

# PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING Wednesday, November 16, 2016 (6:00 PM) Board Room

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

**BOARD MEMBERS:** 

Chairperson – Mike Murray Vice Chairperson – Susan Carr

Trustee - Lisa Beare

Trustee - Korleen Carreras

Trustee - Ken Clarkson

Trustee - Dave Rempel

ABSENT:

Trustee - Eleanor Palis

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 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.

#### **B. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MATTERS**

1. Annual Report of Chairperson

## Moved/Seconded

The Chairperson presented the Annual Report of the Chairperson highlighting events of 2016 reporting on Education Initiatives, New Curriculum Implementation, Strategic Facilities Plan, Energy Management Plan, Policy Review and Development, Board and Staff Advocacy, Fiscal Challenges and Student Achievement.

THAT the Board receive the Annual Report of the Chairperson for information.

## **CARRIED**

2. Election of Board Officers/Nomination and Election Procedures

#### Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the Trustee Elections proceedings in accordance with Procedure 2915.1: Trustee Elections – Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

#### CARRIED

## Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board proceed to elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson in accordance with the attached nomination and election procedure (2915.1).

#### **CARRIED**

The Board Chair passed the gavel to the Secretary Treasurer who acted as Chair pro-tem for the election process.

The Chair pro-tem called for nominations for Chairperson of the Board for a one year term. A seconder was not required for nominations.

# Trustee Rempel nominated Trustee Murray.

The Chair pro-tem called for any further nominations. There were no further nominations. The Chair pro-tem asked Trustee Murray if he accepted the nomination.

#### Trustee Murray Accepted the nomination.

The Chair pro-tem called for a second time for nominations for Chairperson of the Board for a one year term. The Chair pro-tem then called for a third and final time for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Board. There were no other nominations.

It was then announced by acclamation that the duly elected Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) for a one year period ended November 2017 is **Trustee Murray.** 

The Chair pro-tem called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board for a one year term. A seconded was not required for nominations.

#### Trustee Carreras nominated Trustee Carr.

The Chair pro-tem called for any further nominations. There were no further nominations. The Chair pro-tem asked Trustee Carr if she accepted the nomination.

### Trustee Carr Accepted the nomination.

The Chair pro-tem called for a second time for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board. The Chair pro-tem then called for a third and final time for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board. There were no other nominations.

It was then announced by acclamation that the duly elected Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) for a one year period ended November 2017 is **Trustee Carr**.

3. Remarks of Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

The Board Chair and Vice Chair thanked everyone.

### C OPENING PROCEDURES: ORDINARY BUSINESS MEETING MATTERS

1. Correspondence

### Moved/Seconded

- Honourable M. Bernier, Minister of Education
- F. Lento, Chair, School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay)
- M. Baxter, Chair, School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)
- L. Dixon, Chair, School District No. 37 (Delta)
- M. Murray, Chair, School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)
- M. Tarr, Chair, School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)
- E. Loring-Kuhanga, Chair, School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
- L. Van Alphen, Chair, School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
- P. Craig, Chair, School District No. 70 (Alberni)
- V. Adrian, Chair, School District No. 74 (Gold Trail)
- R. McKamey, Chair, School District No. 75 (Mission)
- G. Swan, Vice-President, BC School Trustees Association
- BC School Trustees Association North West Branch and Northern Interior Branch
- Maple Ridge Teachers' Association
- N. Read, Mayor, City of Maple Ridge

Trustee Car requested that the following correspondence be moved from Correspondence to Chairperson, Decision Item:

• M. Murray, Chair, School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)

Trustee Clarkson requested that the following correspondence be moved from Correspondence to Chairperson, Decision Item:

- E. Loring-Kuhanga, Chair, School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
- V. Adrian, Chair, School District No. 74 (Gold Trail)
- Maple Ridge Teachers' Association

THAT the Board receive the correspondence for information.

# **CARRIED**

2. Approval of Agenda

## Moved/Seconded

#### Amendment:

Move the following from Correspondence to Chairperson, Decision Item:

M. Murray, Chair, School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)

Move the following from Correspondence to Chairperson, Decision Item:

- E. Loring-Kuhanga, Chair, School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
- V. Adrian, Chair, School District No. 74 (Gold Trail)
- Maple Ridge Teachers' Association

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

#### CARRIED

3. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

#### D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. October 19, 2016

### Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the October 19, 2016 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated. **CARRIED** 

# **E. PRESENTATIONS**

1. PEAK Program: Webster's Corners Elementary

### Moved/Seconded

Ramin Mehrassa, Principal, Webster's Corners Elementary and teachers, Kirsten Paterson and Craig Mitchell, Webster's Corners Elementary presented information on the PEAK Program.

THAT the Board receive the presentation on the PEAK Program at Webster's Corners Elementary for information.

#### **CARRIED**

- F. DELEGATIONS
- **G. DEFERRED ITEMS**
- H. DECISION ITEMS
  - 1. Chairperson
    - a) Proposed Committee Appointments

### Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive and approve the attached proposed committee appointments for a period of one year commencing November 16, 2016.

#### CARRIED

b) Correspondence from M. Murray, Chair, School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)

Discussion ensued on follow up correspondence recently submitted to the Provincial Government re: Provincial Standards for Addressing Drug Use and Possible Incidents of Overdose in B.C. Schools.

c) Correspondence re: By-Elections

# Moved/Seconded

Discussion ensued on correspondence received from the Chair, School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria), Chair, School District No. 74 (Gold Trail) and the Maple Ridge Teachers' Association regarding by-elections.

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) write a letter to request that when a Board of Education is fired an election date be called within 6 months following the Provincial Government's appointment of a non-elected trustee.

#### **CARRIED**

### 2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Establishment of Parent Advisory Council at District Alternate SD 42 School

### Moved/Seconded

As per Section 8 (1) of the School Act, parents of students of school age attending a school or a Provincial school may apply to the board or to the minister, as the case may be, to establish a parents' advisory council for that school.

THAT the Board approve the establishment of a Parent Advisory Council at District Alternate SD42 School.

# CARRIED

- 3. Secretary Treasurer
- 4. Board Committees
  - a) Budget
  - b) Finance
  - c) Board Policy Development
  - d) Education Committee
    - i. Board Authorized Approved Courses

## Moved/Seconded

The Director of Instruction reported that the Education Committee had met, reviewed and approved the implementation of Astronomy 11 and Languages for Travel 11.

That the Board approve the following Board Authorized Approved Courses:

- Astronomy 11
- Languages for Travel 11

# **CARRIED**

e) Aboriginal Education

# I. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Chairperson
- 2. Superintendent of Schools
  - a) District Class Size Report

# Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent reported that the District Class Size Report which had been submitted to the Ministry of Education notes the number of classes which exceed 30 in the district. The Superintendent further reported that the number of classes which exceed 30 in the district is 68 classes.

The Class Size and Compensation Regulation stipulates that Music, Band, Choir, Planning 10, Leadership and Drama are not subject to the 30 student limit. Teachers of classes over 30 qualify for additional monthly compensation.

THAT the Board received the District Class Size Report, for information.

# **CARRIED**

b) Superintendent's Update

## Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent reported on school activities.

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

#### **CARRIED**

- 3. Secretary Treasurer
- 4. Board Committees & Advisory & Advisory Committee Reports
  - a) Finance
  - b) Budget
  - c) Board Policy Development
    - i. Procedure 4435.1: Scholarships, Bursaries and Student Awards

### Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer reported that Procedure 4435.1: Scholarships, Bursaries and Student Awards had been updated to clearly define the roles, responsibilities and selection process.

THAT the Board receive Procedure 4435.1: Scholarships, Bursaries and Student Awards for information.

### **CARRIED**

- d) Education
- e) Aboriginal Education
- f) Inclusive Education
- g) French Immersion Advisory
- h) District Student Advisory
- i) Round Table with Partner Groups
  - i. Minutes of Meeting

#### Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the November 2, 2016 Roundtable with Partners Meeting be received as circulated.

### CARRIED.

j) Facilities Planning

# J. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

## K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

<u>BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council: Synopsis October 2016 Provincial Council</u>
Trustee Carreras provided a synopsis of the October 2016 Provincial Council and reported on the disposition of motions.

### BCSTA 2017/18 Budget Planning – Invitation to Provide Feedback

The Chairperson requested feedback from trustees on BCSTA 2017/18 Budget Planning.

### Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Arts Council

Trustee Rempel and Trustee Carreras reported that budget, committee reports and a charity raffle were discussed.

# Social Planning Advisory

Trustee Murray reported on the community forums on homelessness.

#### Good News Items

Trustees reported on Remembrance Day ceremonies, Kanaka Creek Literacy Day and the opening of the updated Pitt Meadows Parks and Leisure Centre.

### L. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was posed regarding the recent Supreme Court of Canada ruling.

#### M. OTHER BUSINESS

### N. ADJOURNMENT

### Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

### **CARRIED**

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Mike Murray, Chairperson

Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer