



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Wednesday, October 16, 2019, (6:00 PM)  
DEO Board Room**

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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Chairperson – Korleen Carreras  
Vice-Chairperson – Elaine Yamamoto  
Trustee – Kim Dumore  
Trustee – Mike Murray  
Trustee – Pascale Shaw  
Trustee – Kathleen Sullivan  
Trustee – Colette Trudeau

**STAFF:**

Superintendent – Sylvia Russell  
Secretary Treasurer – Flavia Coughlan  
Senior Manager, Communications – Irena Pochop  
Executive Coordinator – Karen Yoxall

**A. OPENING PROCEDURES**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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

**Moved/Seconded**

- T. Stone, MLA Kamloops – South Thompson
- J. Watters, Chairperson, School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
- G. Keller, Trustee, School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith)
- T. Lachmuth, Trustee, School District No. 83 (Okanagan-Shuswap)

THAT the Board receive the correspondence, for information.

**CARRIED**

3. Approval of Agenda

**Moved/Seconded**

**AMENDMENT:**

Move correspondence from T. Stone, MLA Kamloops – South Thompson to Decision Items, Chairperson.

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

The Chairperson invited the public to provide input into Decision Items under section F of the agenda and requested the public to sign up on the sheet provided if they wished to ask questions.

## **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Minutes of the September 18, 2019 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **C. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Supporting All Learners – Annual Learning Report

### **Moved/Seconded**

The Superintendent presented the Supporting All Learners – Annual Learning Report outlining the work done and progress made by the school district in the following four key areas: improved learning and assessment, secondary innovations, literacy, and social emotional learning.

THAT the Board receive the Supporting All Learners – Annual Learning Report, for information.

**CARRIED**

## **D. DELEGATIONS**

1. Continuing Education – Prison Education

### **Moved/Seconded**

Teacher Kevin Heinze presented on the educational program at the Fraser Regional Correctional Centre (FRCC) in Maple Ridge. The voluntary FRCC educational program serves students who are waiting for their court date. Program success measures include reduced recidivism, course completion and graduations, improved opportunities after release, and safer communities.

THAT the Board receive the presentation on prison education by Continuing Education, for information.

**CARRIED**

## **E. DEFERRED ITEMS**

## **F. DECISION ITEMS**

1. Chairperson
  - a) Joint Feasibility Study – Post Secondary Education

### **Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board endorse and authorize the Chairperson to sign off on the letter to the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training requesting a Joint Feasibility Study on Post-Secondary Education in Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows on its behalf.

**CARRIED**

- b) T. Stone, MLA Kamloops – South Thompson

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board direct the Chairperson to send a letter to the Minister of Health asking to take action in combating youth vaping in the province.

**CARRIED**

2. Superintendent of Schools
3. Secretary Treasurer

- a) School District Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)

**Moved/Seconded**

The Secretary Treasurer reported on the School District Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) for the year ended June 30, 2019.

The report is prepared annually in accordance with the Financial Information Act; included in the report are a schedule of remuneration and expenses that lists all payments made to trustees and to employees with remuneration exceeding \$75,000, and, a schedule of suppliers of goods and services that received payments in excess of \$25,000.

THAT the Board approve the School District Statement of Financial Information for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019; and that the said statement be submitted to the Ministry of Education.

**CARRIED**

4. Board Committees
  - a) Budget
  - b) Finance
  - c) Facilities Planning
  - d) Board Policy Development
  - e) Education
  - f) Aboriginal Education

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Chairperson
  - a) Operational Plans Update

**Moved/Seconded**

The Secretary Treasurer presented the operational plans for education, business, human resources and information technology. The plans are aligned with the school district's strategic direction, identify key strategies and outline current and next steps in key initiatives.

THAT the Board receive for information the Operational Plans for Education, Business, Human Resources and Information Technology.

**CARRIED**

2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Superintendent's Update

**Moved/Seconded**

The Superintendent provided an update on school and district events.

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

**CARRIED**

3. Secretary Treasurer

4. Board Committees & Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Budget
- b) Finance
- c) Facilities Planning
- d) Board Policy Development

i. Board Policy 9605: Provision of Menstrual Products to Students

**Moved/Seconded**

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the Minister of Education amended the Support Services for Schools Order to require school districts to provide free menstrual products to students in school washrooms in a manner that protects student privacy.

THAT the Board receive for information and continuation with the consultation process Draft Policy 9605: Provision of Menstrual Products to Students.

**CARRIED**

- e) Education
- f) Aboriginal Education

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

1. Trustee Motion

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board direct staff to provide a report on the steps to be taken and costs associated with a district-wide plan to address substance use education programs currently available and those under consideration, to ensure that every student has access to substance education as it is referenced in the curriculum, by June 2020.

**DEFERRED**

## 2. Trustee Motion

### **Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board direct the Board Chairperson to write a letter to the Minister of Education expressing appreciation for the Funding Model Review and requesting that the Ministry share with school districts proposed policy changes, and a full financial model of the proposed formula, and how the proposed changes will improve learning opportunities and outcomes for all students.

**CARRIED**

### **I. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

#### BC School Trustees Association

The Chairperson reported that Provincial Council will take place on October 26, 2019 and noted that the following two motions will be considered; Delay of Enrolment of International Students in Provincial Medical Services Plan (submitted by SD42) and Vape Awareness and Vape Cessation for Youth (submitted by SD58).

#### Student Voice

Trustee Dumore reported that a youth leadership workshop took place in October in Chilliwack.

#### Municipal Advisory & Accessibility

Trustee Sullivan reported on a presentation by the Makers Making Change – Neil Squire Society; a non-profit organization who support people with disabilities within their communities by creating accessibility solutions.

#### Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Arts Council

Trustee Sullivan reported on the election of new board members and further reported that there is still availability in the secondary art programs.

#### Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

The Chairperson reported on an upcoming planning workshop scheduled for November 12, 2019.

#### Social Policy Advisory

Trustee Yamamoto reported on a presentation by Coast Mental Health.

#### City of Maple Ridge Active Transportation Advisory

Trustee Trudeau reported that Maple Ridge City Council have approved changes to the mandate of the committee to include all forms of transportation. Committee representatives were also discussed.

#### Youth Planning Table

Trustee Dumore reported that Maple Ridge City Council have endorsed the revised Youth Strategy Implementation Plan.

#### Culture Roundtable

The Chairperson reported that the Creative City Network of Canada's Cultural Planning Award of Excellence for Maple Ridge's Culture Plan and Implementation Framework was presented at the October 15, 2019 Maple Ridge City Council meeting.

#### Ridge Meadows Overdose Community Action Table (CAT)

Trustee Dumore reported that the hiring of a marketing coordinator was discussed.

Good News Items

Trustees spoke about the community open house to celebrate the opening of cəsqənelə elementary, Trustee Yamamoto spoke about the Culture Day celebration and Ryan Laird's anti-bullying program presentation at Eric Langton Elementary; trustees Trudeau, Yamamoto and Sullivan spoke about the Board of Education meeting with Samuel Robertson Technical students and their tour of the trades programs at the school; trustee Sullivan thanked the Rotary Club for their support of students in the district; trustee Dumore spoke about her attendance at the Cops for Cancer event at Thomas Haney, and the Pitt Meadows Secondary awards ceremony; and trustee Carreras spoke at the Super 30 Event at the ACT and her attendance at a recent city council meeting where teacher Kelvin Dueck was presented with an award.

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the meeting be extended by a further ten minutes.

**CARRIED**

Trustee Shaw reported on feedback received from candidates on questions regarding education during the 2019 Federal Election.

**L. QUESTION PERIOD**

Questions were posed on the following:

- Internet safety and school policies
- Travel expenses for international student recruitment as reported on the School District Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)

**M. OTHER BUSINESS**

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

**CARRIED**

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

  
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Korleen Carreras, Chairperson

  
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Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer