



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, May 29, 2013 (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 – Flavia Coughlan
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 6:05 p.m.

The Chair welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

1. **Correspondence**

- Darrel Ganzert, Chairperson – SD20 (Kootenay-Columbia)
- Mel Joy, Chairperson – SD8 (Kootenay Lake)

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

CARRIED

2. **Ordering of Agenda**

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

Additions:

Correspondence (Mel Joy, Chairperson – SD8 (Kootenay Lake): Move to Chair Report

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 8, 2013 Public Board Meeting Minutes**

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Minutes of the May 8, 2013 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

Ron Lancaster, Trades Partnership Coordinator – District Partnership Programs

Mr. Lancaster presented a brochure that highlights all the career programs in our schools.

Career programs are “Bringing life to learning”. There have been up to 800 students out in the community conducting work experience; 120 students are participating in partnership programs and interest in the programs has never been higher. By the end of March this year, over 160 applications were received for September. The community is becoming more aware of options and has fully embraced the programs. There has been great response to the newly Board approved plumbing program.

Mr. Lancaster introduced students Cole Higgins, Brooklyne Taylor, Anika Malmsten, Brandon Collins and Spencer Clinton.

Cole Higgins. An MRSS student cross-enrolled into the BCIT Auto Service Technician student provided an account of his experience in the program and the employment opportunities he has now.

Brooklyne Taylor. A former MRSS student who has continued her passion of culinary arts with the VCC professional cooks level 1 program at SRT provided an account of her experience in the program and the employment opportunities she has now.

A question was asked as to how she managed moving between schools to which Brooklyn responded having her own vehicle made it much easier as she felt public transportation to be challenging.

Mr. Lancaster indicated SD42 students have been and are involved in financial institutions, engineering firms, Vancouver Aquarium, Ridge Meadows Hospital, RCMP and Fire Academies. The RCMP Youth Academy is the costliest however SD42 consistently has the largest contingent with 20 to 30 kids participating. We play an important role in the sustainability of the camp and this was the fifteenth year of participation.

Mr. Lancaster credited the good work of experienced facilitators such as Kelly Gould who play a key role with work experience.

Anika Malmsten, a Garibaldi Secondary student, read a statement on her personal experience with the RCMP Youth Academy. Because of this camp, knows she wants to pursue her career.

Brandon Collins, an SRT student, attested how the whole experience provided him with the confidence boost he needed and developed the passion to pursue a career in law enforcement at some level.

Spencer Clinton, an SRT student gave an account of his experience at the RCMP Youth Academy and noted that this was one of the hardest yet best challenges he has ever experienced. The program helped steer his future goals and will be pursuing training as a 911 Dispatch Operator. Spencer thanked the Board for its support for the program.

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

Mel Joy, Chairperson – SD8 (Kootenay Lake)

Trustee Carr urged the Board to offer support in sending a letter to the Minister, once determined who,

Moved: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board send a letter to the new Minister of Education urging the Government to fully fund any wage increases.

CARRIED

The Board further wishes to encourage BCSTA on behalf of all Boards, to take this to the Government.

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

2013–2014 Board of Education Regular Public Board Meetings

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board adopt the following regular Public Board meeting schedule for 2013/14:

September	11, 25	February	12, 26
October	9, 30	March	12
November	13, 27	April	9, 30
December	11	May	14, 28
January	15, 29	June	11, 25

CARRIED**2. Information Items**

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

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**Proposed Draft Policy: 5400 Student Transportation**

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board receive for information and continuation with the consultation process: policy 5400 Student Transportation and procedure 5400.1 Student Transportation.

CARRIED

Inclusive Education Trustee Nelson reported on her attendance at the successful "inclusive awards" at Maple Ridge Secondary School.

J. QUESTION PERIOD**K. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

DPAC. Acknowledgement was expressed to DPAC for the successful Appreciation Dinner night.

Parks and Leisure. A verbal report was provided on the awarding of a contract for the development of a water park at Albion Sports Complex.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation. A verbal report was provided on the successful hot dog day which raised money for the school brown bag lunch program.

Tzu Chi Foundation. A verbal report was provided on the challenges in attendance at the recent celebration. \$17,500 of funding has been donated by Tzu Chi. The next meeting is in two weeks.

Good News Items

Items included the district track meet which is scheduled for MRSS on June 6 and 7th; bird tours fostering learning at Trustee Rempel's home; and the successful pole ceremony to be held at Alouette Elementary.

Summer Learning Program recently received the Ken Spencer acknowledgement award; and Trevor Randle, MRSS Chef recently was auctioned off for \$850 at a fundraiser where he will prepare a dinner for eight in the bidder's home.

Trustee Palis concluded the meeting with 'sad' news indicating this as being the Executive Assistant's last attendance at a Board meeting as Tracy Orobko moves on to new adventures and challenges. The Board acknowledged and thanked her for efforts over the years of service.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

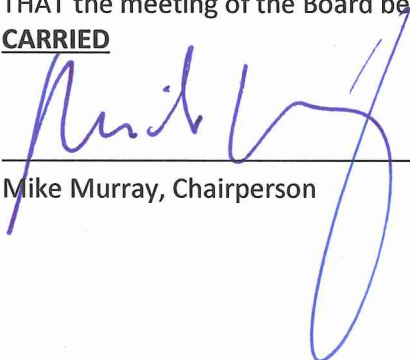
M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel


Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

CARRIED



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer