



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, April 27, 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 – Kathie Ward

STAFF:

Superintendent – Jan Unwin
Secretary Treasurer – Wayne Jefferson
Deputy Superintendent – Laurie Meston
Communications/Community Relations – Seamus Nesling
Executive Assistant, Recorder – Tracy Orobko

ABSENT:

Trustee – Stepan Vdovine

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

Call to Order

Motion: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

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

CARRIED

The Chair welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

1. **Correspondence**

- Samantha Boutet, N.D.
- Tom Kosatsky, Medical and Scientific Director, BC Centre for Disease Control

Moved: Trustee Ward

Seconded: Trustee Rempel

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information

CARRIED

2. **Ordering of Agenda**

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Agenda be ordered as circulated.

CARRIED

The Chair asked the audience if there is anyone else who would like to speak to the Agenda.

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **April 13, 2011 Public Meeting Minutes**

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

The following change was made to the April 13, 2011 minutes:

Trustee Ward was added to the "Attendance" list of Board Members.

THAT the Minutes of the April 13, 2011 Public Board Meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

Full-Day Kindergarten

Presenters: Noralea Pilgrim, Sheila Pace, Donna Heikkila, Monica Severinson and Laurie Meston

Highlights Included:

- Deputy Superintendent Meston introduced Noralea Pilgrim, Sheila Pace, Donna Heikkila and Monica Severinson who provided a powerpoint on the full-day Kindergarten initiative and focused on the importance of shared leadership, collaboration development of young learners, importance of play, encouraging innovation and risk taking and building on best practice.
- Partnered with SFU and SD43 to provide an early learning graduate Diploma program, mentorship programs and outdoor learning options.
- District parent education evenings have proven successful.
- <http://kindergarten.sd42.ca>

The Chair opened the floor to questions.

A question was asked as to what opportunities there are for all districts to share to which it was responded that they belong to an early literacy / early learning network.

Parent comments have included concerns the children are so little, how do they cope with the full day to which it was responded that the engagement of the students is amazing. The children have more opportunities to plan, find a friend and share.

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Clarkson read a report regarding his recent attendance at the BC School Trustee Association's Annual General Meeting held on April 14 - 17th with Trustees Palis, Ward, Carr, Vdovine; Superintendent Unwin and Secretary Treasurer Jefferson.

Chair Clarkson congratulated and thanked Acting Director, Human Resources, Harry Dhillon and his Assistant Lena Frennd for organizing the 20 year Recognition Dinner at Garibaldi Secondary School. The event was a great success.

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

Kwantlen Polytechnic University Update

Superintendent Unwin spoke to the recommendation enclosed with the Agenda package.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the Board receive the following report for information:

Due to the lack of enrollment numbers, School District No. 42 is unable to continue to pursue the academic partnership with Kwantlen Polytechnic University at this time. It is hoped that there will be further similar opportunities in the future.

CARRIED

b) Deputy Superintendent

c) Secretary Treasurer

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Youth Centre Society

Trustee Carr provided a Youth Centre Society report. A highlight of the meeting was a presentation by the Maple Ridge Secondary School student committee who are planning their 2nd annual "Ka Vroom" – soap box derby. The group is seeking additional sponsors. In addition, the Youth Centre Society will be providing support to the upcoming Home Show. Members will be driving shuttle carts to raise money for the society which in turn provides local initiatives in the community.

Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility

Trustee Huber referred to the 8th Annual 2011 Accessibility and Inclusion Awards nomination form included with the Agenda package. SD42 has been recognized twice. The awards evening scheduled for June 2nd is a way to give thanks to businesses and individuals who assist those with accessibility issues.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Tzu Chi Foundation

Trustee Rempel had the privilege of attending a recent luncheon where he met two recipients who indicated the financial assistance from Tzu Chi has made a significant difference in their lives and the many lives of others.

The upcoming Celebration is scheduled for June 2, 2011 at Eric Langton Elementary from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Good News Items

Trustee Palis attended Pitt Meadows Secondary School earlier that day and was pleased to see students take part in an all-candidates meeting with the Member of Parliament candidates.

Trustee Palis was asked to assist with judging a public speaking event at Alexander Robinson Elementary. Topics included "Why there should be no hockey fights", "Barbie and her Merits" and "The Salem Witch Trials.

Trustee Carr has been on the 'judging circuit' for public speaking at various schools where the topics are very wide-ranged and entertaining.

Trustee Carr attended the 20 year recognition dinner and gave high accolades to the great job done by Acting Director, Human Resources, Harry Dhillon and his Administrative Assistant, Lena Frend.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

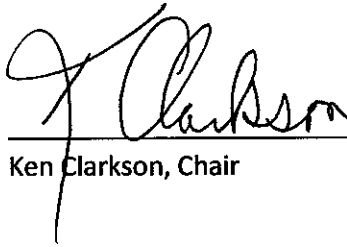
M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

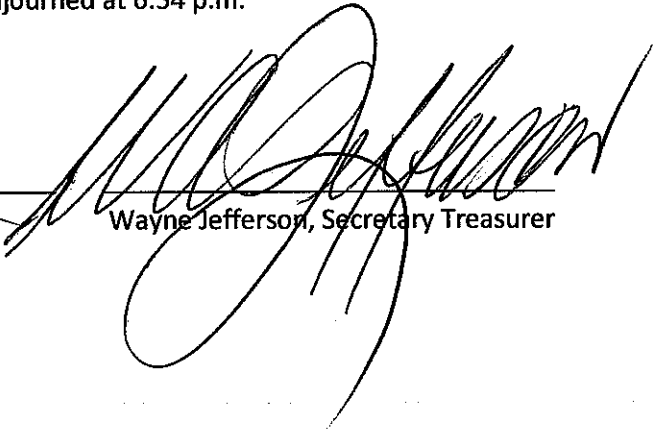
Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

CARRIED



Ken Clarkson, Chair



Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer