

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Chairperson – Mike Murray
Vice Chairperson – Eleanor Palis
Trustee – Lisa Beare
Trustee – Susan Carr
Trustee – Korleen Carreras
Trustee – Ken Clarkson
Trustee – Dave Rempel

STAFF:

Superintendent – Sylvia Russell
Secretary Treasurer – Flavia Coughlan
Deputy Superintendent – Laurie Meston
Executive Assistant – Karen Yoxall

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. The Board Chair acknowledged that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of Katzie First Nation and Kwantlen First Nation.

2. Correspondence

Moved/Seconded

- Pattie Adam, Chair, School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes)
- Dr. Eric Yung, Chair, School District No. 38 (Richmond)
- Edith Loring-Kuhanga, Chair, School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
- Wendy Hobbs, Chair, School District No. 62 (Sooke)
- Teresa Rezansoff, President, BC School Trustees Association

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be ordered as ordered.

CARRIED

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 28, 2015 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the January 28, 2015 Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Safe School – Erase: Sherri Skerratt

Moved/Seconded

Sherri Skerratt and Sherri McKinnon presented information on Safe Schools and ERASE. Building Safe and Caring School Communities, the intervention process, community partnerships, policies and procedures, critical incidence response and violent threat risk assessments were explained.

THAT the Board receive the presentation by Sherri Skerratt, Counsellor, Safe Schools, for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

1. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley: Jessica Walker and Cassie Silva

Moved/Seconded

Jessica Walker and Cassie Silva presented information on Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley. A description of the program, school district involvement in the program and the need to recruit volunteers and raise program awareness were presented.

THAT the Board receive the presentation by Jessica Walker, Executive Director and Cassie Silva, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley, for information.

CARRIED

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools
3. Secretary Treasurer

- a) Budget Process

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer presented the proposed 2015/2016 Preliminary Budget Process Timeline.

The Secretary Treasurer reported that a collective meeting with the Partner Groups had taken place on January 28th, 2015 to discuss the 2014/15 budget implementation and that the Budget Implementation Report would be brought to the February 25, 2015 Public Board Meeting for information.

THAT the Board approve the proposed 2015/2016 Preliminary Budget Process Timeline.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees

- a) Finance
- b) Budget
- c) Board Policy Development

- d) Strategic Facilities Plan
- e) Round Table with Partner Groups

- i) Round Table with Partner Groups Terms of Reference

Moved/Seconded

At the January 20, 2015 Roundtable with Partner Groups, the draft terms of reference for the committee were reviewed and approved.

Discussion ensued on the wording of the draft terms of reference.

THAT the Board approve the Roundtable with Partner Groups Committee Terms of Reference as amended and authorize the Superintendent to establish a schedule of quarterly meetings for the Committee.

CARRIED

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Chairperson
- 2. Superintendent of Schools

- a) Graduated Adult Funding Change

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent reported that effective May 1, 2015, the Ministry of Education will no longer provide, on a tuition free basis, academic upgrading for BC Graduated Adults.

Discussion ensued on the impact of the funding change on the local community.

The Board agreed that a letter should be sent to the Minister of Education.

THAT the Board receive the Graduated Adults Funding Change Report for information and write a letter to the Minister of Education expressing concern regarding the impact of this funding change on graduated adults in this district.

CARRIED

- b) Superintendent's Update

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent provided a verbal update on the Loran Scholar recipients, grade 8 parent portal registration, forklift training for students attending the Connex Alternate Program, new playgrounds at Glenwood Elementary and Maple Ridge Elementary, the establishment of the Adobe Academy at Thomas Haney Secondary School, activities at Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary School, Laity View Elementary, Fairview Elementary, Edith McDermott Elementary, Maple Ridge Secondary School and details of an upcoming session for the Trades and Academies.

THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's Verbal Update, for information.

CARRIED

- 3. Secretary Treasurer

- a) Enrolment Projections

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the Ministry of Education request that school districts provide a three year enrolment projection for the purposes of projecting operating grant requirements.

The Secretary Treasurer explained that the three-year headcount was prepared using enrolment projections from the Baragar system, three year average (grade-to-grade) transition rates and local knowledge of recent and historical enrolment trends.

The Secretary Treasurer reported that for 2015/16 it was estimated that regular school age student full time equivalent (FTE) will decline by 59 FTE (from 13,384.5625 FTE in 2014/15 to 13,325.5625 FTE in 2015/16). No additional decline in FTE was projected for Summer School or Continuing Education. Enrolment in alternate schools was projected to decline by 12.25 FTE in 2015/16. Distributed Learning enrolment was projected to increase by 31 FTE. For students with special needs enrolment, an increase of 1.0 FTE was estimated for Level 1 students, an additional 3 FTE for Level 2 students and a decline of 7 FTE for Level 3 students. ELL was projected to increase by 10 student FTE and Aboriginal education student enrolment was estimated to decrease by 60 student FTE. There is no projected change in other funded enrolment categories.

THAT the Board receive the Secretary Treasurer's report on Enrolment Projections for information.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees & Advisory & Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Finance
- b) Budget
- c) Board Policy Development
- d) Strategic Facilities Plan Steering
- e) Education
- f) Aboriginal Education
- g) Inclusive Education
- h) French Immersion Advisory
- i) District Student Advisory
- j) Round Table with Partner Groups

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BC School Trustees Association

Trustee Clarkson reported on two motions for the upcoming Provincial Council Meeting.

Social Planning Advisory

Trustee Carreras reported that the taskforce on homelessness and an upcoming event for first responders were discussed.

Tzu Chi Foundation

Trustee Rempel reported that the bursary funding celebration will be held on May 20th, 2015 at Eric Langton Elementary.

Good News

School visits by Trustees were discussed.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

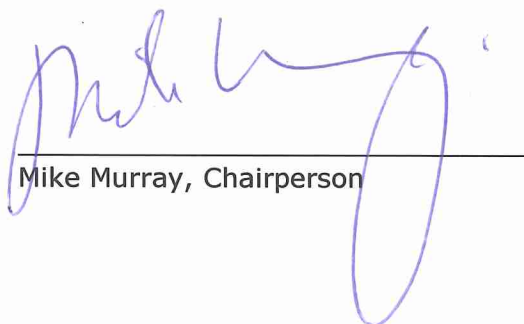
K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

CARRIED



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer