



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, May 30, 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**

- Dave Smith, Chairperson – Kanaka Education + Environmental Partnership Society
- Leightan Wishart, Chairperson – School District No. 85 (Vancouver Island North)
- Mel Joy, Chairperson – School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake)
- George Abbott, Honourable Minister – Ministry of Education

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

CARRIED

2. **Ordering of Agenda**

Moved: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

Additions:

Superintendent of Schools Decision Item: Amended 2012-2013 District and Kanaka Creek Elementary
Local School Calendars

Moved: Trustee Rempel

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. May 9, 2012 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

Clarification was made to page 6 of 6 regarding a good news item as reported by Trustee Marshall. The minutes have been amended to read: "Trustee Marshall reported on her attendance at a celebration involving Dave and Sharon Rempel who have assisted with over 200 Russian adoptions. A tribute was made to the Rempels that evening for their involvement."

THAT the Minutes of the May 9, 2012 Public Board Meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

"OK2bblue" – Todd Patrick and Friends – Westview Secondary School

Todd Patrick, Teacher, introduced students, Allison Bridgman, Amy Pridday and Jennifer Stevens. A student based video presentation was provided. Videos can be found on www.ok2bblue.com.

The Superintendent commented the issue of mental health being recognized by Senior Staff as an area continuing to seek ways to help support our youth.

"Learning Commons" – Wanda Young, Teacher Librarian, Maple Ridge Secondary School

April Hilland, Teacher Librarian, Glenwood Elementary School

Rosalie Passmore, Teacher Librarian, Maple Ridge Elementary

Ms. Hilland thanked the Board for maintaining funding for school libraries and spoke to the role of school libraries as being the "hub" of the school community. Continued provisions for full-time teacher support, technological support, bandwidth, clerical and collaborative reading programs were expressed.

Ms. Young provided insight into an average day and invited everyone to visit her library anytime.

A video presentation was provided on the successes, usage and importance of libraries.

QR ("Quick Response) cards with a link to recommendations were handed out.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board receive the presentations for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

F. DEFERRED ITEMS

G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS

H. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

1. **Decision Items**

- a) **Superintendent of Schools**

Amended 2012-2013 District and Kanaka Creek Elementary Local School Calendars

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board approve both the 2012-2013 District Local School Calendar and the 2012-2013 Kanaka Creek Elementary Local School Calendar as amended to read BC Family Day on February 11, 2013 and the website be updated to reflect the new Provincial holiday date.

CARRIED

b) Deputy Superintendent

c) Secretary Treasurer

Board Policy Approval

The Secretary Treasurer provided background on the policy work to date.

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board approve policies 7110 – Whistle Blower Protection; and 7210 – Personal/Sexual Harassment for implementation; and

THAT the attached procedures 7110.1 and 7210.1 be received for information.

CARRIED

Proposed Board Meeting 2012-2013 Schedule

The decision to hold a meeting in August will be announced at the last Board meeting in June.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive and adopt the Secretary Treasurer's proposed Board Meeting schedule for 2012-2013.

CARRIED

2. Information Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

Summer Learning

The Superintendent advised of changes affecting registration processes.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's report on Summer Learning for information.

CARRIED

Reading Racers Summer Program

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's report on Reading Racers for information.

CARRIED

Math in Motion Summer Program

Moved: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's report on Mat in Motion for information.

CARRIED

SD42's Youth Audience Series Program 2012-2013

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's report on the Youth Audience Series Program for information.

CARRIED

b) **Deputy Superintendent**

c) **Secretary Treasurer**

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Board Policy Development Committee. Trustee Carr provided feedback on the progress of the committee thanking the Executive Assistant and commenting on the consultation process.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

Trustee Palis has been requested to join a committee with the City of Pitt Meadows' Engineering Department as a liaison for walking and cycling paths and requested Board support to which all agreed.

Moved: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board receive the appointment of Trustee Palis as liaison with the City of Pitt Meadows' Engineering Department.

CARRIED

Questions and comments were made with respect to the recent Cowichan Valley decision regarding their budget.

An invitation was made to all Board members to attend Pitt Meadows Day on June 2nd.

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

District Parent Advisory Council. Trustee Carr attended the appreciation dinner held at Garibaldi Secondary School on May 17th.

Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility. Trustee Marshall attended the May 17th meeting however, there was nobody else in attendance.

Good News Items

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation. The next meeting is scheduled for July 4th. The Manager of Communication and Community Relations, Irena Pochop, was thanked for her assistance with updating and linking the website; discussion has started on the upcoming fundraiser.

Chair Murray attended a meeting held by Alouette Homestart who oversee the new building next door to the District Education Office. On behalf of the Board, Chair Murray has agreed to maintain contact in an informal role and suggested introducing the School District custodian to the employees at that facility.

Tzu Chi Foundation. Trustee Rempel reported on the successful Tzu Chi celebration held on May 16th. To date, the organization has provided approximately \$165,000 in donations.

Other good news items included the successes of the Rick Hansen Man-in-Motion tour, Aboriginal Education Awards, Glenwood Elementary's 50th anniversary, and Maple Ridge Secondary School's car show events.

A reminder was made for grads to be especially careful at this time of year.

Chair Murray requested a moment of silence acknowledging the passing of long-time teacher, Gordon Hauschnecht of Garibaldi Secondary School.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

CARRIED

Mike Murray, Chairperson

Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer