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**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:**

Acting Superintendent – Laurie Meston  
Secretary Treasurer – Flavia Coughlan  
Mgr. of Communications/Community Relations – Irena Pochop  
Executive Assistant – Tracy Orobko

**ABSENT:**

Superintendent – Jan Unwin

**A. OPENING PROCEDURES**

i. Call to Order

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

The Chair welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and acknowledged the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary in December reminding all of the importance of safety in our schools. A moment of silence was observed.

ii. Correspondence

1. Bill Gilhooly, CA – Assistant Auditor General – Office of the Auditor General for British Columbia
2. Don McRae, Honourable Minister – Minister of Education
3. Frank Lento, Chairperson – SD5 (Southeast Kootenay)
4. Melanie Joy, Chairperson – SD8 (Kootenay Lake)
5. Patricia Adam, Chairperson – SD10 (Arrow Lakes)
6. Alan Chell, Chairperson – SD19 (Revelstoke)
7. Moyra Baxter, Chairperson – SD23 (Central Okanagan)
8. William VanOsch, Chairperson – SD27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin)
9. Caroline Mitchell, Chairperson – SD28 (Quesnel)
10. Donna Sargent, Chairperson – SD38 (Richmond)
11. Patti Bacchus, Chairperson – SD39 (Vancouver)
12. Baljinder Narang, Chairperson – SD41 (Burnaby)
13. Mike Murray, Chairperson – SD42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)
14. Melissa Hyndes, Chairperson – SD43 (Coquitlam)
15. Franci Stratton, Chairperson – SD44 (North Vancouver)
16. Cindy Dekker, Chairperson – SD45 (West Vancouver)
17. Silas White, Chairperson – SD46 (Sunshine Coast)
18. Dr. Jeanette Scott, Chairperson – SD47 (Powell River)
19. Rick Price, Chairperson – SD48 (Squamish-Whistler-Pemberton)
20. Elizabeth Condrotte, Chairperson – SD50 (Haida Gwaii)
21. Teresa Rezanoff, Chairperson – SD51 (Boundary)

22. Tina Last, Chairperson – SD52 (Prince Rupert)
23. Marieze Tarr, Chairperson – SD53 (Okanagan Similkameen)
24. Les Kearns, Chairperson – SD54 (Bulkley Valley)
25. Sharel Warrington, Chairperson – SD57 (Prince George)
26. Gordon Comeau, Chairperson – SD58 (Nicola-Similkameen)
27. Richard Powell, Chairperson – SD59 (Peace River South)
28. Peg Orcherton, Chairperson – SD61 (Greater Victoria)
29. G. Wayne Hunter, Chairperson – SD63 (Saanich)
30. May McKenzie, Chairperson – SD64 (Gulf Islands)
31. Ginny Manning, Chairperson – SD67 (Okanagan Skaha)
32. Jamie Brennan, Chairperson – SD68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) \*Letter #1
33. Jamie Brennan, Chairperson – SD68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) \*Letter #2
34. Lynette Kershaw, Chairperson – SD69 (Qualicum)
35. Tom Weber, Chairperson – SD71 (Comox Valley)
36. Michele Babchuk, Chairperson – SD72 (Campbell River)
37. Denise Harper, Chairperson – SD73 (Kamloops/Thompson)
38. Carmen Ranta, Chairperson – SD74 (Gold Trail)
39. Ron Johnstone, Chairperson – SD78 (Fraser-Cascade)
40. Art Erasmus, Chairperson – SD82 (Coast Mountains)
41. Bobbi Johnson, Chairperson – SD83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap) \*Letter #1
42. Bobbi Johnson, Chairperson – SD83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap) \*Letter #2
43. Carol Donaldson, Chairperson – SD84 (Vancouver Island West)
44. Leighton Wishart, Chairperson – SD85 (Vancouver Island North)
45. Steve Davis, Chairperson – SD91 (Nechako Lakes)
46. Roger Hebert, President – SD93 (Le Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique)

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

**CARRIED**

Correspondence: Trustee Clarkson Move no. 29 Saanich (pg 56) – to Chair Report

iii. Ordering of Agenda

**Additions/Amendments:**

Correspondence: G. Wayne Hunter, Chairperson – SD63 (Saanich) moved to Chair Report

Correspondence: Darrel Ganzert, Chairperson – SD20 (Kootenay-Columbia)

Correspondence: Walt Krahn, Chairperson – SD33 (Chilliwack)

Correspondence: Wendy Hobbs, Chairperson – SD62 (Sooke)

Correspondence: Peter Leeson, Chairperson – SD92 (Nisga'a)

Correspondence: Ginny Manning, Chairperson – SD67 (Okanagan Skaha)

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Palis

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

**CARRIED**

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

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**B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****1. December 12, 2012 Public Board Meeting Minutes****Moved:** Trustee Rempel**Seconded:** Trustee Nelson

THAT the Minutes of the December 12, 2012 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED****C. PRESENTATIONS**

Petra Frederick, Recreation Access Coordinator – Parks and Recreation Services for  
Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows; Kevin Prieb, Chair – Municipal Advisory & Accessibility Committee

Ms. Frederick introduced Mr. Prieb who shared the successes from the past year and future initiatives.

The focus remains on supporting and making recommendations on accessibility issues to both the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows communities. The committee has been in existence since 1993. Mr. Prieb provided background on the history of the committee and recognized the successful partnerships with schools.

The committee's recent successes include the Rick Hansen Anniversary event, the receipt of several provincial and federal grants and the 2010 Paralympics torch relay. They have further received the 2009 UBCM Community Excellence award for best practices in leadership and innovation.

The Chair opened the floor to questions and comments.

Trustees expressed their appreciation. The committee would like to explore specific ways to work with the School District promoting inclusiveness.

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel**Seconded:** Trustee Palis

THAT the Board receive Petra Frederick's Municipal Advisory & Accessibility presentation for information.

**CARRIED**

Bruce Grady, District Principal and Michael Polan, Manager, International Education

The Department's team was introduced crediting the group to its success. Mr. Grady spoke to the passion behind the program enhancing the social well-being of students and the community. A homestay mom provided testimony of her experiences in hosting students. The student placement process was provided crediting organizations such as TOPIA who have helped. A student present from Norway spoke about his Canadian experiences. A short video "Experience Canada" was shared.

A PowerPoint was provided highlighting the current marketing efforts and statistics of international students. Maple Ridge currently has the largest German program in Canada and the department is continuously looking at programs globally. Other countries of interest include Brazil, Netherlands, Russia Spain, Japan, China, Taiwan, South Korea, Mexico, S. America, Colombia and Turkey. The program is also looking at developing more Adult and University Bridge Programs.

Challenges facing the program:

- U.S. is experiencing its largest increase in students; less expensive; free homestay programs and their immigration policies have been very supportive;
- More affordable options in other jurisdictions;
- Post-secondaries recognize the value and are trying to attract international students;
- More competition between jurisdictions;

- Ranking of different School Boards;
- Location.

The program is working to combat challenges by offering alternate programs and offshore delivery options; improving relations with agencies, and government partners and working to ensure we are a choice destination. "Study in Canada; learn in BC".

The Chair opened the floor to questions. Discussion ensued regarding correspondence in the Agenda. Mr. Polan credited the program's success to the community, teachers in the schools, school environments, staff and support and introduced Lisa Williamson, Supervisor, International Education. The Board praised and thanked Michael Polan's efforts, enthusiasm and leadership.

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive Bruce Grady and Michael Polan's International Education presentation for information.

**CARRIED**

#### **D. DELEGATIONS**

#### **E. CHAIR REPORT**

Correspondence – G. Wayne Hunter, Chairperson – SD63 (Saanich)

Trustee Clarkson spoke to the letter inquiring into the status of BCeSIS to which the Secretary Treasurer confirmed provincial discussions have been ongoing relating to a plausible replacement of the system.

#### **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

Appointment of Auditor

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board approve the appointment of KPMG LLP as auditors for the Board for 2012/2013 and direct the Secretary Treasurer to promptly notify the auditor and the Minister of Education of the appointment.

**CARRIED**

Board Policy 9410: Safe, Caring and Healthy Schools

Trustee Carr complimented students, staff, Social Justice Committee and schools who participated with the process for helping create policy. The Chair suggested sending a letter to the Social Justice Committee acknowledging their involvement.



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**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board Policy Development Committee recommends policy 9410: Safe, Caring and Healthy Schools be received by the Board for continuation with the consultation process.

**CARRIED**

Board Policy Approval 2925: Trustees – Provision of Resources

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Palis

THAT the Board approve policy 2925: Trustees – Provision of Resources for implementation.

**CARRIED**

**2. Information Items**

**a) Superintendent of Schools**

Trustee Rempel exited the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

SD42 IT Plan to Support Learning for Tomorrow

David Vandergugten, Director of Instruction, K-12 Education and Richard Eskandar, Manager, Information Technology Services, presented a PowerPoint on the technology plan highlighting that student learning is the centre of the plan and success depends on training the users.

Trustee Rempel joined the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

IT policies and processes are in the process of review. Director Vandergugten explained Disaster Recovery and defined Cloud Computing. The IT department is working on core upgrades pertaining to business systems. The key component being delivered tonight is what the School District is doing to engage kids - shifting pedagogy.

Consultation: There are provisions on the website for teachers to provide feedback and after school sessions have occurred via an online discussion forums.

**Moved:** Trustee Clarkson

**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's SD42 Technology Plan report for information.

**CARRIED**

**b) Deputy Superintendent**

**c) Secretary Treasurer**

2012/2013 Ministry of Education Recalculated Funding Allocations

The Secretary Treasurer provided background on the correspondence attached to the Agenda.

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board receive the Secretary Treasurer's report for information.

**CARRIED**

**Moved:** Trustee Clarkson

**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

THAT the Board write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting clarification on their December 4, 2012 letter expressing concern about the download of BCPSEA funding.

**CARRIED**

**I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**J. QUESTION PERIOD**

**K. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

BC School Trustees' Association. Discussion ensued regarding Provincial Council Motions. Trustee Representative Clarkson spoke to past experiences. Motions will come forward at the AGM.

Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council. Trustee Rempel reported 174 students received funding for Arts Angels. An advisory committee has been created to work with grade 4/5 teachers. Upcoming events include strategic planning, a fundraiser on April 21<sup>st</sup> involving students and the AGM on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Inclusive Education. At 6:30 p.m. on January 30, there will be an information session at Hammond Elementary regarding Kindergarten and special education.

Tzu Chi Foundation. The Chair attended a celebration on January 13. Tzu Chi funding, based on the principles of giving, is up to \$200 million for disaster relief worldwide. The breadth of the organization is vast with much support to the school district.

Good News Items

Trustee Palis attended a pep rally at PMSS honouring Rich Goulet. Mr. Goulet's accomplishments were acknowledged in Ottawa by Prime Minister Harper and locally by Randy Kamp, MP and Mayor Walters.

**L. OTHER BUSINESS**

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Marshall

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

**CARRIED**



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer