



PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
*Wednesday, April 25, 2012 (6:00 PM)*  
**DEO Board Room**

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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Chairperson – Mike Murray  
Trustee – Susan Carr  
Trustee – Ken Clarkson  
Trustee – Kathy Marshall  
Trustee – Sarah Nelson  
Trustee – Dave Rempel

STAFF:

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

**ABSENT:**

Vice-Chairperson – Eleanor Palis

**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

- Lyn Killick

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information

**CARRIED**

2. Ordering of Agenda

**Additions/Amendments:**

Moved to Chair Report: Correspondence - Lyn Killick

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

**CARRIED**

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

**B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

1. April 11, 2012 Public Board Meeting Minutes

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

THAT the Minutes of the April 11, 2012 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

Maple Ridge Fire Academy/RCMP Youth Academy

Cindy Peck, Career Planning Assistant and Colton Koopmans, Student, Westview Secondary School

Ms. Peck introduced herself addressing her role with the Career Centre facilitating career exploration, work experience and post-secondary options while passing photographs taken from the recent Maple Ridge Fire and RCMP Academies.

Details of the RCMP Youth Academy which occurred at Stillwood Camp and Conference Centre – Chilliwack during Spring Break, is organized and results from the collaborative work of Fraser Valley RCMP Detachments and School Districts. The experience provides hands-on work experience to students interested in law enforcement challenging them personally both physically and mentally.

One obstacle faced this year was funding shortfalls which will result in increased costs to students next year.

Qualifications and details of the Maple Ridge Fire Academy were provided. Each year, five to ten students are selected from applications to participate from September to May. The Academy has been in existence approximately 10 years.

The Chair thanked the guests for attending the meeting and for staff's involvement with the academies.

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board receive Cindy Peck's Maple Ridge Fire and RCMP Youth Academy presentation for information.

**CARRIED**

Environmental School Project

Clayton Maitland, Vice-Principal, Coordinator and Administrator, Environmental School Project

Place-Based, Imaginative and Ecological Education

Mr. Maitland thanked the Board for proceeding with approval for the formation of the Environmental School and handed out the 2012 Simon Fraser University ("SFU") Interim Report. The report will also be available on the School District website. Acknowledgements and thanks were made to Katzie and Kwantlen First Nations, community partners, educators, local media, seniors, and SFU and international educators, for their continued support.

Parents and students in attendance at the meeting, offered first-hand experiences and testimonials of the overall benefit of the Environmental School learning philosophy.

As the program expands, so does the awareness locally and internationally resulting in global inquiries.

Benefits of the program include building confidence, resiliency, critical thinking, sustainability, governance, watershed, patterns, communication, empathy, balance and story-telling.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and offering their support and comments.

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board receive Clayton Maitland's Environmental School presentation for information.

**CARRIED**

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**D. DELEGATIONS****E. CHAIR REPORT**

The Chair addressed correspondence from Ms. Killick acknowledging a response will be provided indicating no loss of instructional time in next year's proposed calendar.

**F. DEFERRED ITEMS****G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS****H. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT****1. Decision Items****a) Superintendent of Schools****2012-2013 District Local School Calendar**

The Superintendent acknowledged the large volumes of feedback received highlighting the consultative process trying to meet many needs and provided background on the abolishment of S. 78.1 of the *School Act* confirming the School District has met the legislative requirement of the *Act*. Minutes of instruction have not been lost.

**Moved:** Trustee Carr

**Seconded:** Trustee Rempel

THAT the Board approve:

- The attached Local District Calendar for 2012/2013 - Appendix A (1)

**CARRIED****b) Deputy Superintendent****c) Secretary Treasurer****Capital Project Bylaw No. 126395 Annual Facility Grant 2012-2013**

The Secretary Treasurer provided background regarding Annual Facility Grants for 2012-2013. Following Board approval to access funds, the School District will commence the planning process.

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

THAT the Board pass Capital Project Bylaw No. 126395 – Annual Facility Grant 2012-2013 at this meeting with three (3) readings, unanimously.

**CARRIED**

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board pass Capital Project Bylaw No. 126395 – Annual Facility Grant 2012-2013 as read a first time.

**CARRIED**

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel  
**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

THAT the Board pass Capital Project Bylaw No. 126395 – Annual Facility Grant 2012-2013 as read a second time.

**CARRIED**

**Moved:** Trustee Marshall  
**Seconded:** Trustee Nelson

THAT the Board pass Capital Project Bylaw No. 126395 – Annual Facility Grant 2012-2013 as read a third time and finally adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2. Information Items**

**a) Superintendent of Schools**

**I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

Inclusive Education. Trustee Clarkson spoke to the handout provided.

**J. QUESTION PERIOD**

**K. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Tzu Chi Foundation. Trustee Rempel reminded the Board of the upcoming Celebration on May 16<sup>th</sup> at South Lillooet Centre in addition to the Mother's Day event in Coquitlam.

Joint Parks and Leisure Services. Trustee Rempel referred to the report provided by Trustee Palis.

District Student Advisory Council. Trustee Nelson attended the recent DSAC meeting which rendered positive artistic renderings of Superintendent Unwin.

Good News Items

It was agreed for the Board to send a congratulatory note to the newly elected Katzie First Nation Chief and Council.

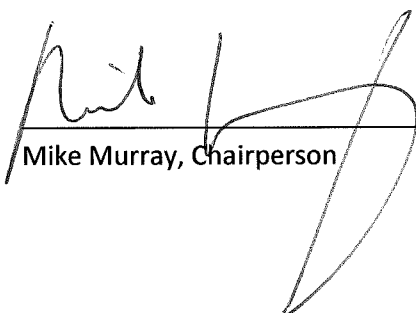
**L. OTHER BUSINESS**

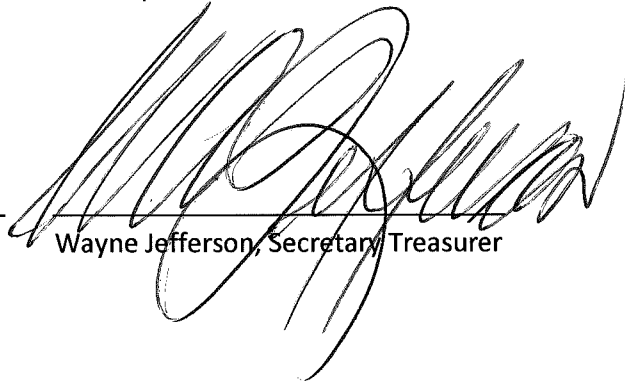
**M. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel  
**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

**CARRIED**

  
Mike Murray, Chairperson

  
Wayne Jefferson, Secretary/Treasurer