



PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
*Wednesday, April 11, 2012 (6:00 PM)*  
**DEO Board Room**

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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Board Chairperson – Mike Murray  
Vice-Chairperson – Eleanor Palis  
Trustee – Susan Carr  
Trustee – Ken Clarkson  
Trustee – Sarah Nelson  
Trustee – Dave Rempel

**STAFF:**

Secretary Treasurer – Wayne Jefferson  
Deputy Superintendent – Laurie Meston  
Mgr. of Communications/Community Relations – Irena Pochop  
Executive Assistant – Tracy Orobko

**ABSENT:**

Trustee – Kathy Marshall  
Superintendent – Jan Unwin

**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**

- William VanOsch, Chairperson – School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin)
- Patti Bacchus, Chairperson – School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information

**CARRIED**

2. **Ordering of Agenda**

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

THAT the Agenda be ordered as circulated.

**CARRIED**

The Chair opened the floor to others wanting to speak to the Agenda.

**B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

1. **March 28, 2012 Public Board Meeting Minutes**

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Minutes of the March 28, 2012 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

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**C. PRESENTATIONS**

Michelle Schmidt, District Vice-Principal – Alternate Education and Community Connections

Michelle Schmidt introduced Annette McCombs, Senior Aboriginal Support Worker, and Brenda Donoghue, Child & Youth Care Worker.

Vice-Principal Schmidt provided background on the collaborative efforts between Simon Fraser University, Maples Adolescent Treatment Centre, School District Nos. 42 and 43 and Keeping Kids in School.

A handout and power point was provided highlighting the efforts of relationship building with agencies; partnerships in the community; support systems for youth working collectively with the community; district and regional connections; teen resources and community networks which form vital networks.

**Moved:** Trustee Clarkson

**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive the presentation for information.

**CARRIED**

**D. DELEGATIONS**

**E. CHAIR REPORT**

The Chair provided a brief update on Safe Schools indicating the work of the Ministry of Education will not significantly impact our School District and accordingly the District will proceed with a policy to be approved by the end of June.

**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

Proposed Draft Policies: Stakeholders and Senior Team Feedback

The Secretary Treasurer provided background on the work of the two policies in conjunction with commitments made with partner groups.

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board Policy Development Committee recommends policies 7110 and 7210 as presented to the committee at its February 29, 2012 meeting, be received by the Board for continuation with the consultation process.

**CARRIED**

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Board Policy Development Committee Recommended Changes – Governance Modelling

**Moved:** Trustee Carr

**Seconded:** Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board rescind Annual Budget Bylaw: November 10, 2008 and replace with a Board policy as per the Procedure Bylaw on Non-Financial Bylaws under Part E – section 3.01 (d).

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT the attached Budget Process Bylaw, November 10, 2008, be rescinded as read a second time.

**CARRIED** (Opposed: Trustee Rempel)

**2. Information Items**

- a) Superintendent of Schools
- b) Deputy Superintendent

Deputy Meston reported a letter is being sent to families on April 12, 2012 indicating Report Card expectations.

- c) Secretary Treasurer

**I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**J. QUESTION PERIOD**

**K. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

BC School Trustees' Association. The 108<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting is fast approaching and several motions will be considered including the repealing and replacing of the policy book. Due to discussions anticipated at the event and as Trustees will be in attendance, it was agreed for the Board to hold discussions on motions until the event.

District Parent Advisory Council. Trustee Nelson attended the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting reporting on the recent presentation by Laurie Smith, District Principal, Student Support Services and Eric Langton Elementary's loss of playground.

Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council. Chair Murray reported the group held a strategic planning session and referenced partnerships in the community.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation. Chair Murray reported the group is working on strategies to generate funds for youth.

Social Planning Advisory. Trustee Nelson reported on *distributing of lunches with dignity* and the passion behind the work. Darryl Pilgrim, Executive Director, of the Salvation Army attended the meeting.

Tzu Chi Foundation. Trustee Rempel invited all Board members to attend the upcoming celebration at South Lillooet Centre on May 16, 2012, at 3:30 p.m.

Youth Centre Society. Michelle Schmidt, District Vice-Principal, Alternate Education and Community Connections, will be providing a presentation.

Good News Items

Trustee Rempel reminded everyone of the upcoming Rotary Wine Festival and made reference of the Rotary Club Duck Race which is a corporate initiative - all groups (including schools) who sell tickets, retain 100% of proceeds.

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Trustee Carr reminded everyone of the upcoming elementary School District speech competitions, MRSS Grad Transitions presentations, and Grade 10 Planning Interview Fairs thanking staff for their organization and community members for their participation.

Trustee Carr acknowledged the community support at BC Liquor Stores for donations to Dry Grad. To date, \$6,326 has been raised and will be divided amongst the six high schools.

**L. OTHER BUSINESS**

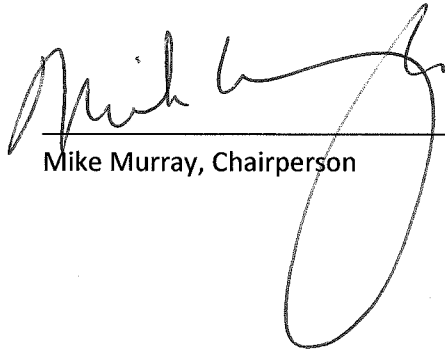
**M. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Clarkson

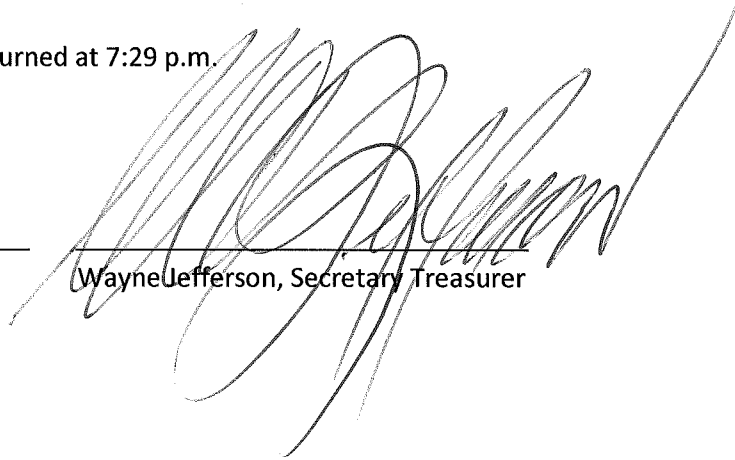
THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

**CARRIED**



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Mike Murray, Chairperson



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Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer