

Wednesday, October 24, 2012
6:00 p.m.

District Education Office
22225 Brown Avenue
Boardroom

A G E N D A

*“The best way out is through”
~ Robert Frost*

A – OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order
2. Correspondence ITEM 1
 - i. Ron Johnstone, Chairperson
– School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade)
(September 21, 2012)
 - ii. Don McRae, Honourable Minister
– Ministry of Education
(October 4, 2012)
3. Ordering of Agenda
4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

B – CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES ITEM 2

1. October 10, 2012

C – PRESENTATIONS

1. David Vandergugten – Achievement Contract ITEM 3

D – DELEGATIONS

E – CHAIR REPORT

F – DEFERRED ITEMS

G – TRUSTEE MOTIONS

H – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

1. Decision Items
 - a) Superintendent of Schools
 - b) Deputy Superintendent
 - c) Secretary Treasurer

2. Information Items

- a) Superintendent of Schools
- b) Deputy Superintendent
 - i. Learning Improvement Fund
(Materials to be provided)
- c) Secretary Treasurer

ITEM 4

I – COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Committees of the Whole

- a) 2011 - 2012 Finance
- b) 2012 - 2013 Budget
- c) Advocacy
- d) Human Resources

2. Committee & Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Aboriginal Education
- b) Board Policy Development
- c) District Student Advisory
- d) Education
- e) French Immersion Advisory
- f) Inclusive Education
- g) Transportation

J – QUESTION PERIOD

- 1. Trustee Questions
- 2. Staff Questions
- 3. Employee Group Questions
- 4. DPAC Questions
- 5. Public Questions

K – TRUSTEE REPORTS

- 1. BC School Trustees' Association Provincial Council
- 2. District Parent Advisory Council
- 3. Joint Parks and Leisure Services
- 4. Municipal Advisory & Accessibility
- 5. Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council
- 6. Ridge Meadows Education Foundation
- 7. Social Planning Advisory
- 8. Tzu Chi Foundation
- 9. Youth Society
- 10. Other Board Liaison Representative Reports
 - a) Good News Items
 - b) Public Disclosure of Closed Meeting Business

ITEM 5

L – OTHER BUSINESS

M – ADJOURNMENT



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| ITEM 1 |
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To: Board of Education

From: Chairperson
Mike Murray

Re: **OPENING PROCEDURES**

Date: October 24, 2012
(Public Board Meeting)

Information/Decision

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CORRESPONDENCE (Information Item)

- i. Ron Johnstone, Chairperson – School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade)
(September 21, 2012)
- ii. Don McRae, Honourable Minister – Ministry of Education
(October 4, 2012)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

**** Attachments**

3. ORDERING OF AGENDA (Decision Item)

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Agenda be ordered as circulated.

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda



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Office of the Board Chair

September 21, 2012

Honourable Don McRae
Minister of Education
PO Box 9045 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC
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Dear Minister McCrae:

On behalf of the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) I am writing to express concern regarding the lack of ability for our district to partner with Seabird Island First Nation Community School in order to provide a variety of program options for our students.

Section 75 of the *School Act* allows boards to have an agreement with one or more other boards to provide in full or in part an educational program to a school aged student who is enrolled in a school in the district but it does not allow this agreement between public and independent authorities. Seabird Island Community School provides a variety of trades and technical programs for students. These programs would be very accessible for our students, particularly those living in the communities of Agassiz and Harrison. The section of the *School Act* quoted above, appears counter-productive to the Ministry of Education's focus on the implementation of Personalized Learning.

We look forward to reviewing this section of the *School Act* with you in order to provide the best possible educational programming for our students. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours sincerely,

Ron Johnstone, Chair
Fraser-Cascade Board of Education
RJ/KN/tlm

c.c.: Trustees
Sandy Balascak, Administrator, Agassiz Centre for Education
Diane Janzen, Education Manager, Seabird Island College



October 4, 2012

Ref: 162159

Mike Murray, Chair
Board of Education
School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)
Email: mike_murray@sd42.ca

Dear Mr. Murray:

On May 12th of this year at the University of British Columbia, the Ministry of Education delivered an update on the province's Seismic Mitigation Program (SMP). The update included a comprehensive re-assessment of seismic safety at BC public schools based on the latest scientific research, improved technology and study of recent major earthquakes around the world, and approval of more than \$122 million to address structural upgrades at 14 high-priority schools.

The re-assessments and research were conducted through a partnership between the Ministry of Education, the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (APEGBC) and the University of British Columbia's Department of Civil Engineering. The 14 projects are spread throughout 12 BC school districts. Projects were selected from the most recent district capital plans and represent top-ranked projects based on the updated assessment of seismic safety risk.

The Ministry advised that the new assessment information would be made publicly available as soon as the data was vetted by school districts, and amended as required by Ministry staff. This work has now been completed and new information is available on the Ministry's website at: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/capitalplanning/seismic/welcome.htm>

Included on the above-noted webpage are three lists that provide the following important information:

1. Seismic Mitigation Program Status Report

- This is a list of schools that are complete, under construction, proceeding to construction and in planning (supported).

2. Seismic Structural Risk Rating by Block

- This report shows updated risk ratings by block for all schools within the province's 37 school districts that are located in high-risk seismic zones.

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3. High Risk Seismic Schools Requiring Structural Upgrades

- This is a list of schools that have yet to be approved to proceed. School districts are to rank these schools for submission in capital plan submissions to government.

Current estimates to complete the unapproved seismic projects total approximately \$1.3 billion. To ensure that seismic projects are completed in a timely and cost-effective manner, government has provided the following direction for planning, designing and implementing these projects:

- Boards of education must focus on seismic upgrading to ensure student safety, rather than school renewal;
- Generally, the lowest cost option will be pursued; upgrades should not exceed the cost of replacement;
- Where seismic upgrades or renewal is less than the cost of replacement, costs specifically related to heritage will be limited to 10 percent of the construction cost;
- To improve the development of options to best address seismic upgrades, school districts will work with APEGBC's Technical Review Board of expert consulting engineers to review all seismic projects and ensure the most appropriate, cost-effective mitigation options are explored. This will include the use of Seismic Project Information Reports (SPIRs) that will be developed by structural engineers to identify scope, schedule, budget and risks for structurally upgrading school blocks; and,
- Where heritage buildings are recommended for replacement, if possible, the building should be retained by reducing the scope and cost of seismic mitigation work below replacement cost, while safeguarding life safety.

Ongoing communication between school district and Ministry staff will be a key ingredient for success in the planning and implementation of the SMP. School district staff should contact their respective Planning Officer with any questions they may have regarding the SMP.

Sincerely,



Don McRae
Minister

pc: Jan Unwin, Superintendent
Flavia Coughlan, Secretary-Treasurer



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| ITEM 2 |
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To: Board of Education

From: Chairperson
Mike Murray

Re: **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Date: October 24, 2012
(Public Board Meeting)

Decision

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Minutes of the October 10, 2012 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

Attachment



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, October 10, 2012 (6:00 PM)
DEO Board Room**

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

STAFF:

Superintendent – Jan Unwin
Interim Secretary Treasurer – Wayne Jefferson
Secretary Treasurer – Flavia Coughlan
Deputy Superintendent – Laurie Meston
Mgr. of Communications/Community Relations – Irena Pochop
Executive Assistant – Tracy Orobko

ABSENT:

Trustee Sarah Nelson

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

The Board Chair opened the meeting by acknowledging the passing of former Katzie Band Chief, Diane Bailey who had made significant contributions to the School District.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Chair welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

1. Correspondence

- Zora Andjelic, Planning Technician – City of Pitt Meadows

Moved: Trustee Marshall

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

CARRIED

2. Ordering of Agenda

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Carr

Amendment:

Deputy Superintendent Information Item: Move to Presentations (S. Sonne, Director of Secondary and Adult Education; A. Millar, Principal, Aboriginal Education – Achievement Contract)

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

CARRIED

The Chair opened the floor to others wanting to speak to the Agenda.

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. September 26, 2012 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Minutes of the September 26, 2012 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

Christina Shearme, Parent Education Programs – Family Education and Support Centre

The Chair introduced Ms. Shearme who shared the history of the Family Education and Resource Centre which facilitates growth and development in families and communities, while responding to the need for information, education, resources and support since 1971. Program brochures were handed out.

The Centre has recently celebrated its 40th anniversary.

Some programs highlighted included Community Action Programs for Children, Parenting Teens, Parenting Young Children, assisting Young Parents and Mental Wellness. The variety of programs helps strengthen participation of diverse groups and increases understanding of cultural diversity within Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows and Katzie.

The Chair opened the floor to questions.

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board receive the presentation for information.

CARRIED

Achievement Contract

The Chair introduced Stewart Sonne, Director of Secondary and Adult Education, and Alan Millar, Principal, Aboriginal Education who presented the Achievement Contract highlighting:

- Grad rates
- Grade to Grade Transition Rates
- Suspension Rates

Direct correlations were made to self-esteem and self-reporting. Mr. Sonne thanked and credited the previous presenter, Christina Shearme, and the variety of programs offered regarding Self Esteem.

The School District's graduation rates are growing exponentially – a gain of 11% overall. Accordingly, the School District is recognized by the Ministry of Education as a lead in the area of increased graduation rates. Director Sonne congratulated the teachers, CUPE staff and Administrators for their continued efforts of building culture, adjusting strategies, and 'caring more'.

Contributing factors include diversity, choice, continuous learning frameworks and the development of igniting passion for kids to learn again.

Alan Millar provided a slide show on aboriginal statistics, building of cultures, opportunities, family connections, and provided a synopsis of activities.

Trustee Carr exited the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Trustee Carr joined the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor to questions and comments.

Key elements included communicating with parents on how to support their children with respect to education and being relentless in the pursuit of helping kids succeed by providing choice. Overall, there are 300 more graduates now than the School District had five years ago - in a declining School District.

The Achievement Contract can be viewed in its entirety: <http://www.sd42.ca/2012-achievement-contract>

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board receive the Achievement Contract as provided by Stewart Sonne, Director of Secondary and Adult Education and Alan Millar, Principal, Aboriginal Education, for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

Change of Board Meeting Dates

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board approve the change of meeting date from November 14, 2012 to November 7, 2012.

CARRIED

F. DEFERRED ITEMS

G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS

H. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

1. Decision Items

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

Eligible School Sites Proposal

The Secretary Treasurer provided background on Capital Plan requirements referring to the detailed analysis included in the Agenda indicating it aligns with the District of Maple Ridge's Official Community Plan.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board approve the following eligible school site proposal:

WHEREAS the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) has consulted with the District of Maple Ridge and City of Pitt Meadows on these matters;

IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

1. Based on information from local government, the Board of Education of School District No.42 estimates there will be approximately 9,352 new development units constructed in the School District over the next 10 years, as presented in Schedule 'A';

2. These 9,352 new development units will be home to an estimated 3,793 school age children, as presented in Schedule 'A';

3. The School Board expects seven (7) new school sites and one (1) site expansion, over the ten-year period, will be required as the result of this growth in the school district. The site acquisitions will be generally located as presented in Schedule 'B';

4. According to Ministry of Education site standards, the School Board expects that the eligible school sites will require a total acquisition of 22.54 hectares (55.7 acres) of land, as presented in Schedule 'B'. These sites should be purchased within ten years and, at current serviced land costs, the land will cost approximately \$32 million.

5. That the Eligible School Sites Proposal as adjusted be incorporated in the 5 Year Facility Capital Budget, 2012-2016, and submitted to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

Five Year Capital Plan

The Capital Plan is to be submitted to the Ministry of Education by October 15, 2012. The Secretary Treasurer referred to the comprehensive report attached to the Agenda highlighting a top priority project of an elementary school in Albion at an estimated cost of \$17.73 million dollars. The second priority is expansion to Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary where 13 portables are currently used.

The Chair opened the floor to questions.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

1) THAT the Board approve the 2012/2013 Five Year Capital Plan as presented for submission to the Ministry of Education.

2) THAT the Board direct staff to prepare a School District Facilities Plan.

CARRIED

Board Policy Development Committee Recommended Changes – Governance Modeling

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board rescind Procedural Bylaw: September 22, 2009 and replace with a Board policy.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT the attached Procedural Bylaw, September 22, 2009, be rescinded as read a third and final time.

CARRIED

Board Policies 2320, 2400, 2915 and 2918 – Replacements for Procedural Bylaw–September 22, 2009

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board approve policies 2320, 2400, 2915 and 2918 for implementation; and

THAT the attached procedures 2915.1 be received for information.

CARRIED

Board Policy Approval

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board approve policies 9510, 10510, and 10540 for implementation.

CARRIED

2. Information Items

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

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

J. QUESTION PERIOD

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Fraser Valley BC School Trustees' Association. Trustee Clarkson reminded the Board of the upcoming meeting on Monday, October 15th at Thomas Haney Secondary commencing at 6:00 p.m.

District Parent Advisory Council. Trustee Marshall attended the last meeting commending Kellie Marquet on her use of Facebook and invited others to join. At the November 1st meeting, the group anticipates a visit from Judy Dueck, Health and Safety Officer and possibly reviewing its Constitution and Bylaws.

Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council. Trustee Rempel reported on the last meeting where scholarships winners were congratulated while also thanking the Council for their awards and new programs.

The Chair explained Trustee Nelson's absence due to her working towards a Master's Degree at Royal Roads University.

Tzu Chi Foundation. Trustee Rempel reported on an upcoming distribution of funds to students in the amount of up to \$5,000.

Good News Items

Trustee Carr congratulated the staff and students at Maple Ridge and Garibaldi Secondary Schools on their combined Duathlon held recently at Golden Ears Park consisting of a 4 km run; 14 km bike; 4 km run. This is the 22nd year this has occurred in the School District.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

CARRIED

Mike Murray, Chairperson

Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer



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| ITEM 3 |
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To: Board of Education

From: Board Chairperson
Mike Murray

Re: **PRESENTATION**

Date: October 24, 2012
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

David Vandergugten, Director of Instruction, K-12 Education
- Achievement Contract

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board receive David Vandergugten's Achievement Contract presentation for information.



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| ITEM 4 |
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To: Board of Education

From: Deputy Superintendent
Laurie Meston

Re: **LEARNING IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Date: October 24, 2012
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

** Materials will be provided at the meeting.*

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board receive the Deputy Superintendent's report on the Learning Improvement Fund for information.



ITEM 5

RECORD

2012-2013

Pursuant to provisions of 72 (1) of the *School Act*, the following report is a general statement of: (a) matters discussed; and (b) the general nature of decisions resolved at the following meetings from which persons other than Trustees or officers of the Board, or both were excluded:

October 10, 2012

Call to Order
 Motion of Exclusion
 Correspondence
 Ordering of Agenda
 Confirmation of Minutes – September 26, 2012
 Secretary Treasurer Decision Item
 Superintendent Information Items
 Committee Business
 Trustee Reports
 Adjournment

Meeting called to order at 2:46 p.m.
 Approved
 No correspondence
 Approved as circulated
 Approved as circulated
 Approved
 Received

Adjourned at 3:45 p.m.