



**PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Wednesday, February 8, 2012
6:00 p.m.

District Education Office
22225 Brown Avenue
Boardroom

A G E N D A

"You can't please everybody if you are going to make a difference in this world."

A - OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order
2. Correspondence
 - i. Candace Gordon, Chair – Community Network*
 - ii. Eden Haythornthwaite, Chair – School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley)*
 - iii. Kathie Ward, Chair – Ridge Meadows Educational Foundation*
3. Ordering of Agenda

B - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. January 25, 2012*

C – PRESENTATIONS

1. ACT School Performance Partnership – Lindy Sisson, Executive Director
Exploring Burnaby School District Young People's Concert Series –
How to make it work for us in partnership with the MRPM Arts Council

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
 - i. Financial Statements – Second Quarter
 - ii. Revised 2012 – 2013 Budget Timelines

2. Information Items

- a) Superintendent of Schools
- b) Deputy Superintendent
 - i. Kindergarten Registration: Phase One*
- c) Secretary Treasurer

I – COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Committees of the Whole

- a) 2011 - 2012 Finance
- b) 2012 - 2013 Budget
- c) Advocacy
- d) Human Resources

2. Committee & Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Aboriginal Education
- b) Board Policy Development
- c) District Student Advisory
- d) Education
- e) French Immersion Advisory
- f) Inclusive Education
- g) Transportation

J – QUESTION PERIOD

- 1. Trustee Questions
- 2. Staff Questions
- 3. Employee Group Questions
- 4. DPAC Questions
- 5. Public Questions

K – TRUSTEE REPORTS

- 1. BC School Trustee Association Provincial Council
- 2. District Parent Advisory Council
- 3. Joint Parks and Leisure Services
- 4. Municipal Advisory & Accessibility
- 5. Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council
- 6. Ridge Meadows Education Foundation
- 7. Social Planning Advisory
- 8. Tzu Chi Foundation
- 9. Youth Society
- 10. Other Trustee Reports
 - a) Good News Items
 - b) Public Disclosure of Closed Meeting Business*

L – OTHER BUSINESS

M – ADJOURNMENT



To: Board of Education

From: Chairperson
Mike Murray

Re: **CORRESPONDENCE**

Date: February 8, 2012
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

1. Candace Gordon, Chair – Community Network
2. Eden Haythornthwaite, Chair – School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley)
3. Kathie Ward, Chair – Ridge Meadows Educational Foundation

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

Attachments



COMMUNITY NETWORK

Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows - Katzie

Aboriginal Child and Family Services, Act II Child and Family Services, Adult Mental Health Resource Centre, Alouette Addictions, Alouette Correctional Centre for Women, Alouette Home Start Society, Asante Centre for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, BC Healthy Communities, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Bowman Employment Services, Building Community Solutions, Canadian Cancer Society, Canadian Mental Health Association, CEED Centre, Christian Reformed Church, Community Connections, Community Kitchens, Community Living BC, Cythera Transition House, Discover Playhouse Children's Centre, District of Maple Ridge Parks and Leisure Services, District of Maple Ridge Social Planning, Dynaparents Support Group, Early Childhood Development Committee, Family Education and Support Centre, First Call, Fraser Health, Fraser Valley Library - Maple Ridge, Friends in Need Foodbank, Generations Christian Fellowship, Inner Visions Recovery Society, Jessie's Hope, Katzie Community Services, Katzie Healthy Living, Maple Ridge Patrol Office, Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Community Services, Matrix, Ministry for Children and Families - Aboriginal Team, Ministry of Children and Family Development, Pacific Community Resources Society, PLEA, RCMP - Youth Resources Office, Ridge Meadows Association for Community Living, Ridge Meadows Child Development Centre, Ridge Meadows Hospital, Ridge Meadows Seniors' Society, Ridge Meadows Women's Centre, Salvation Army Caring Place, Sante Wage Subsidy Services, School District 42, Youth Home Detox, Sprott Shaw Community College, United Way, Volunteer Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows, Westcoast Family Resources, Youth Crisis Response Program, Eagle Ridge Hospital, Youth Diversion Program, Youth Unlimited. (May 2009).

January 18, 2012

School Board of Trustees
School District 42 Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows
22225 Brown Avenue
Maple Ridge, B.C., V2X 8N6

Attention: Mike Murray, Chair

Dear Board of Trustees

The Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows and Katzie Community Network would like to extend our congratulations on the November, 2011 election of School District 42 new Board of Trustees. Best wishes to you all.

Representatives of the Community Network would like to ask for time at a School District 42 Board of Trustees meeting that would be mutually agreeable. We would like to take the opportunity to present current happenings with the Community Network and to discuss the importance of the The Hive Drop in Centre, at Eric Langdon Elementary School, to the community. Our presentation will take approximately 15 minutes of your time.

Please contact our Community Network coordinator Sharon Sargent with a time that would work for you. Sharon can be reached at ssargent.cn@shaw.ca or by cell phone at 604 671 3367. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours truly

Candace Gordon,
Community Network Chair

COWICHAN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 23, 2012

The Honourable George Abbott
Minister of Education
PO Box 9045, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC
V8X 9E2

via email to minister.educ@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Abbott,

Re: Proposal for Modular Classrooms at a Lake Cowichan Elementary School

The Cowichan Board of Education would like to thank you for the proposal made in your letter to the Lake Cowichan Town Council received by them November 2nd 2011. In this letter, you have offered to install modular classrooms at one of 2 school sites in the Lake community as an interim measure while the families and staff wait for their replacement for AB Greenwell School closed down due to mould since February 2008.

As you point out in the letter, this project has been the number one priority for the previous board in the most recent capital plan. Our new board has affirmed its commitment to the acquisition of a new elementary school at the Lake to replace AB Greenwell as our highest priority. We would like to thank you for your suggestion regarding the provision of modular classrooms. However, the community in Lake Cowichan has spoken loud and clear. They are not in favour of such a development. The families and employees as well as other concerned community members came together on January 16th 2012 to tell our board they do not believe this would benefit their children in the short or long term. In addition, they were very positive about the experience their kids are having in their current location at Yount School in Youbou.

Therefore, we must respectfully decline this offer. However, the Lake community wants their new school as soon as possible.

The schools at the Lake are in need of more care and upkeep than our dwindling budgets allow. Our Board in Cowichan therefore calls on the Minister to provide the funds which he would have allocated for the installation of modular classrooms to our district to permit us to proceed with much needed maintenance to the Lake Cowichan Schools.

Minister George Abbott
January 23, 2012
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Our recommendation, carried unanimously at the January 18th, 2012 Open Board meeting, is as follows:

"That the Board of Education SD #79 responds to the letter from Minister Abbott dated November 2, 2011 regarding a proposal to supply modular classrooms to the students of Lake Cowichan at either the Palsson School or AB Greenwell site in the following way:

First - While thanking the Minister, the Board wishes to decline the offer of modular classrooms.

Second - That the board calls on the Minister to provide the funds which he would have allocated for the installation of modular classrooms to our district to allow much needed maintenance to the Lake Cowichan schools.

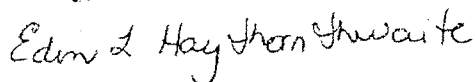
Third - The Board of Education SD #79 affirms its commitment to the acquisition of a new elementary school at the Lake to replace AB Greenwell as their highest capital priority.

A letter to this effect will be written by the executive to be sent to the Minister and distributed to all school districts and all media."

Again, we thank you for this suggestion and we hope to see the best outcome for our kids at the Lake.

The families in that community deserve a new school and deserve excellent learning conditions while they wait. Our Board in Cowichan is prepared to stand with them in this endeavour.

Yours truly,



Eden Haythornthwaite
Chair, Board of Education

cc: All BC School Districts
Local Media



January 25, 2012

Dear Board of Education,

It is my pleasure on behalf of the Ridge Meadows Educational Foundation to welcome Mike Murray and Kathy Marshall as the new trustee representatives to the Ridge Meadows Educational Foundation. As well, I would like to welcome back Susan Carr.

The board would also like to thank Ken Clarkson for his commitment during the past term.

All of the board looks forward to working with all members of the board of education and staff, as we move forward.

Our success could not be possible without the support, both financially and in belief of the Foundation's work, from the board of education. We look forward to your continued support and a strong relationship.

Through your trustee representatives and a commitment from me, as chair, we will ensure that all activities are reported to the board and the board will have many opportunities to engage with the work of RMEF.

For your information here is the complete list of the current directors. They are a very dedicated group of citizens with a true commitment to public education and the students that we all strive to support.

Chair: Kathie Ward
 Vice Chair: Dave Rempel
 Secretary Treasurer: Cheryl Ashlie
 Laurence Anderson
 Ineke Boekhorst
 Susan Carr
 Mike Huber
 Kathy Marshall
 Mike Murray
 Deb Walters

Thank you once again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathie Ward".

Kathie Ward
 Chair, Ridge Meadows Educational Foundation



To: Board of Education

From: Chairperson
Mike Murray

Re: **ORDERING OF AGENDA**

Date: February 8, 2012
(Public Board Meeting)

Decision

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Agenda be ordered as circulated.



To: Board of Education

From: Chairperson
Mike Murray

Re: **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Date: February 8, 2012
(Public Board Meeting)

Decision

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Minutes of the January 25, 2012 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

Attachment



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, January 25, 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**

- Eden Haythornthwaite, Chairperson – School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley)
- Wm. Turanski, Chairperson – School District No. 22 (Vernon)

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information

CARRIED

2. **Ordering of Agenda**

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Agenda be ordered as circulated.

CARRIED

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **January 11, 2012 Public Board Meeting Minutes**

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Minutes of the January 11, 2012 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

Achievement Contract – David Vandergugten, Director of Instruction K-12 Education

Director Vandergugten provided an overview of 21st century learning, student engagement and the Inquiry Project/Learning including an overview of 21st century skills and personalized learning.

The Chair opened the floor to questions.

The Superintendent has been invited to attend a kindergarten class at the end of February and invited Board members to join them regarding the use of Ipods in the classroom.

The Chair commended the involvement of teaching staff that has made the programs successful in addition to the success of the assessment tools.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board receive the presentation for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

The Board Chair reported the Board's letter to Honourable Minister, George Abbott was sent today.

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
- i. Amended Budget – 2011/12

Trustee Clarkson declared he will not be voting on Bylaw No. 1 as his son is a Teacher-on-Call in the School District.

Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers)

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Rempel

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED:

- 1. THAT all decisions taken by the 2011/2012 Budget Committee during its deliberations regarding Teacher costs totaling \$79,272,873 and summarized in this report, be approved by the Board for implementation.

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2. THAT pursuant to Part E, Bylaws and Resolutions, Section 3.01 subsection (d), the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) be given three (3) readings at this meeting (vote must be unanimous)

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Rempel

- (a) THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Rempel

- (b) THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

- (c) THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) be approved as read a third and finally adopted.

CARRIED

Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff)

Moved: Trustee Marshall

Seconded: Trustee Rempel

1. THAT all decisions taken by the 2011/2012 Budget Committee during its deliberations regarding Unionized Support Staff costs totaling \$23,461,612 and summarized in this report, be approved by the Board for implementation.
2. THAT pursuant to Part E, Bylaws and Resolutions, Section 3.01 subsection (d), the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) be given three (3) readings at this meeting (vote must be unanimous).

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

- (a) THAT the attached School district no. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

- (b) THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

- (c) THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other)

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

1. THAT all decisions taken by the 2011/2012 Budget Committee during its deliberations regarding all Other costs totaling \$28,135,018 and summarized in this report, be approved by the Board for implementation.
2. THAT pursuant to Part E, Bylaws and Resolutions, Section 3.01 subsection (d), the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) be given three (3) readings at this meeting (vote must be unanimous).

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

- (a) THAT the attached School district no. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

- (b) THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

- (c) THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

The Chair stated anyone wishing to seek the actual changes between the Preliminary and Amended Budgets are welcome to receive copies.

ii. **Budget Timelines – 2012/13**

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Budget Timelines emphasizing the first meeting with partner groups is scheduled for March 7, 2012.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board approve the recommended 2012-2013 Budget Committee of the Whole Timelines for reference and use in the development of the 2012-2013 Preliminary Budget; and

THAT the Board expand the public input process and continue the use of the website to provide the public with an opportunity to offer feedback into the budget development process.

CARRIED

2. Information Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent congratulated Laurie Meston on her appointment as 'Deputy' Superintendent.

b) Deputy Superintendent

c) Secretary Treasurer

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Board Policy Development Committee. The Chair reported on the meeting which occurred earlier today addressing policy framework and the consideration of reviewing bylaws and updating policies on a regular basis. It was agreed the Board will meet at on February 8, 2012 to gain knowledge with the policy work in order to move forward.

District Student Advisory Committee. The Chair reported on his recent attendance with Trustee Palis at the recent meeting of students who display a great example of youth leadership. The group discussed what incentives they would like to proceed with. Details will follow in due course.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was raised regarding the creation of 10.4 FTE teachers to which it was responded there were more students than projected;

A question was raised regarding partner/public input into the 2012/13 Preliminary Budget to which it was responded partners will have discussions with the Board collectively and individually. The Secretary Treasurer affirmed meetings with the budget committee would be arranged.

Joint Parks and Leisure Services. The Chair attended the last meeting and provided an update. Trustee Palis agreed to attend the proposed parks sites committee regarding Silver Valley.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation. Trustee Carr attended the January 19th meeting where an election of the executive occurred. Kathie Ward has been appointed as Chair; Trustee Rempel was appointed Vice-Chair. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2012. The Foundation is seeking two community Board members. Trustees Carr, Marshall and Murray are Board representatives. Trustee Rempel is a community member.

Tzu Chi Foundation. Trustee Rempel announced the upcoming May 23, 2012 bursary celebrations at Connex (South Lillooet Centre).

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Good News:

Trustee Palis reported on the Aboriginal Pole Blessing ceremony at Pitt Meadows Secondary School.

Trustee Palis reported on the attendance by many Trustees and the Superintendent at Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary to listen to Jeff Yeldon, a motivational speaker engaging and challenging students to: "Take Time to Think";

The Chair applauded staff for the 25 Years of Service celebration held last evening at Garibaldi Secondary School and commended everyone involved for the preparation and organization of same.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

CARRIED

Mike Murray, Chairperson

Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer



To: Board of Education

From: Chairperson
Mike Murray

Re: **PRESENTATION**

Date: February 8, 2012
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

ACT School Performance Partnership – Lindy Sisson, Executive Director
Exploring Burnaby School District Young People's Concert Series –
How to make it work for us in partnership with the MRPM Arts Council

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board receive the presentation for information.



To: Board of Education

From: Deputy Superintendent
Laurie Meston

Re: **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
PHASE ONE / ENVIRONMENTAL
PROGRAM ENROLLMENT**

Date: February 8, 2012
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

At the time of posting this information, the full details of Kindergarten registration impact was unknown so this attached report is an interim report as of February 3, 2012. The French Immersion, Kanaka Creek, and Montessori information is accurate as of this date and is attached.

These numbers are preliminary and are subject to further checking over the coming days and the Board will be kept apprised of development and updated at a future Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board receive the attached interim report on Kindergarten registration as of February 3, 2012, for information.

Attachment

Full Day Kindergarten Interim Report as of February 3, 2012

Only registration for "choice" programs is reflected in this interim report as the second week of registration doesn't begin until Monday February 6th, 2012. Further information will be available at the Board Meeting on February 8th, 2012

French Immersion Enrollment

- Eric Langton: 49 (includes 6 requests for Laity View)
Hard Cap: 44
- Laity View: 70 (includes 2 requests for EL and 1 request for PME)
Hard Cap: 66
- Pitt Meadows Elementary: 62 (includes 1 request for LV)
Hard Cap: 44

Montessori

- Hammond: 26
- Soft Cap: 20

Alternate Calendar School (only registration criteria 1, 2, 3, and 4 allowed to register in choice week)

- Kanaka Creek: 50 (includes 1 request for YE and 1 for GE)
- Soft Cap: 72

Environmental School Project

- Requests to Register: 25
- Soft Cap 15

Kindergarten Enrollment

Due to the fact that we have all students register at their catchment school and then we develop the "School of Choice" lists, it takes some time to determine the accurate number of registrations at each school. Registration for choice programs, particularly French has again exceeded the number of spaces available. The school administration and support staff have done an excellent job in assisting parents in registering their children in kindergarten in our schools.

RECORD

2011-2012

Pursuant to provisions of 72 (1) of the *School Act*, the following report is a general statement of: (a) matters discussed; and (b) the general nature of decisions resolved at the following meetings from which persons other than Trustees or officers of the Board, or both were excluded:

January 25, 2012

Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 7:29 p.m.
Motion of Exclusion	Approved
Correspondence	No correspondence
Ordering of Agenda	Approved as circulated
Confirmation of Minutes – January 11, 2012	Approved as circulated
Secretary Treasurer Information Items	Received for information
Trustee Motion	Failed
Trustee Motion	Failed
Trustee Motion	Approved
Committee Business: Finance COTW Minutes	Received for information
Committee Business: Budget COTW Minutes	Received for information
Trustee Reports	
Other Business	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 8:44 p.m.