



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, June 12, 2013 (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 – Flavia Coughlan
Deputy Superintendent – Laurie Meston
Mgr. of Communications/Community Relations – Irena Pochop
Executive Assistant – Lena Frend / Karen Yoxall

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.

Correspondence

- Frank Lento, Chairperson – SD5 (Southeast Kootenay)
- Melanie Joy, Chairperson – SD8 (Kootenay Lake)
- Lynette Kershaw, Chairperson – SD69 (Qualicum)
- Tom Weber, Chairperson – SD71 (Comox Valley)
- Donna Sargent, Metro Chair – Metro Boards of Education
- SD42 Letter to the new Minister of Education

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

CARRIED

Ordering of Agenda

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

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. May 29, 2013 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Minutes of the May 29, 2013 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

Bruce Grady, District Principal – Riverside Centre

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

Mr. Grady thanked the trustees for showing up for the RMC graduation; and expressed how appreciative they were to have the members of The Board and executive staff attend the event.

Mr. Grady (Chair) oversees Community Literacy, which has been in existence since 2003. The mandate is to look at literacy; the schools cover kindergarten to grade 12, their focus is Pre-kindergarten, after grade 12 and adults. Mr. Grady introduced members of the Literacy Committee; Jessie Hill (Co-chair), Shanti Ang, Elaine Yamamoto and Angie McLeod.

Angie – Focus on collaboration; who can we work with and what will make it happen? Three highlights are; Family Literacy Day; January 19th and 26th, partnered with the Fraser Valley and Maple Ridge libraries, invited community partners (Parks and Leisure, Senior Groups, Katzie First Nation), families and children to come out and celebrate. Pitt Meadows: approximately 100 people attended. Maple Ridge: approximately 500 attended.

One of the grants was Raise a Reader, in 2012 received \$10,000 to spend on family literacy.

Family service providers, how do we help you? Three things; 1) how we can support parents, teach them to teach their children, 2) book bins placed in the community, 3) opportunity to collaborate (Family literacy work group). PALS training offered to family service providers. Create mini PALS programs to insert in existing programs. Service providers assembling mini kits to be handed out. T

Third piece is Financial Literacy; what exists out there and utilize it. Van City trained staff to go out and do 2 hour information programs. Greater Vancouver has a longer program. Credit counseling society, offer “one on one” webinar, over the phone counseling, etc. Five different programs being offered.

Elaine – Received new funding for the CALP program, \$27,000 enables CLC to reach out to adults who have English as a first language, but have fallen through the cracks. Received application to work with Path Finders, 15 – 30 year olds struggling to get employment; aim to get 15 students through the session versus current 12. Partnership with Riverside, work to get English and go towards apprenticeship program. Learning room continues to be open, 3 mornings a week (drop in) rest of the week (appointment). CEED Centre in Port Haney, offer ESL class on Thursdays, caters to women who don't have more than basic English capabilities and don't fit into the federally funded programs.

“Book bin”; built by SRT carpentry student with community donations and donation from First Book Canada (500 books). This is offered to teachers who can give to their students.

Shanti – grateful to receive the support, financially from SD 42 and Ridge Meadows Foundation. Need the funding to run programs. Developing strategic plan on how to sustain a feasible amount of money, created a “funding” package. Laid out for the different areas to sponsor, information for literacy programs and services.

School Literacy Challenge – One of the events done was to encourage kids to “turn off”, replace screen time with reading time. Students recorded all the literacy activities they did. Eric Langton swept everyone up. 3rd and 2nd place received books for their classroom, 1st place received a smart board and pizza lunch. Ridge Meadows Foundation provided the funding for the prizes. Teachers had good feedback, on how to improve, what was good, etc.

Jessie – Decoda advised they would be cutting funds across the province; no funding we are unable to do what we do. As a community we were eligible to receive some funding. Need to become sustainable, investing our energy in fund raising possibilities; everyone is fishing in the same pot so it is difficult. The Community Literacy Report is a very important document for our community; costs between \$5,000-\$6,000 to assemble.

THAT the Board receive Bruce Grady's presentation for information.

CARRIED

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

2. Information Items

- a) Superintendent of Schools
- b) Deputy Superintendent
- c) Secretary Treasurer

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Committees of the Whole

- a) 2012 - 2013 Finance
- b) 2013 - 2014 Budget
 - i. Rental Rates 2013-2014

Moved: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

The Secretary Treasurer noted that at its May 29, 2013 meeting the Board's Budget Committee of the Whole reviewed the proposed rental rates for 2013/2014 and after careful and thoughtful consideration is recommending that the Board approves the proposed rental fees. The last rate increase was in 2009; the current rate for the nonprofit youth group was significantly subsidized by the District.

The Board approved budget for 2013/14 included a proposal related to facilities rentals. In 2013/2014 the focus will be on increasing the availability and marketing of our facilities and reviewing and implementing rental fees that ensure, at a minimum, full cost recovery.

THAT the Board approves for implementation the proposed 2013/14 rental fees for community, commercial and licensed child care providers.

CARRIED

The Chair opened the floor for Trustees to ask any budget implementation related questions.

Questions were asked regarding the implementation of the Helping Teachers reduction, projected class sizes and summer programs. Discussion ensued regarding projected class sizes and composition for 2013/2014.

2. Committee & Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Aboriginal Education
- b) Board Policy Development
 - i. Student Transportation Policy 5400

Moved: Trustee Clarkson

Seconded: Trustee Carr

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board approve policy 5400 Student Transportation for implementation; and THAT the attached procedures 5400.1 Student Transportation be received for information.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT the Board rescind Policies EEA: Student Transportation Services – Contracted Services; EEAB: School Bus Responsibilities – Contracted Bus Services.

CARRIED

- ii. Proposed Draft Policy 10400
(Community and Commercial Use of School Facilities and Grounds)

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board receive for information and continuation with the consultation process: policy 10400 Community and Commercial Use of School Facilities and Grounds and procedure 10400.1 Rental Fees.

CARRIED

- c) District Student Advisory
- d) Education
- e) French Immersion Advisory
- f) Inclusive Education

J. QUESTION PERIOD

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

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BC School Trustees' Association Provincial Council

Trustee Clarkson attended the executive meeting on June 10th. The meeting addressed outcomes of the survey. Consensus was the meetings need to be more purposeful and condensed; will do another survey at the end of the year. The first meeting is to take place October 21, 2013 (Langley). In total there will be four meetings and one election.

DPAC

New executive selected, Kellie Marquet is Chair.

Municipal Advisory & Accessibility

Trustee Marshall and the Board Chair attended the award ceremonies at the Pitt Meadows Council Chamber. More participation than previously, awarded 8 awards recognizing people in the community; Eric Langton PAC awarded for their accessible playground.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

The money that was raised at "Hot Dog Day" was donated to the lunch program, Salvation Army. RMEF will present a cheque to Community Services on June 25th at 9:15, at their location.

Tzu Chi Foundation

Allocated \$7,000 to students for summer camps and programs at Parks and Leisure.

Good News Items

Good News items included our insert in the local paper of our "Future Leaders", District public speaking, Connex Equestrian Centre event, Alouette Elementary's "House Pole Ceremony", The Ipads and Ipods being used in classrooms at Yennadon, a presentation from Westview Secondary students who travelled to Africa and one of the largest Retirement Teas.

Other events of recognition were the graduation ceremonies and how great to see kids and adult graduates who have had struggles being recognized and how far they have come. It was noted that Maple Ridge Secondary scholarships totaled close to \$1,000,000. One student received a full ride scholarship to Oregon State for \$260,000.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

Public Disclosure of Closed Meeting Business

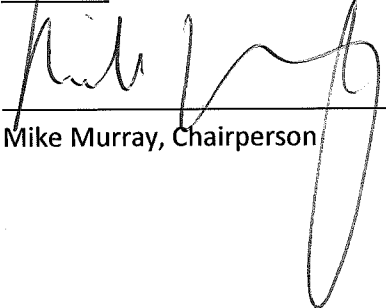
M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

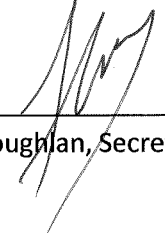
Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

CARRIED



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer