



PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, February 8, 2012 (6:00 PM)
DEO Board Room

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Chairperson – Mike Murray
Vice-Chairperson – Eleanor Palis
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

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**

- Candace Gordon, Chair – Community Network
- Eden Haythornthwaite, Chair – School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley)
- Kathie Ward, Chair – Ridge Meadows Educational Foundation

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information

CARRIED

2. **Ordering of Agenda**

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

Additions/Amendments:

Correspondence Added: Barry O'Neill, President, CUPE BC Division

Correspondence Added: Pam Newton, Funzone Family Fest Coordinator – Ridge Meadows Home Show

Moved to Chair Report: Candace Gordon, Chair – Community Network: Correspondence

Moved to Chair Report: Barry O'Neill, President, CUPE BC Division

Secretary Treasurer Decision Item: 2012-2013 Budget Communication Plan

Trustee Reports: BC School Trustees' Association – Provincial Council

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. January 25,2012 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Minutes of the January 25, 2012 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

Lindy Sisson, Executive Director – ACT School Performance Partnership

Exploring Burnaby School District Young People’s Concert Series – How to Make it Work for us
Partnership with the MRPM Arts Council

- The Chair stated if there had been a decision item regarding the presentation, he would have declared a conflict as he is a Director of the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Arts Council.

Lindy Sisson, Executive Director, introduced John White, Director of Instruction, Burnaby School District.

- Ms. Sisson and Mr. White spoke to a model used in Burnaby engaging students in the School District with Educational Arts Programs
- The Maple Ridge Artist in Residence has offered 12 free workshops to schools
- Thanked the Superintendent in assisting with schools responding to the Arts Angel program
- Provided a handout and overview of a proposal of how The ACT could work with the School District. Suggestions were made to hold grade-level performances
- Cultural benefit to those students who may not otherwise experience arts programs

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board receive the presentation for information

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

Barry O’Neill, President, CUPE BC Division

Moved: Trustee Marshall

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board refer correspondence received from Barry O’Neill, President of CUPE BC Division, to staff.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board refer correspondence received from Candace Gordon, Chair, Community Network, to staff.

CARRIED

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

Financial Statements – Second Quarter

The Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of the second quarter Financial Statements.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board approve the Second Quarter Financial Statements.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

Revised 2012-2013 Budget Timelines

The Secretary Treasurer provided a brief overview of the revised Budget Timelines highlighting a date change from April 11th to April 4th. A public forum was added and scheduled for April 23, 2012.

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board approve the revised 2012/2013 Budget Communication Plan for the 2012-2013 Preliminary Budget Preparation Process.

CARRIED

2. Information Items

- a) Superintendent of Schools
- b) Deputy Superintendent

Kindergarten Registration Phase One/Environmental Program Enrollment

Deputy Superintendent Meston provided a handout and reviewed same.

Trustee Palis exited the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding choice schools and options around French immersion.

Trustee Palis joined the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

The Superintendent reported a more concise enrolment report will be brought to the next meeting.

The Chair opened the floor to questions and thanked staff for their work in bringing preliminary information to the Board.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board receive the interim report on Kindergarten registration as of February 3, 2012, for information.

CARRIED

c) **Secretary Treasurer**

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Aboriginal Education. Trustee Carr reported on the recent meeting attended with Trustee Nelson, Golden Ears Metis Society and Anishanabe whereby the committee reviewed the goals of the Enhancement Agreement, the new Talking Stick newsletter and commented on the rejuvenation of pole carving thanks to two new pole carvers. Katzie First Nations will be holding their Chief and Council elections on February 27, 2012. The next Aboriginal Education meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2012.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BCSTA Provincial Council. Trustee Clarkson attended the Fraser Valley Branch meeting on February 2, 2012. Trustee Clarkson advised the Board of BCSTA scholarship offerings and of online resources regarding Governance. Eight candidates are vying for position of past President and sought feedback from the Board. Emergent items only will be brought forward for approval.

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Rempel

THAT the Board provide direction to the Provincial Councilor to vote accordingly at the upcoming BCSTA Provincial Council meeting.

CARRIED

BCSTA - Revision to Class Size Regulations

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board provide direction to the Provincial Councilor to vote in favour of the proposed revision to class size regulation motion.

CARRIED

Teacher Collective Bargaining

Moved: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

THAT the Board provide direction to the Provincial Councilor to listen to the debate on the topic to best make an informed vote on behalf of the Board.

CARRIED

District Reporting Requirements During Job Action

Motion: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board provide direction to the Provincial Councilor to vote in favour of reducing the reporting requirements motion.

CARRIED

Trustee Clarkson asked for a Board volunteer to serve on the Executive of the Fraser Valley BCSTA representative. It was determined Trustee Clarkson will remain in the role.

District Parent Advisory Council. Trustee Rempel reported on his attendance at the recent DPAC meeting at Alexander Robinson Elementary. Inquiries were made with respect to the new school proposal and teacher job action. The Superintendent added the District is moving towards online registration processes.

Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council. Trustee Rempel provided an update on recent events. Appointments were made to the advocacy and policy committees.

Chair Murray announced the collaboration of the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Arts Council, Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation and Ballet BC for an upcoming event on March 15, 2012.

Social Planning Advisory Committee. Trustees Nelson and Marshall provided a report on their attendance at the recent meeting highlighting the presentation by Bob Foster and Heather Treleven of the Seniors Network who addressed, 'Aging with Dignity'. Special guest, Jim Diers, will be attending the next meeting on February 25, 2012 speaking to the 'Power of Neighbourhoods'.

Tzu Chi Foundation. Luncheon at Connex will not be taking place on May 23, 2012 as previously indicated. Most likely May 16 and will confirm same in due course.

Good News Items.

Tickets for Garibaldi Secondary School's "Legally Blonde" running February 21 – 25, are now on sale.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

CARRIED



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer