
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

- Robert McFarlane, Chair, School District No. 35 (Langley)
- Teresa Rezansoff, President, BC School Trustees Association

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

Additions:

Item 3 A, Committee Appointments under Decision Items, Chairperson.

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

CARRIED

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 14, 2015 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the January 14, 2015 Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Westview Secondary School: 2014-2015 Microsoft Showcase School

Moved/Seconded

Staff and students from Westview Secondary School were presented with a plaque from Microsoft on their selection as a 2014-2015 Microsoft Showcase School. Students participating in this self directed program at Westview Secondary School have the opportunity to be certified by Microsoft. Information presented included a description on becoming an expert educator, the one note classroom creator, the virtual classroom and other showcase schools worldwide.

THAT the Board receive the presentation by Westview Secondary School as a 2014-2015 Microsoft Showcase School, for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
 - a) Committee Appointments

Moved/Seconded

The Board Chair reported that a steering committee comprised of the Superintendent, Secretary Treasurer, Director of Facilities, Manager of Communications and two Trustees will be established to assist the Board through the final phases of the School District Strategic Facilities Plan creation process.

THAT the Board appoint Board Chair Mike Murray and Trustee Susan Carr to serve on the Strategic Facilities Plan Steering Committee.

CARRIED

2. Superintendent of Schools
 - a) 2015-2016 Proposed District School Calendar

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent reported that the School Calendar Regulation enacted in Spring 2012 established a new legislative framework that eliminated a Ministry standardized school calendar and set the requirements for a board established school calendar beginning in the 2013-14 school year. The Superintendent explained that the Regulation sets a minimum number of hours of instruction that boards must offer to students during the school year and that there are different information requirements for bricks and mortar and distributed learning schools.

The Deputy Superintendent presented the District School Calendar, Kanaka Creek School Calendar and the Distributed Learning Calendar.

Clarification was requested on the cost savings of having a two week Spring Break, how the two week Spring Break will affect daycares renting school district facilities and if other districts in the lower mainland also schedule a two week Spring Break.

THAT the Board of Education approve the attached calendars to be shared with the public in order to receive public feedback.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees
 - a) Finance
 - i) Appointment of Auditors

Moved/Seconded

The Board Chair reported that the selection and appointment of financial statement auditors was the responsibility of the Board of Trustees.

THAT The Board approve the appointment of KPMG LLP as auditors for 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 and direct the Secretary Treasurer to promptly notify the auditor and the Minister of Education of the appointment.

CARRIED

- b) Budget
- c) Board Policy Development

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools
 - a) Superintendent's Update

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent presented a verbal update on the Masonry Partnership Program with Kwantlen Polytechnic University, the re-implementation of SRB in the Finance, Payroll and Human Resources Departments, and activities in the schools and libraries of Eric Langton Elementary, Fairview Elementary, Glenwood Elementary, Harry Hooge Elementary, Kanaka Creek Elementary, Maple Ridge Elementary, Pitt Meadows Elementary, Yennadon Elementary, Garibaldi Secondary School, Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary School and the work of the Teacher-Librarians and the Elementary Aboriginal Resource Teachers.

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

CARRIED

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3. Secretary Treasurer
 4. Board Committees & Advisory & Advisory Committee Reports
 - a) Finance
 - b) Budget
 - c) Board Policy Development
 - d) Education
 - e) Aboriginal Education
 - f) Inclusive Education
 - g) French Immersion Advisory
 - h) District Student Advisory
 - i) Round Table with Partner Groups

Trustee Clarkson reported that the strategic facilities review, the budget process and terms for reference for the committee were discussed.

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

1. Draft Motion to BC School Trustees Association:
Co-Governance Annual Review of Effectiveness

Moved/Seconded

Discussion ensued on the wording of the draft motion.

THAT the Board approve the submission of the following motion to the BC School Trustee Association for consideration:

That the BCSTA develop a process to work with all Boards of Education and the Ministry of Education to complete an annual review of the co-governance agreement to assess its effectiveness and determine what can and should be improved.

CARRIED

2. Draft Motion to BC School Trustees Association:
BCSTA Provincial Council Collective Bargaining Initiative #1

Moved/Seconded

Discussion ensued on the wording of the draft motion.

THAT the Board approve the submission of the following motion to the BC School Trustee Association for consideration:

That the BCSTA request that the Ministry of Education, BCTF and BCPSEA meet on a regular basis to review the last round of bargaining and make recommendations for change to the existing provincial collective bargaining process.

CARRIED

3. Draft Motion to BC School Trustees Association:
BCSTA Provincial Council Collective Bargaining Initiative #2

Moved/Seconded

Discussion ensued on the wording of a draft motion to represent support staff unions.

THAT the Board approve the submission of the following motion to the BC School Trustee Association for consideration:

That the BCSTA request that the Ministry of Education, BCPSEA and support staff unions meet on a regular basis to review the last round of bargaining and make recommendations for change to the existing provincial collective bargaining process.

CARRIED

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Arts Council

Trustee Rempel reported that operating and lease agreements, scholarships, financial statements and an award were discussed.

Tzu Chi Foundation

Trustee Rempel reported that upcoming scholarship application deadlines were discussed.

Good News

The upcoming show "Footloose" a school visit of Eric Langton Elementary and Family Literacy Day at the Maple Ridge Library were discussed.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was asked on the number of students who have registered in the French Immersion Program.

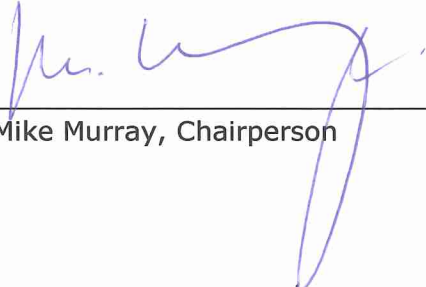
K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

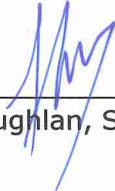
Moved/Seconded

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7: 43 p.m.

CARRIED



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer