



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, January 16, 2019, (6:00 PM)
Board Room, District Education Office**

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairperson – Korleen Carreras
Vice-Chairperson – Elaine Yamamoto
Trustee – Kim Dumore
Trustee – Mike Murray
Trustee – Pascale Shaw
Trustee – Kathleen Sullivan
Trustee – Colette Trudeau

STAFF:

Superintendent – Sylvia Russell
Secretary Treasurer – Flavia Coughlan
Deputy Superintendent – Harry Dhillon
Senior Manager, Communications – Irena Pochop
Office Manager, Office of the Superintendent – Lena Frend

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Chairperson welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

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

2. Correspondence

Moved/Seconded

- R. Fleming, Minister of Education

THAT the Board receive the correspondence, for information.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

The Chairperson invited the public to provide input into Decision Items under section F of the agenda and requested the public to sign up on the sheet provided if they wished to ask questions.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the December 12, 2018 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. School Teams

Moved/Seconded

Assistant Superintendent Bikic presented on the background, events and work of the districts School Teams. The focus being on three key themes of inclusion, collaboration and implementation of the redesigned curriculum. The School Teams are supported by experts in the field; Faye Brownlie, Shelley Moore and Leyton Schnellert.

THAT the Board receive the presentation on School Teams by Jovo Bikic, Assistant Superintendent, for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

1. Maple Ridge Secondary School

Moved/Seconded

Former Maple Ridge Secondary student Payten Smith presented on the effects of the removal of the conversion of Maple Ridge Secondary School Annex back to an elementary school.

THAT the Board receive the presentation on Maple Ridge Secondary School by Payten Smith, for information.

CARRIED

2. Maple Ridge Secondary School Annex

Moved/Seconded

Maple Ridge Student Council representatives Gabe Liosis, Grace Choi and Evelyn Snow presented on the history of the MRSS Annex and the planned conversion of Maple Ridge Secondary School Annex back to an elementary school.

THAT the Board receive the presentation on Maple Ridge Secondary School Annex by the Maple Ridge Student Council representatives, for information.

CARRIED

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson

- a) Trustee Representative: Nomination Committee to select Board of Directors for 2020 Summer Games

Moved/Seconded

The Chairperson spoke to the letter received from the City of Maple Ridge inviting the board to appoint a representative to participate on the 2020 BC Summer Games Nomination Committee.

THAT the Board appoint Trustee Murray as the Board's representative to sit on the 2020 BC Summer Games Nomination Committee.

CARRIED

- b) Trustee Representative: Youth Planning Table

Moved/Seconded

The Chairperson spoke to the letter received from the City of Maple Ridge to nominate a board representative to the Youth Planning Table.

THAT the Board appoint Trustee Dumore as the Board's representative to sit on the Youth Planning Table.

CARRIED

2. Superintendent of Schools

- a) Environmental School Expansion to Grades K to 9

Moved/Seconded

Vice Principal Bates presented on the history, learning environment and proposed expansion of the program from grades K to 7 to grades K to 9.

THAT the Board approve the expansion of the Environmental School from Grades K to 7 to Grades K to 9.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

- a) Budget Process

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer spoke to the budget process and proposed timelines and noted that the March 13, 2019 meeting may be cancelled, dependent on the timing of the Ministry of Education funding announcement. The Secretary Treasurer further noted that the June 19, 2019 meeting may be rescheduled, dependent on confirmation received from the Ministry of Education regarding the Classroom Enhancement Fund.

THAT the Board approve the proposed 2019/2020 Preliminary Budget Process Timeline.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees

- a) Budget
- b) Finance
- c) Facilities Planning
- d) Board Policy Development
- e) Education
- f) Aboriginal Education

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Chairperson
- 2. Superintendent of Schools

- a) Superintendent's Update

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent provided an update on school and district events.

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

CARRIED

- b) Registration Process for Immigrant Students

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent presented on the registration process for immigrant students and acknowledged the value of the policy set out by the Ministry of Education which stipulates that the school district must determine in a fair and even-handed manner when a student can be funded for a free public education in British Columbia.

THAT the Board receive the Registration Process for Immigrant Students, for information.

CARRIED

- 3. Secretary Treasurer
- 4. Board Committees & Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Budget
- b) Finance
- c) Facilities Planning
- d) Board Policy Development
- e) Education
- f) Aboriginal Education

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BC School Trustees Association

Trustee Murray reported on upcoming events organized by the BC School Trustees Association.

Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows Arts Council

Trustee Sullivan met with the council on January 7, 2019, where they developed a strategic plan that extended programs offered to schools, diversifying daytime performances for elementary and a focus on teens.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

Trustee Murray reported that the Ridge Meadows Education Foundation had received \$260,000 to be used for grants, strategic planning, examining how they work with the school district.

Good News Items

Trustees reported on attendance at Christmas concerts, Trustee Dumore participated in the Pitt Meadows Santa breakfast, Trustee Trudeau attended the Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary senior football team awards, Trustee Murray noted that the school district choir has started up, and the Hometown Heroes event is being held at MRSS on January 23, 2019. Trustee Yamamoto spoke to the Family Literacy Day at the Maple Ridge Library on January 26, 2019 and Trustee Shaw attended the Entrepreneur event at Albion Elementary. The Chairperson spoke to the annual 25-year recognition event for staff, held at Garibaldi Secondary School.

L. QUESTION PERIOD

- What are your current plans for the Outreach program?
- Will the students be integrated into the school or keep their own program?
- Will you only be accepting MRSS students?
- Why was it that Mt. Crescent was chosen to be converted back to an elementary school instead of using the building that is now Colleen Findlay Place?

M. OTHER BUSINESS

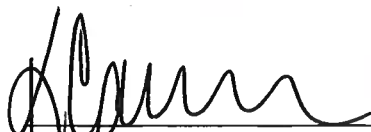
N. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

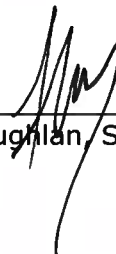
THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.



Korleen Carreras, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer