



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Wednesday, March 7, 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 – 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**

1. Call to Order

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

The Chair welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

2. Correspondence

- Darrell Pilgrim – The Salvation Army Caring Place

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information

**CARRIED**

3. Ordering of Agenda

**Moved:** Trustee

**Seconded:** Trustee

**Additions/Amendments:**

Correspondence added: George Serra, President – Maple Ridge Teachers' Association (February 29, 2012)

Moved to Chair Report: George Serra, President – Maple Ridge Teachers' Association

Ordering of Agenda: Item C – Presentations – Move to the top of the Agenda

**Moved:** Trustee Marshall

**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. February 29, 2012 Public Board Meeting Minutes

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Minutes of the February 29, 2012 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

Jesse Miller representing Mediated Reality – Social Media Education and Awareness

Grant Frend, Principal, Garibaldi Secondary School, introduced Jesse Miller who provided an abridged version of the realities of Social Media and students including privacy, behavior management and promotion of education of responsible use. Suggested sites to explore include:

- mediatedreality.com
- Twiduacate.com
- Edmodo.com (designed by educators for educators)

All Parent Advisory Councils have been invited to attend a presentation at Garibaldi Secondary tonight at 7:00 p.m.

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

George Serra, President – Maple Ridge Teachers' Association. The Board Chair commented the School District has had a great relationship with its teachers for years through cooperation and trust by way of joint committees indicating it is the Board's commitment within whatever legislation, to continue those practices working closely with the Maple Ridge Teachers' Association.

At today's Closed Board meeting, the Board adopted the following motion:

"THAT the Board Chair be directed to prepare a letter to the Minister of Education informing him that our Board supports the selection of a mediator that is agreeable to all parties."

The Chair opened the floor for Trustees to express their views in support of the motion.

**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

**2. Information Items**

- a) Superintendent of Schools
- b) Deputy Superintendent
- c) Secretary Treasurer

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**I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS****J. QUESTION PERIOD**

Questions and comments were made with respect to clarification sought regarding the Board's motion in relationship to aspects of Bill 22 including the conditions of mediator appointment.

**K. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

District Parent Advisory Council. Trustee Palis reported on her recent attendance. Eric Langton is holding a trivia night and suggested the School District build a team. The theme is "Superstition". The event is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> and tickets are \$13; ICBC conducted a presentation advising information is available for all grade levels; Michelle Larose, DPAC Chair, is in progress of obtaining details regarding Len Walters and "KidSport" - availability of funding for kids with financial need.

Joint Parks and Leisure Services. The Chair reported on the upcoming meeting tomorrow night and commented on the Superintendent's support regarding day camps during the recent work stoppage which were well patronized. The School District appreciates their support and involvement.

Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council. The Chair offered support for an upcoming fundraiser on March 15<sup>th</sup>: "From the Heart" – A performance by Ballet BC. This is a joint fundraiser with the Hospital Foundation.

Youth Society. Trustee Carr commented the next meeting is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Good News Items**

A report was provided on the Career Development Conference in Vancouver where education leaders spoke to gaps in the economy and linking it back to education and the lack of skills in the workforce including technology.

Acknowledgement and thanks was given to Rick Halis for the initiative to plant trees in front of Maple Ridge Secondary School. Thirteen trees were planted thanks to generous donations from the community.

Haney Rotary Club recently voted in favour of the majority of funds raised at their recent "ladies night" to support the school lunch program run by the Salvation Army.

The Board today, ratified the CUPE Memorandum of Agreement 2010-2012, as did the CUPE membership at their meeting held on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Trustee Clarkson commented on the respectful process complimenting the Secretary Treasurer for his success in strengthening the relationship between the School District and CUPE.

**L. OTHER BUSINESS****M. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Palis

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Mike Murray, Chairperson

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Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer