

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairperson – Mike Murray
Vice Chairperson – Susan Carr
Trustee – Ken Clarkson
Trustee – Eleanor Palis
Trustee – Dave Rempel

STAFF:

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

ABSENT:

Trustee – Lisa Beare
Trustee – Korleen Carreras

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

Moved/Seconded

- Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Education
- BC School Trustees Association
- L. Trenaman, Chairperson, School District No. 8 ((Kootenay Lake)
- T. Last, Chairperson, School District No.52 (Prince Rupert)
- M. Murray, Chairperson, School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)
- BC School Trustees Association
- M. Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

THAT the Board receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

Additions

Add to Correspondence:

- M. Murray, Chairperson, School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)
- BC School Trustees Association
- M. Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Amendment

Move the following from Correspondence to Decision Items, Chairperson:

- BC School Trustees Association
- M. Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 20, 2017

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the September 20, 2017 Public Board meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. New Curriculum Update

Moved/Seconded

An update on the new curriculum was presented reporting on core competencies, areas of learning and Big Ideas.

THAT the Board receive the New Curriculum Update presentation by Shannon Derinzy, David Vandergugten and Harry Dhillon, for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson

- a) BC School Trustees Association
M. Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Moved/Seconded

The BC School Trustees Association have advised that the BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General is seeking feedback from boards of education in preparation for the federal legalization of non-medical cannabis this coming year.

Discussion ensued on the "Cannabis Legalization and Regulation in BC" paper. Feedback collected will be submitted to the BC School Trustees Association by October 24, 2017 for inclusion in their final submission to the Ministry.

THAT the Board Chairperson and staff prepare a response to the BC School Trustees Association.

CARRIED

2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Funding for PAC's and DPAC

Moved/Seconded

The Chairperson reported that DPAC have requested that the funding amount of \$3,921 be directly allocated to them to fund DPAC organized activities for PAC's and parents for 2017/18.

THAT the Board approve the allocation of \$3,921 to fund DPAC organized activities for PAC's and parents for 2017/18;

And further;

THAT DPAC submit a report to the Board on the use of these funds by June 30, 2018.

CARRIED

b) Learning Improvement Fund Report

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent reported that as indicated in the Learning Improvement Fund Regulation, Section 2, a board requesting, in a fiscal year, a grant under section 115.2 of the Act must submit a spending plan to the Ministry of Education.

The Superintendent further reported that there is now only a requirement to report on the Support Staff portion of the Learning Improvement Fund. For the 2017/18 school year it is projected that the budget will be fully spent after allocating Education Assistant staffing.

It was noted that the Ministry of Education has yet to communicate the format and due date of the spending plan as referenced in the Learning Improvement Regulation.

THAT the Board authorize the Superintendent to complete and submit the Learning Improvement Fund Report to the Ministry of Education upon receiving such request.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

4. Board Committees

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

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Chairperson
- 2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Summer Learning Update**Moved/Seconded**

Jeff Curwen, Vice-Principal, Summer Learning, reported on the Summer Learning programs offered by the district. 476 K-6 students participated in the Summer Learning Program held at four different elementary schools including 113 students who participated in French Immersion; Connected Learning Community offered an online DL school on a "Fast-Track" model and at Thomas Haney Secondary 671 Ministry of Education funded students and 53 international students from Lanzhou, China attended summer school.

THAT the Board receive the Summer Learning Update for information.

CARRIEDSuperintendents Update**Moved/Seconded**

The Superintendent reported on school and district activities.

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

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees & Advisory Committee Reports

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

i. Draft Policy 10310: Volunteers**Moved/Seconded**

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the school district is required by law to have a policy on volunteers. The current policy has been updated and is accompanied by new associated procedures for Volunteers, Volunteer Drivers and Volunteer Community Coaches. These new procedures are rooted in school district practice, are in alignment with other school district policies and provide clarity on the requirements for criminal record checks, learner and novice drivers and driver abstracts.

THAT the Board receive for information and continuation with the consultation process:

Draft Policy 10310: Volunteers
Draft Procedure 10310.1: Volunteers
Draft Procedure 10310.2: Volunteer Drivers
Draft Procedure 10310.3: Volunteer Community Coaches
Volunteer Application Form
Volunteer Drivers Application: Elementary
Volunteer Drivers Application: Secondary

CARRIED

ii. Draft Policy: 10200 Communications

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer reported that draft Policy 10200: Communications has been updated to reflect current practice.

THAT the Board receive for information and continuation with the consultation process:

Draft Policy 10200: Communications

CARRIED

- d) Education
- e) Aboriginal Education
- f) Inclusive Education
- g) French Immersion Advisory
- h) District Student Advisory
- i) Round Table with Partner Groups
- j) Facilities Planning

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council

It was agreed that a question on FSA reporting will be posed at the upcoming Provincial Council meeting.

District Parent Advisory Council

The Chairperson reported that the Shoe Bank of Canada made a presentation at the recent meeting.

Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Arts Council

Trustee Rempel reported on the October 2, 2017 Annual General Meeting and the appointment of new board members.

Social Planning Advisory

Trustee Carr reported that Meghan MacMillan, City of Maple Ridge, presented the Youth Strategy report at the recent Social Planning Advisory meeting.

Trustee Carr further reported that a fentanyl forum will take place on November 1, 2017 at Thomas Haney Secondary School.

Good News Items

Trustees reported on the recent visit to the school district by the Minister of Education and the BC School Trustees Association Fraser Valley Branch meeting.

L. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was posed on partner group input to draft policies.

M. OTHER BUSINESS

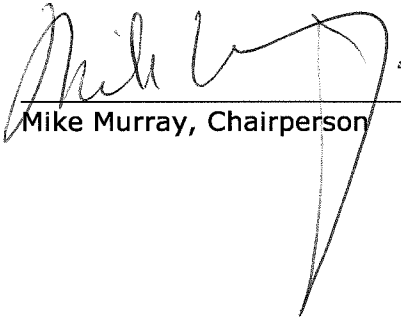
N. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

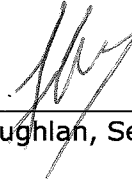
THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer