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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Chairperson – Mike Murray  
Vice Chairperson – Susan Carr  
Trustee – Lisa Beare  
Trustee – Korleen Carreras  
Trustee – Ken Clarkson  
Trustee – Eleanor Palis  
Trustee – Dave Rempel

**STAFF:**

Superintendent – Sylvia Russell  
Deputy Superintendent – Laurie Meston  
Secretary Treasurer – Flavia Coughlan  
Executive Assistant – Karen Yoxall

**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  
3. Approval of Agenda

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Agenda be ordered as circulated.

**CARRIED**

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. February 24, 2016

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Minutes of the February 24, 2016 Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Child Care Workers

**Moved/Seconded**

Child care workers presented information on their role in the schools, their connection to a child's daily life and the development of therapeutic relationships.

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THAT the Board receive the presentation by the Child Care Workers for information.

**CARRIED**

**D. DELEGATIONS**

**E. DEFERRED ITEMS**

**F. DECISION ITEMS**

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

a) 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 District School Calendars

**Moved/Seconded**

The Deputy Superintendent reported that in order to provide families more opportunity to plan, Senior Team had proposed calendars for both 2016-2017 and 2017-2018. The proposed draft District School Calendars, Kanaka Creek School Calendars and the District Distributed Learning Calendars for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 had been shared with the public for feedback, had been prepared in accordance with the School Calendar Regulation and meet the required minutes of instruction as outlined in the regulation.

The Deputy Superintendent further reported that two changes had been implemented as a result of feedback received.

A request was received from the Curriculum Implementation Steering Committee to switch the September 26, 2016 Pro-D day with the November 10, 2016 Curriculum Implementation Day. The proposed District School Calendar, proposed District Learning Calendar and the proposed Kanaka Creek School Calendar now reflected this change.

Teachers at Kanaka Creek School expressed their concern at the number of instructional days in the proposed Kanaka Creek School Calendar for 2017-2018. It was identified that there were two additional instructional days over the ministry requirements and the proposed 2017-2018 calendar now reflected this change.

THAT the Board approve the attached District School Calendars, Kanaka Creek School Calendars, and the District Distributed Learning Calendars for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

**CARRIED**

b) Late French Immersion Program

**Moved/Seconded**

The Superintendent reported that over the years the Late French Immersion Program had been offered at different elementary sites but that due to lack of enrolment only Golden Ears Elementary now offered the program.

The Superintendent further reported that an information night for parents wishing to enroll their students in the Late French Immersion program had been held, registration information had been placed in local newspapers, school newsletters and on the school district website but that currently only 16 students had registered for this program of choice for September 2017.

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THAT the Board approve the following recommendations:

That given the low number of students registered for the Late French Immersion program at Golden Ears Elementary, that the school district not offer a grade 6 Late French Immersion program, for the 2016-2017 school year.

and Further:

That the grade 7 Late French Immersion Program continues to be offered at Golden Ears Elementary for September 2016.

and Further:

That the school district offers the opportunity for interested students to register for a Grade 6 Late French Immersion Program for September 2017 at Golden Ears Elementary.

and Further:

That should there be an insufficient number of students (less than 26) to offer a grade 6 Late French Immersion Program for September 2017, that the school district terminate the Late French Immersion program in School District 42.

**CARRIED (Trustee Beare Opposed)**

c) My Education BC Update

**Moved/Seconded**

The Director of Instruction and Project Manager reported that in order to implement the Family Portal Module of My Education BC, teachers will require further training. Optional spring training is being proposed for teachers beginning April 4, 2016 and that in order to fund the release time for up to 835 teachers an additional one-time allocation of up to \$75,000 would be required.

THAT the Board approve the use of up to \$75,000 from the contingency reserve to fund the spring teacher training beginning April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**CARRIED**

3. Secretary Treasurer

a) South Albion Expropriation Notice Bylaw 2016

**Moved/Seconded**

(1) THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) South Albion Expropriation Notice Bylaw 2016 be given three (3) readings at this meeting (vote must be unanimous).

**CARRIED**

**Moved/Seconded**

(2) THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) South Albion Expropriation Notice Bylaw 2016 be:

Read a first time on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016;

Read a second time on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016;

Read a third time, passed and adopted on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

**CARRIED**

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b) Energy Management Plan Update

**Moved/Seconded**

The Secretary Treasurer reported that at the March 25, 2015 Public Board Meeting, the Board approved the 2015-2019 Energy Management Plan. The Plan was created based on high level assessments for all 34 school district facilities and provided high level estimates of required one-time capital investments as well as estimated ongoing energy savings related to the creation and implementation of the Energy Management Plan. The Secretary Treasurer further reported that the 2014/15 projects are now complete.

The Manager of Energy and Environmental Sustainability reported on the 2014/15 Projects, 2015/16 Projects and spoke to the success and challenges of the first year.

The Manager of Energy and Environmental Sustainability further reported that in December 2015 BC Hydro informed the school district of Energy Manager Program changes including discontinuing their incentives for mechanical, heating, ventilation and cooling (HVAC), refrigeration and commercial kitchen projects starting March 1, 2016.

The impact of these changes in incentive funding, revised cost estimates for 2015/16 and estimated one time savings was presented.

THAT the Board approve the transfer of \$250,000 from the operating fund (utilities savings) to the Local Capital fund to be used to supplement the funding of projects included in the Energy Management Plan.

**CARRIED**

4. Board Committees

- a) Budget
- b) Finance
- c) Board Policy Development

i. Policy 4204: Contingency Reserve

**Moved/Seconded**

The Secretary Treasurer presented Policy 4204: Contingency Reserve and reported that the policy had been developed based on current practice, recommendations included in the 2015 Ernst and Young's Report on the Special Advisor's Review of the Vancouver Board of Education and recommendations from the Office of the Auditor General.

THAT the Board approve Policy: 4204 Contingency Reserve.

**CARRIED**

ii. Policy 8801: Course Challenge

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board approve Policy 8801: Course Challenge

And Further;

THAT the Board receive for information Procedure 8801.1: Course Challenge

**CARRIED**

## d) Education Committee

i. Board Authorized Approved Courses**Moved/Seconded**

The Superintendent reported that as per the School Act, Boards of Education must approve Board authorized approved courses, academies, trade and partnership programs proceeding their implementation.

The Director of Instruction reported that the Education Committee had met, reviewed, approved and recommended the implementation of Peer Social Support, Conversation Francaise 11/12 and Chess 11.

Discussion ensued on Chess 11, interest in the course and student enrolment required.

That the Board approve the following Board Authorized Approved Courses:

- Peer Social Support
- Conversation Francaise 11/12
- Chess 11

**CARRIED**ii. Youth Learning Community Pilot Program**Moved/Seconded**

The Principal, Environmental School presented the Youth Learning Community Pilot Program and reported that the program proposal provides an opportunity for Grade 8 – 12 students to access a program which combines the self-directed options offered at Thomas Haney Secondary with community/place-conscious, ecological studies.

The operational plan, program philosophy, and the request for start-up funding was discussed.

THAT the Board approve the proposed Youth Learning Community pilot program for the 2016-2017 School Year;

And Further;

THAT the Board approve the transfer of \$30,000 from the contingency reserve to the operating fund to fund the start-up costs for this program.

**CARRIED**

## e) Aboriginal Education

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Maple Ridge Elementary Early French Immersion Program Update**Moved/Seconded**

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The Superintendent reported that on October 14, 2015 the Board approved that a new Early French Immersion program be established at Maple Ridge Elementary starting September 2016 and that an implementation plan is created by senior staff in consultation with the school community.

The Superintendent further reported that Maple Ridge Elementary currently has 30 kindergarten students enrolled in the Early French Immersion program for September 2016, that increased registration is anticipated and that preparation of the classrooms and acquisition of materials will be supported through the federal government French grants.

THAT the Board receive the Maple Ridge Elementary Early French Immersion Program update for information.

**CARRIED**

b) Superintendent's Update

**Moved/Seconded**

The Superintendent reported on February 24, 2016 Pink Shirt Day and activities in schools.

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

**CARRIED**

Trustee Palis exited the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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

The Chairperson reported that on February 29, 2016 the Board Policy Development Committee members met with the Inclusive Education Committee to discuss the draft Policy: Physical Restraint and Seclusion in School Settings.

Trustee Rempel exited the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

- g) French Immersion Advisory
- h) District Student Advisory
- i) Round Table with Partner Groups
- j) Facilities Planning

**H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

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## **I. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

### **1. BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council**

#### **a) BCSTA 2016/17 Budget Planning: Additional Opportunity to Provide Feedback**

#### **Moved/Seconded**

The Chairperson reported that at the February 19, 2015 Provincial Council meeting, the Finance Committee presented the first draft of BCSTA's 2016/2017 operating budget and that Boards of Education were being given an additional opportunity to provide feedback.

Trustee Clarkson reported on BCSTA budgetary issues.

That the Board receive the BCSTA 2016/17 Budget Planning: Additional Opportunity to Provide Feedback for information.

#### **CARRIED**

Trustee Rempel re-joined the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

#### **b) Board of Education Input to Annual Review of MOU between BCSTA and the Ministry of Education**

#### **Moved/Seconded**

On December 5, 2014 the BCSTA and the Ministry of Education signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the co-governance relationship between the parties. As part of the co-governance process and the terms of the MOU, the parties agreed to an annual review of progress under the MOU as well as a setting of priorities for the coming year. Input is now being requested from BCSTA.

Discussion ensued on education funding and the formation of Audit Committees.

The Chairperson reported that trustee feedback would be gathered and a response submitted to BCSTA.

THAT the Board authorize the Board Chair to respond to the survey based on the input provided by trustees.

#### **CARRIED**

#### **Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Arts Council**

Trustees reported that committees and governance were discussed.

#### **Social Planning Advisory**

Trustee Carr reported that housing was discussed.

#### **Good News**

Trustees reported on a school visit to Whonnock Elementary, the Strong Kids Community Forum, the Youth Impact Summit and a fundraiser at Garibaldi Secondary School.

## **J. QUESTION PERIOD**

A question was posed on a current employment opportunity in the school district.

## **K. OTHER BUSINESS**

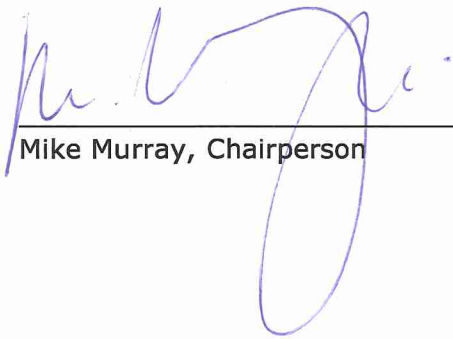
**L. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

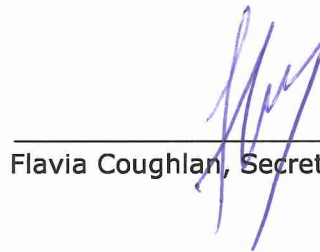
**CARRIED**

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.



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Mike Murray, Chairperson



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Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer