earthquake procedures are under review.

A member of the public inquired into the Digipen Academy at Garibaldi Secondary School to which it is confirmed the program is no longer running due to costs. The information will be removed from the School District's website.

A member of the public spoke to the recent popularity of the "Triangle of life". After researching the author, she discovered he is a self-proclaimed earthquake expert from Turkey who provides information that contradicts North American building codes.

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Good News Items.

Trustee Carr attended the Local School Calendar Public Information Meeting held the previous night at Thomas Haney Secondary School where the conversation was "awesome" with many great ideas and engaging, respectful dialogue.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

CARRIED

Ken Clarkson, Chair

Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer



To: Board of Education

From: Provincial Councilor
Kathie Ward

Re: **BCSTA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**

Date April 13, 2011
(Public Board Meeting)

Decision

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The Board of Education has had two opportunities to provide input into the 2011/2012 draft Budget. At the Annual General Meeting, the Provincial Council body is to vote on the final 2011/2012 Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board provide direction to Kathie Ward, Provincial Councilor, on how it wishes her to vote on the BCSTA Budget for 2011/2012.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

BCSTA By-Law 18 states that the Auditors must be appointed yearly at the Annual General Meeting and will hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. In 2008/09, the Finance Committee recommended that the services of D&H Group LLP, Chartered Accountants be retained for a second – five year term. 2010/2011 would be the third year in D&H Group's second – five year contract.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board provide Kathie Ward, Provincial Councilor, with direction on how it wishes her to vote on the appointment of Auditors to the BCSTA.

Attachments have been provided to the Board of Education electronically due to the volume of the documents.

**Members of the public wishing to obtain copies may contact the Executive Assistant.*

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 30, 2011

Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.
Motion of Exclusion	Approved
Ordering of Agenda	Approved as amended
Confirmation of Minutes – March 9, 2011	Approved as circulated
Chair Report	Received for information
Committee Business	Received for information
Question Period	Received for information
Trustee Reports	Received for information
Other Business	Received for information
Adjournment	Approved and adjourned at 4:42 p.m.