



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, September 26, 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

STAFF:

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

ABSENT:

Trustee – Dave Rempel

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
2. Ordering of Agenda

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Agenda be ordered as circulated.

CARRIED

The Chair opened the floor to others wanting to speak to the Agenda.

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. September 12,2012 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Clarkson

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

THAT the Minutes of the September 12, 2012 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

Summer Learning 2012 - Bruce Grady, District Principal – Riverside Centre

Bruce Grady, District Principal - Riverside Centre, provided a presentation for *Summer Learning 2012: Get R.E.A.L.* - "Get Real: Resilient Engaged Active Learning".

Teachers: Drew Clutchey (SRT), Sue Beyer (GSS), Tom Levesque (PMSS), Erin Talbot (THSS), Trevor Takasaki (THSS), Carla Van Der Pauw (THSS), Nicole Von Krogh (WSS) provided a presentation modeling the collaborative style used during the Summer Learning program.

A day in the life of Summer Learning was presented displaying the efforts of building the feeling, culture and community within the program.

Highlights of Summer Learning included: Student pods; Teacher Assistants; activities/field trips; planners/schedules; guided inquiry; Ipads/laptops; collaborative planning/interdisciplinary approach; Student Aides - gaining volunteer hours including post-secondary students; peer mentors/role models; students felt highly productive with the technology component.

In follow-up, the group would like to conduct staff presentations, student follow-up, carrying the model over to schools and building collaborative time.

The Chair opened the floor to questions and comments.

The Board invited the group to return at year's end for an update on transitioning processes to the regular school year.

The Superintendent relayed Senior Staff and Board support for the innovation of Summer Learning requesting the group's assistance with shifting the current structure and providing a challenge: "How can what you do, be the new system for high school?"

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive District Principal, Bruce Grady's Summer Learning presentation for information.

CARRIED

Trustee Clarkson exited the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

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**
- c) **Secretary Treasurer**

Capital Project Bylaw No. 116190 – Kanaka Creek Elementary Building Envelope Project

Moved: Trustee Marshall

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT Capital Project Bylaw 116190 – Kanaka Creek Elementary Building Envelope Project be given three (3) readings at this meeting (vote must be unanimous).

CARRIED

Trustee Clarkson joined the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 116190 – Kanaka Creek Elementary Building Envelope Project be read a first time.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Marshall

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 116190 – Kanaka Creek Elementary Building Envelope Project be read a second time.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 116190 – Kanaka Creek Elementary Building Envelope Project be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED

Carbon Neutral Capital Bylaw 126455 – Carbon Neutral Capital Program

The Secretary Treasurer provided background on the Ministry of Education’s decision to reinvest carbon offsets into schools.

Moved: Trustee Clarkson

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126455 – Carbon Neutral Capital Program be given three (3) readings at this meeting (vote must be unanimous).

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 116190 – Carbon Neutral Capital Program be read a first time.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 116190 – Carbon Neutral Capital Program be read a second time.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board pass Capital Project Bylaw No. 116190 – Carbon Neutral Capital Program be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED

Board Policy Development Committee Recommended Changes – Governance Modeling

Moved: Trustee Clarkson

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

THAT the Board rescind Procedural Bylaw: September 22, 2009 and replace with a Board policy.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT the attached Procedural Bylaw, September 22, 2009, be rescinded as read a second time.

CARRIED

2. Information Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

Erase Bullying Strategy

The Superintendent referred to the report attached with the Agenda providing background on Theresa Campbell's findings on school Codes of Conduct. Bruce Cunnings has been appointed Safe Schools Coordinator.

A question was asked regarding funds attached to the strategy. The Ministry of Education has indicated the cost of training will be covered however each School District is required to find their own release time for TOC backfill affording teachers to get the required training. Comments regarding the recent success of "Breaking Down the Walls" event at Garibaldi Secondary were provided.

The Superintendent will be inviting RCMP Const. A. Dunlop and B. Cunnings to make a presentation to the Board in due course.

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's Erase Bullying Strategy report for information.

CARRIED

Regional Graduation Requirements Dialogue

The Superintendent is coordinating an invitational forum anticipating 300 people representing six school districts in the Fraser Valley. Five questions will be posed for critical discussion and feedback soliciting enhancement to existing curriculum. Discussion ensued regarding recent graduates, parents, trades and life skills in general.

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's Regional Graduation Requirements Dialogue Report for Information.

CARRIED

b) Deputy Superintendent

Achievement Contract – Early Learning

Deputy Superintendent, Laurie Meston presented the first of three parts of the Achievement Contract highlighting: comprehensive mentoring program for Full Day Kindergarten; showcasing the successful coordination of networking of teachers; commenting on the success of the Katzie 'PALS' group; early

learning is the foundation of student engagement and success; and support of continued dialogue between Strong Start facilitators and kindergarten teachers was encouraged.

The Achievement Contract can be viewed on the School District's website.

Moved: Trustee Marshall

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board receive the Achievement Contract as provided by the Deputy Superintendent for information.

CARRIED

c) **Secretary Treasurer**

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Inclusive Education. Trustee Clarkson provided information from a parent whose special needs child has been granted the same teacher and Special Education Assistant ("SEA") as last year and encouraged the Board to continue with the practice. Discussion ensued regarding SEA Bumping and layoffs. Question was asked regarding the mid-year bumping to which the Deputy Superintendent responded the matter is on the table with respect to bargaining.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Municipal Advisory and Accessibility Trustee Marshall reported the group would like to make a presentation to the Board. At the last meeting, there was a review of accomplishments from the last year and business plan for next year. Their next meeting is October 18th however. Trustee Marshall is unable to attend. Chair Murray will review his schedule and will attend in her place.

Good News Items

Trustee Nelson attended Alouette Elementary observing multi-aged classes for grades 5, 6 and 7 and the positive interaction between ages on school grounds.

Trustees Palis, Carr and Nelson attended the recent Pitt Meadows Secondary awards ceremony and were pleased to see the students supporting each other.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

CARRIED

Mike Murray, Chairperson

Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer