



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, March 12 (6:00 PM)
DEO Board Room**

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Chairperson – Mike Murray
Vice-Chairperson – Eleanor Palis
Trustee – Susan Carr
Trustee – Kathy Marshall
Trustee – Sarah Nelson
Trustee – Dave Rempel

STAFF:

Acting Superintendent – Laurie Meston
Secretary Treasurer – Flavia Coughlan
Acting Assistant Superintendent – Shannon Derinzy
Acting Assistant Superintendent – David Vandergugten
Mgr. of Communication/Community Relations – Irena Pochop
Executive Assistant – Karen Yoxall

ABSENT:

Trustee – Ken Clarkson

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.

2. Correspondence

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

- Rebecca Huscroft, Chair, School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake)
- Darrel Ganzert, Chair, School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia)
- Bill Turanski, Chair, School District No. 22 (Vernon)
- Moyra Baxter, Chair, School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)
- Tony Goulet, Chair, School District No. 28 (Quesnel)
- Donna Sergent, Chair, School District No. 38 (Richmond)
- Carmen Ranta, Chair, School District No. 74 (Gold Trail)
- Art Erasmus, Chair, School District No. 82 (Coast Mountains)

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

CARRIED

3. 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.

Ms. Macveigh expressed her concern and objection at the removal of responses from CUPE employees when compiling the statistics for the proposed school calendar.

Mr. Serra also expressed that teachers would be unaware of the impact that their responses would have on other employee groups.

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. February 26, 2014 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Minutes of the February 26, 2014 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

1. Maple Ridge Secondary School Leadership Group

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

A brief introduction was given by Ms. Watkins and Ms. Aitken on the Canadian Student Leadership Conferences and the enthusiasm displayed by this group. Payten Smith and Kelsey MacDonald presented a power point on their experiences at the recent Canadian Student Leadership Conference in Prince Edward Island. Questions were asked on the host family and specific ideas that the students would now like to implement subsequent to their participation in the conference.

THAT the Board receive the presentation by the Maple Ridge Secondary School Leadership Group (Students: Payten Smith/Kelsey MacDonald, Teacher: Karen Aitken) for information.

CARRIED

D. CHAIR REPORT

1. Student Information System

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

The Board Chair explained that the Saanich Board of Education had ceased funding further development of openStudent.

THAT the Board receive the Chair's Report on the Student Information System for information.

CARRIED

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. TRUSTEE MOTIONS

G. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

1. Decision Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

i. 2014-2015 District School Calendar

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

The Acting Superintendent reported that the proposed school calendar was prepared in accordance with the School Calendar Regulations. It was explained that the proposed revised school calendar was now in alignment with the Metro area. The Acting Superintendent invited Ms. Macveigh to meet in order to further discuss the use of the statistical data in the decision making process.

THAT the Board approve the attached District School Calendar, Kanaka Creek School Calendar, and the District Distributed Learning Calendar for 2014-2015.

CARRIED

b) Deputy Superintendent

c) Secretary Treasurer

i. Capital Project Bylaw 126699 2014/15 Carbon Neutral Capital Program

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the School District did not receive any funding for the three projects submitted to the Ministry of Education in January under the Carbon Neutral Capital Plan. Staff will be requesting clarification from the Ministry of Education why funding was not received and how to improve future submissions.

Funding had been received however, to assist the school district engage technical expertise to identify CNCP projects for future years.

THAT the Board pass Capital Project Bylaw No. 126699 – 2014/15 Carbon Neutral Capital Program at this meeting with three (3) readings, unanimously.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

THAT the Board pass Capital Project Bylaw No. 126699 – 2014/15 Carbon Neutral Capital Program as read a first time.

THAT the Board pass Capital Project Bylaw No. 126699 – 2014/15 Carbon Neutral Capital Program as read a second time.

THAT the Board pass Capital Project Bylaw No. 126699 – 2014/15 Carbon Neutral Capital Program as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

1. Information Items

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

H. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Committees of the Whole

- a) 2013 – 2014 Finance
- b) 2013 – 2014 Budget

2. Committee & Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Aboriginal Education
- b) Board Policy Development

- i. Proposed Draft Policy 2301: Role of the Board

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board receive for information and continuation with the consultation process Policy 2301: Role of the Board.

CARRIED

- ii. Proposed Draft Policy 2302: Delegation of Authority

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

THAT the Board receive for information and continuation of the consultation process Policy 2302: Board Delegation of Authority.

CARRIED

Round Table with Partner Groups

The Board Chair reported on the first round table meeting and the willingness for the Partner Groups to meet again.

I. QUESTION PERIOD

Ms. Bonny expressed her concern on the adoption of the school calendar and the impact on CUPE employees. The Board Chair explained that the adoption of the school calendar and the proposed budget were two different decisions.

Mr. Serra questioned if the Board had provided adequate time for public feedback on the proposed school calendar since modifications had been made to the original proposal. The Secretary Treasurer referred Mr.

Serra to Section 5 (2) and Section 5 (3) of the School Calendar Regulations provided in the agenda package for clarification on the process.

Ms. Macveigh questioned why it was still possible to provide feedback on the proposed school calendar on the school district website. Ms. Pochop confirmed that the survey is now closed.

Mr. Serra questioned how the BC Service Card will be integrated in Aspen. The Board Chair confirmed that process will be reviewed upon implementation of the New Student Information System.

J. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BC School Trustees' Association - Budget Feedback

Discussion ensued on two budget options with regard to member fees'. It was agreed to submit the following to the BC School Trustees' Association:

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

That the Board forward a submission to BCSTA on the proposed BCSTA budget supporting Option No. 2 (no increase) in fees and incorporating the following:

- Eliminating the annual academy while retaining the annual AGM and the new trustee academy
- Establishing a priority order as follows: advocacy, communication, standing committees, branch support, and trustee pro-d

And further that BCSTA standing committees be reviewed.

And further that a request be forwarded to the AGM committee asking for a review of the AGM time management.

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council

Fundraising events were reported on.

Tzu Chi Foundation

Trustee Rempel reported on funding for summer camps.

Good News Items

Trustees reported on the musical event at Whonnock Elementary, the EPIC project at Maple Ridge Secondary School and the presentations that Trustee Palis and Nelson are undertaking in schools.

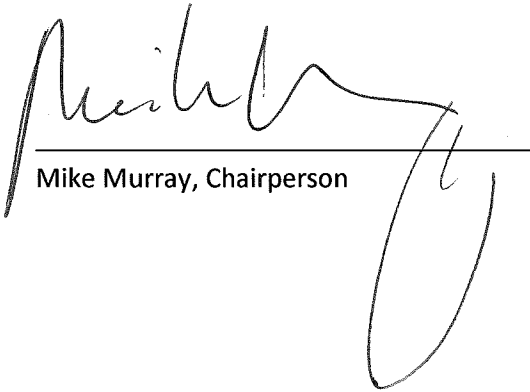
K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

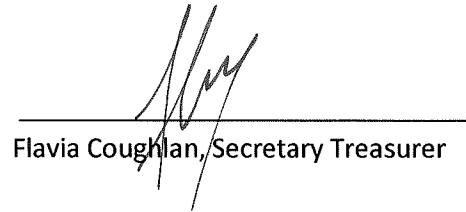
Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:44 p.m.
CARRIED



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer