



PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
*Wednesday, October 24, 2012 (6:00 PM)*  
**DEO Board Room**

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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Board Chairperson – Eleanor Palis  
Vice-Chairperson – Mike Murray  
Trustee – Susan Carr  
Trustee – Ken Clarkson  
Trustee – Dave Rempel  
Trustee – Sarah Nelson – joined by MSLync

**STAFF:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Trustee Marshall

**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**

- Ron Johnstone, Chairperson – School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade)
- Don McRae, Honourable Minister – Ministry of Education

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Palis

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information

**CARRIED**

2. **Ordering of Agenda**

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Clarkson

**Additions/Amendment:**

Deputy Superintendent Information Item - Moved to Deputy Superintendent Decision Item

Mike Murray - Chair Report

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

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. October 10,2012 Public Board Meeting Minutes

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Minutes of the October 10, 2012 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

David Vandergugten, Director of Instruction K-12 Education

Director Vandergugten provided a PowerPoint presentation “Supporting Student Learning Grades 1 - 12 Using Technology to Engage the Learner” which highlighted data on the Reading Racer summer program; growth rates; improved reading fluency; student engagement and understanding.

Director Vandergugten will forward the PowerPoint of the presentation to Board members.

Examples of Inquiry Project 2012 were provided. All of the information can be found at:

[Inquiry.sd42.ca](http://Inquiry.sd42.ca)

[Schools.sd42.ca/ipod](http://Schools.sd42.ca/ipod)

[121.sd42.ca](http://121.sd42.ca)

Comments were made regarding online safety. Director Vandergugten provided examples of simulation tests currently being used for elementary students with the plan to access grades 10, 11 and 12. Students are scored a rating of how safe they are on the internet.

The Chair acknowledged the passing of Amanda Todd expressing the Board’s sympathy. The Board thanked the Superintendent’s office for distributing a letter to parents expressing condolences and encouraging everyone to maintain open and honest dialogue with students. The Board is currently working on a Safe, Caring and Healthy schools policy. The Superintendent commended all staff for their efforts.

BCSTA Teacher Collective Bargaining Task Force

The Board has collaboratively gathered input for a BCSTA submission. The Chair summarized: achieving longer contract terms; requesting the Labour Relations Board to apply greater pressure to parties during bargaining; stressing earlier mediation; requesting a review be undertaken on how education funding is raised and allocated.

**D. DELEGATIONS**

**E. CHAIR REPORT**

**F. DEFERRED ITEMS**

**G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS**

**H. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**

1. **Decision Items**

a) **Superintendent of Schools**

**b) Deputy Superintendent**Learning Improvement Fund (“LIF”)

The Deputy Superintendent provided background including the collaboration with MRTA and CUPE. The LIF has been reviewed, finalized and must be submitted by the October 31, 2012.

The Chair opened the floor to questions.

The Board thanked Deputy Superintendent Meston and staff for their efforts with the LIF.

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board approve the submission of the Learning Improvement Fund Approval form and the Learning Improvement Plan Summary to the Minister of Education by October 31, 2012.

**CARRIED****c) Secretary Treasurer****2. Information Items****a) Superintendent of Schools****b) Deputy Superintendent****c) Secretary Treasurer****I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS****J. QUESTION PERIOD****K. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

BC School Trustees’ Association. Trustee Clarkson will be attending Provincial Council meetings on Friday and will report back in due course. Topics for discussion include Cowichan School District By-Elections, new student information system (replacing BCeSIS), and BCSTA Branch Bylaws. Motions must be of an emergent nature.

Fraser Valley BC School Trustees’ Association. The regional branch meeting was held at THSS on October 15, 2012 where the THSS model was presented and well received by the participating Board Trustees. Fraser Valley Trustees commended Principal Sean Nosek, Chef Brian Smith and their culinary students for the event.

Trustee Clarkson reported the manner in which BCSTA motions are tracked, will be discussed at the Provincial Council meetings.

Municipal Advisory and Accessibility. The Chair reported representatives may wish to attend an upcoming Board meeting to highlight initiatives.

Social Planning Advisory. Trustee Nelson will be receiving a draft committee plan for next year and will forward same to the Executive Assistant in due course.

**Good News Items**

Trustee Palis reported on her recent school visits sharing her enthusiasm of participating in the daily school activities.

Trustee Carr reported on the recent playground openings at Eric Langton and Alouette Elementary schools commending both for their community fundraising efforts and thanking all those service groups Rotary,

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Kiwanis, Royal Canadian Legion, Ministry of Education, and those tireless parents who raised \$30,000 towards the cause. One little girl solely raised \$2,000.

Trustee Clarkson commented on his recent school visits to Whonnock and Webster's Corners Elementary schools citing the vast changes in technology in classrooms igniting vibrancy in the schools.

Trustee Rempel reported on a new Rotary program where grade six/seven aged children are participating in a form of inquiry.

Chair Murray reported on his attendance at the exceptional senior music concert at MRSS last evening and commended the talents of the Chamber Choir.

Chair Murray reported on his attendance at the recent "Me to We" event at Rogers arena and commended the youth community for their global awareness citing there is no future in isolation; but that in interconnectedness.

**L. OTHER BUSINESS**

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Clarkson

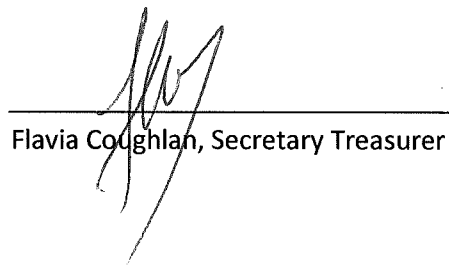
THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

**CARRIED**



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Mike Murray, Chairperson



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Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer