



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, June 13, 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**

- Melissa Hyndes, Chairperson – School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)
- Deidre Torrence, Chairperson – Social Justice Committee – Maple Ridge Teachers' Association

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information

CARRIED

2. **Ordering of Agenda**

Moved: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

Additions:

Moved to Board Policy Development Committee: Correspondence – Deidre Torrence, Chairperson, Social Justice Committee – Maple Ridge Teachers' Association

Secretary Treasurer Information Item: Carbon Neutral Capital Program

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. May 30, 2012 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Minutes of the May 30, 2012 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

Laurie Smith, District Principal and Katherine Shearer – Student Support Services, Inclusive Education

A power point, “Processes, Procedures and Projects”, was presented.

Student Support Services, spread throughout the School District, is made up of dedicated, talented professionals; is not a place or program, but rather an offering of services with initiatives which were highlighted with the goal of learning and reaching personal potential, brighter futures and fostering community connection.

Services include but are not limited to consulting with schools; providing training and professional development opportunities; maintaining communication and resources; developing district initiatives and leadership in addition to supporting the School District’s Critical Incidence Team.

Laurie Smith thanked the Superintendent and the Board for the opportunity to “steer the ship” for the duration of her appointment.

Sharon Sargent, Candace Gordon, Coleen Thompson and Elaine Yamamoto – Community Network

The group provided a power point presentation regarding Community Network, The HIVE, their history and community and school benefits. Many groups and standing committees form a broad planning table. Currently, there are 150 members representing over 50 agencies offering community-wide solutions.

There has been a significant investment on behalf of the community.

The vision includes: spanning out to other elementary schools to hopefully develop community centres such as the one at Eric Langton Elementary; increasing community use in the schools which offer valuable services and opportunities; identifying needs and wants and providing those services to children and families. Examples of services included community kitchens (new this year) and the popular clothing exchange which drew 400 people.

Ms. Gordon introduced Jon Wheatley, Principal, Eric Langton Elementary, and thanked him for his continued support.

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive the presentations for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

K.E.E.P.S. – Kanaka Education + Environmental Partnership Society

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board write a letter of support for the project.

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

Proposed Draft Policies: Trustees, Stakeholders and Senior Team Feedback

Trustee Rempel exited the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

The Secretary Treasurer provided background on the history of the policies which were brought to the Board last year, and revisions were made with respect to the buses.

Trustee Rempel joined the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Moved: Trustee Clarkson

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board Policy Development Committee recommends policies and procedures 4435, 4435.1, 5401, 5401.1, 5701, 5701.1, 5701.2 and 6600 be received by the Board for continuation with the consultation process.

CARRIED

2. Information Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

Adult Education Funding

The Superintendent provided background on the changes to the Education Guarantee recognizing additions the Ministry has added courses originally removed and impending graduation requirement changes. Once final, a report will be brought back.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's report on Adult Education funding for information.

CARRIED

b) Deputy Superintendent

c) Secretary Treasurer**Carbon Neutral Capital Program (“CNCP”) Announcement**

The Secretary Treasurer referred to correspondence received from the Ministry of Education and provided information on required filings.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board receive the Secretary Treasurer’s report on the new Carbon Neutral Capital Program for information.

CARRIED

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**Board Policy Development Committee**

The Chair referred to correspondence received from Deidre Torrence, Chairperson of the Social Justice Committee – Maple Ridge Teachers’ Association, noting the matter has been a project the committee has been dedicated to working on. In response to Ms. Torrence’s letter, the committee is hopeful of meeting its commitment of completing a draft policy by the end of June with the intention of conducting due consultation. The committee further wishes to ensure the policy encompasses the concept of overarching discrimination language.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions and answers were conducted regarding the Adult Education Guarantee. The Superintendent provided further clarification.

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BC School Trustees’ Association. Trustee Clarkson reported on his attendance at the Fraser Valley Branch meeting in Harrison Hot Springs with the Chair Murray. Boards shared reports and a key topic included extra-curricular opportunities for students and potential changes in policies. School District No. 42 is hosting the next meeting on a Monday in October. The date is yet to be announced.

District Parent Advisory Council. Trustee Palis reported on the changes in DPAC executive for the next school year: Michelle Larose will be stepping down as Chairperson after many years of service; Kelly Marquette has taken on the role. Director Vandergugten presented an Inquiry Project with staff and students from Yennadon Elementary

Municipal Advisory & Accessibility. Trustee Marshall reported on the upcoming awards ceremony in the District of Maple Ridge’s Council Chambers.

The Board Chair reported on his conversation regarding a teacher, Ginny Sanderson, seeking advice on how to help make REVS Bowling more accessible indicating he has referred her to Petra Frederick, Special Needs Coordinator, MRPM Parks and Leisure Services.

Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council. Trustee Rempel attended the meeting on June 4th where a discussion on cultural mapping, Board evaluation, governance, strategic planning and policy advocacy and scholarships ensued.

Ridge Meadows Educational Foundation. Trustee Carr reported the next meeting is scheduled for June 19th.

Social Planning Advisory. Trustee Marshall provided an update on Alouette Heights which will be opening before the end of June. The next Social Planning Advisory meeting will be held there.

Tzu Chi Foundation. Trustee Rempel reported on the recent meeting and funds announced at the recent celebration.

Youth Society. Trustee Carr reported District Vice-Principal, Alternate Education and Community Connections Michelle Schmidt is planning to attend the next meeting.

Good News Items

The Board commented on the numerous successful graduation ceremonies and related activities and acknowledged staff, parents, and community members/partners who worked for 10 months ensuring the success of events.

Acknowledgement was made to the students graduating from the alternate education program, Equine Studies program and thanked the many volunteers helping make the program possible including Tzu Chi Foundation and the Maple Ridge Equi Sport Centre.

Trustee Carr reported on Ignite Camp which is on until Friday at the Maple Ridge Secondary School Annex. All are welcome to drop in.

Trustee Marshall reported on her attendance with the Superintendent at the CEED Centre for the literacy celebration.

Trustee Rempel commented on the success of the Garibaldi Secondary School Graduation where he was pleased to participate as a Trustee and dad.

The Board Chair reported on the successful retirement tea held on June 12th at Garibaldi Secondary School.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

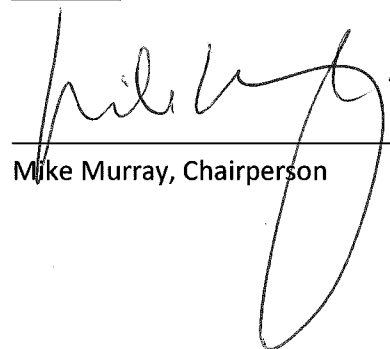
M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

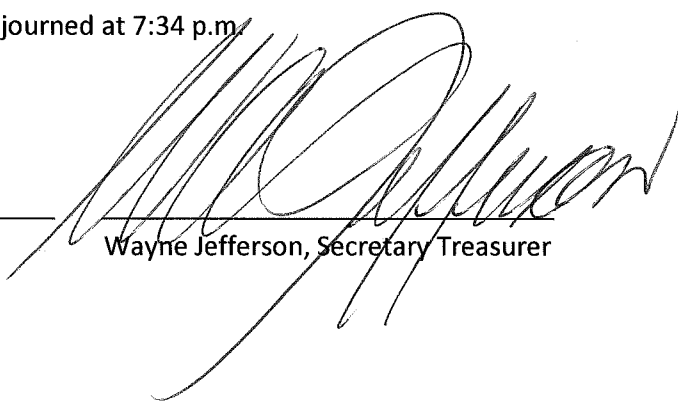
Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

CARRIED



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer