



IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Chair – Kathie Ward
Vice Chair – Ken Clarkson
Trustee – Susan Carr
Trustee – Eleanor Palis
Trustee – Dr. Dave Rempel
Trustee – Stepan Vdovine

STAFF:

Superintendent – John Simpson
Deputy Superintendent – Jan Unwin
Secretary Treasurer – Wayne Jefferson
Executive Assistant – Tina Fuchs
Communications Officer – Seamus Nesling

ABSENT:

Trustee – Mike Huber

OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Ordering of Agenda

ORIGINAL - Motion P367 – 08/09

Member (Susan Carr) Moved, Member (Ken Clarkson) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board order the agenda as amended.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0.
The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Added:

- School District Logo under Superintendent's Decision Items
- Policy Advisory Committee report & motion added by Trustee Clarkson

3. Correspondence

ORIGINAL - Motion P368 – 08/09

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Ken Clarkson) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board receive any correspondence for information.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A letter from Ombudsman had been received regarding their new Early Resolution initiative.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. May 13, 2009 Public Meeting Minutes

ORIGINAL - Motion P369 – 08/09

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Ken Clarkson) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board approve the May 13, 2009 Public Meeting Minutes as circulated.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

The Board Chair then invited anyone else to speak to any item on the agenda, at which time there were none.

CHAIR REPORT

1. Interim Secretary Treasurer

ORIGINAL - Motion P370 – 08/09

Member (Ken Clarkson) Moved, Member (Dave Rempel) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board receive the Chair's report regarding the new Interim Secretary Treasurer.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Board Chair welcomed the new Secretary Treasurer Wayne Jefferson.

The Superintendent advised that the previous Secretary Treasurer, Don Woytowich, had moved on in order to address his health concerns.

The Superintendent then gave a brief background overview of the new Secretary Treasurer's background.

The new Secretary Treasurer, Wayne Jefferson, then expressed that he looked forward to working with the Board to deliver top education services to the District.

The Board Chair also advised the Partner Groups to feel free to contact Wayne with any concerns or issues they may have.

SUPERINTENDENT'S DECISION ITEMS1. School Logo

The Communications Officer explained it had been a process that has gone on for a while. Most recently they were waiting on the survey results which guided the graphic design company as to what should be incorporated in the logo. They are now bringing forward 2 really strong logos for the Board to choose from.

Each Trustee stated their preference for the logo and they agreed on the 2nd version of the first design of the logo, which was page 2 of the examples that were distributed.

ORIGINAL - Motion P371 – 08/09

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Eleanor Palis) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board approve the page 2 logo for the new District Logo.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The rest of the process is to work with the designer on how it would look on bus cards, promo items, trucks, web, and letterhead and as items are replaced the new design would be supplied. Phasing in is most cost effective and least wasteful. Would change website and letterhead first but would like to bring back to the board so that it is a coordinated plan.

ORIGINAL - Motion P372 – 08/09

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Susan Carr) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board approve for the Communications Officer's to work with the graphic designer for creating the printed materials and to phase in the new logo, and then bring back to the Board as a coordinated plan.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SECRETARY TREASURER'S DECISION ITEMS1. Procedural Bylaws

The Superintendent reported on the Procedural Bylaws on behalf of the new Secretary Treasurer, Wayne Jefferson.

The Superintendent advised that the Bylaws can be approved in 3 readings if the Board approves to do so but it doesn't have to. The Trustees agreed not to approve all 3 readings without the Bylaws being put out for 30 days of consultation first due to the significant changes being made.

The Policy Advisory Committee had met and made proposed amendments to the Bylaws to which the Trustees then went over any concerns they had with the proposed changes.

Some further changes and corrections were agreed on and the Secretary Treasurer advised that he would implement the changes and then the Bylaws would be put out for 30 days for consultation before the 3rd and final reading.

ORIGINAL - Motion P373 – 08/09

Member (Ken Clarkson) Moved, Member (Eleanor Palis) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board approve the first reading of the Procedural Bylaws.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORIGINAL - Motion P374 – 08/09

Member (Ken Clarkson) Moved, Member (Eleanor Palis) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board approve the second reading of the Procedural Bylaws' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Budget Update

The Superintendent wanted to share with the Public that the Board has been working on the Budget and he also wanted to explain the process and what parts have already been undertaken.

He advised that the Board had presented the draft budget to the Partner Groups. The deadline was May 21st for changes from the Partner groups and the Board will now engage in further meetings with the Partner groups. They are aiming for the June 10 meeting to approve the Preliminary Budget.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Amalgamation/Closure/Catchment Update

The Deputy Superintendent explained that this will be a standard item on the agenda for the next while.

She then advised that the Public Consultation with Mount Crescent took place the night before, where Staff and Trustees met with about 40 people, who were mainly district staff as well.

They are currently tallying up all the information received and they will bring back a full report at the next board meeting on June 10, as to what information was gathered and what their ideas are as for next steps - just as done previously in the process for Riverside.

Trustee Vdovine asked for a timeline to be set out before the end of June that will cover all the steps involved in the process. The Superintendent agreed to bring this timeline back to the next Board meeting on June 10th. He also advised that they will have more meetings in the fall and the decision will be made well before Christmas.

Trustee Vdovine then asked if there a need for a steering committee to allow for input from the key stakeholders into this process. The Superintendent advised that this had been discussed at the last Senior Team meeting and constructing a team would be wise.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS - COMMITTEE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Education Committee

2. Aboriginal Education Committee

The Ab. Ed. awards are next week.

3. Human Resources Committee

4. Inclusive Education Committee

5. Finance Committee

6. Anti-Vandalism Committee

The Board Chair advised that Kathy Froelich will no longer be sitting on the Anti-vandalism committee. At last meeting they recognized her service to the committee as well as Heather McPherson's as she is retiring.

The Committee is also looking at putting up reader boards with Anti-Vandalism number on it at several locations.

The Board Chair also wanted to welcome Wayne Jefferson, the new Secretary Treasurer to the committee

7. Policy Advisory Committee

Trustee Clarkson submitted a written report.

ORIGINAL - Motion P375 – 08/09

Member (Ken Clarkson) Moved, Member (Eleanor Palis) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board direct the Superintendent to bring to the next Board Meeting, a recommendation for a facilitator for the Board's Policy Book Review.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Committee decided it was too onerous to convert our policy manual into one like West Van's and they need to appoint a facilitator to develop a new policy manual through the Policy Advisory Committee.

ORIGINAL - Motion P376 – 08/09

Member (Ken Clarkson) Moved, Member (Eleanor Palis) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board direct the Superintendent to do the necessary research and bring a recommendation back to the next Board meeting.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Communications Advisory

Trustee Carr gave a verbal report. The Communications Advisory meet on the 14th and they are currently updating the Trustee information page on the district website. They also discussed how to streamline a process for advertising in the schools across the district, so they are going to look at drafting a blanket process.

9. French Immersion Advisory

Going to meet next week.

10. District Student Advisory

The last meeting was cancelled.

11. Social Wellness Committee

12. Nutrition Committee

Trustee Carr submitted a written report.

The Board Chair also advised that she had been the lead and that Trustee Carr was her alternate for this committee however the meeting times conflict with the anti-vandalism committee meetings and so Trustee Carr is going to commit to being the lead for the Nutrition Committee and Trustee Ward will be the alternate. The Communications officer will update the website accordingly.

13. Historical Committee

14. Advocacy Committee

They are working on having quarterly meetings.

QUESTION PERIOD

1. Public Questions

2. Staff Questions

3. Public Questions

4. DPAC Questions

There was a question with reference to the school closure committee start date, as to whether it will be in the fall or now? The Superintendent advised that he thinks they want to meet early in the fall for sure because this time of year things are a bit tight but they have drafted a first invitation which will be coming shortly.

5. Employee Group Questions

Congratulations were extended to George Serra as the 1st Vice President for the MRTA.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

1. Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

The AGM is in June.

2. Joint Leisure Services

There is a meeting next month. The last meeting will be public meeting regarding a tree top zip lining program as well as an off-leash dog park in Pitt Meadows.

3. Social Planning Advisory

Will be meeting in the middle of June.

4. Municipal Advisory & Accessibility

5. Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council

Trustee Rempel advised that they are looking at a new public art policy. They looked at the District bylaw as well as the agreement between the Municipality and the Arts Council.

Also, the Celebration of the Arts was a success.

6. BCSTA Provincial Council

There will be nothing until October.

7. District Parent Advisory Council

8. Tzu Chi Foundation

9. Youth Society Committee

Possibly meeting in June.

10. External Representative Reports

11. Board Liaison Representative Reports

12. Other Trustee Reports

1. Good news items:

- Trustee Carr enjoyed the 25 year recognition tea that was held at Garabaldi on May 20, thanks to Shannon Derinzy, the Culinary Students, Shannon Joly, and all those who organized it.
- Trustee Rempel was sorry to miss the 25 year recognition tea.
- Trustee Clarkson believed the video interviews with the retirees' colleagues for the retirees were very honoured. The Communications Officer is going to make copies of the videos and the photos are all on the website. Last night's Mount Crescent consultation struck home as to how precious the schools are to the people who go there. Both schools spoke very highly of the teachers and their schools and they all only see their school as the best, but in reality all the schools feel the same way.
- Trustee Ward wanted to mention that the MRSS Relay for Life raised \$17,000 – way to go students! Also, the group of students from Davie Jones are in Iowa for their Odyssey of the Minds project and they took trader tokens from Maple Ridge with them – want to wish them well. And thirdly, she wanted to mention the dedication of the Randy Herman Centre event, his wife is also an RCMP, his one son was 6 hours out of depot, and 2nd son was awaiting the results of his polygraph to get into depot. Randy Herman gave so much to this community and to be recognized to that extent was incredible. Way to go to his family and his legacy for the world to see!
- The Deputy Superintendent wanted to follow up on 25 yr recognition tea. Being two of the retirees could not make it, her and the HR Director drove to the schools to deliver their gift to them in front of their classes. Seeing the impact on those people was phenomenal; something so small can mean so much and we are really starting to embrace that.
- The Superintendent also wanted to add about the 25 year recognition in that it's about traditions as well as about new energy. The "Have Your Say" Employee Satisfaction Survey results will help to build on the current traditions we have so that we can do even more.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer