
IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairperson – Mike Murray
Vice Chairperson – Eleanor Palis
Trustee – Lisa Beare
Trustee – Susan Carr
Trustee – Korleen Carreras
Trustee – Ken Clarkson

STAFF:

Superintendent – Sylvia Russell
Deputy Superintendent – Laurie Meston
Secretary Treasurer – Flavia Coughlan
Executive Assistant – Karen Yoxall

ABSENT

Trustee – Dave Rempel

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

- Frank Lento, Chair, School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay)
- Cindy Dettling, Safe Stop Coordinator

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be ordered as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

Leyla Pontes-Serra, a teacher at Blue Mountain Elementary and Cynthia Merriman, President of the Blue Mountain Elementary Parent Advisory Committee spoke of staff and parent concerns regarding the proposed recommendations to establish the International Baccalaureate program at their school.

George Serra, President, Maple Ridge Teachers' Association spoke of concerns regarding the costs related to implementing new programs into the district.

The Chairperson reported that all feedback received would be considered.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 24, 2015

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the June 24, 2015 Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

a) Inclusive Education: Gary Lozinski and Dennis Lacroix

Gary Lozinski presented information on Supporting Inclusive Education at the Secondary Level and provided a synopsis of how secondary schools address the needs of students through a common framework.

The Chairperson requested a motion to extend the time limit for presentations by a further five minutes.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the time limits for presentations be extended by a further five minutes.

CARRIED

Dennis Lacroix presented information on Life After School Transition (L.A.S.T.) and the work undertaken by the L.A.S.T. Committee to empower local youth as they transition from high school to work and/or post secondary training.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the presentation from Gary Lozinski and Dennis Lacroix on Inclusive Education, for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

a) Maple Ridge Teachers' Association: Social Justice Committee

Moved/Seconded

Deirdre Torrence, Karen Learmonth, Martin Dmitrieff and Hilaire Ford of the Social Justice Committee presented a draft multiculturalism policy for consideration by the Board.

The Chairperson explained that the Board Policy Development Committee had developed a work plan for 2015-16 based upon new policies required by law and existing policies that required review but would consider including a review of the draft multiculturalism policy in the work plan.

THAT the Board receive the presentation from the Maple Ridge Teachers' Association Social Justice Committee, for information.

CARRIED

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson

a) Board of Education Public Board Meeting

Moved/Seconded

The Chairperson reported that the October Board Meeting date was being rescheduled to facilitate attendance at the Ministry of Education's Joint Education Partners Meeting scheduled for October 21, 2015.

THAT the Board approve the change of date for the Public Board Meeting from October 21, 2015 to October 14, 2015 to facilitate attendance at the Ministry of Education's Joint Education Partners Meeting scheduled for October 21, 2015.

CARRIED

2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Universal Washroom Sign

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent reported that in November 2014, students of the Maple Ridge Secondary School Gay Straight Alliance requested that signage for single stalled washrooms be changed to ensure our schools are creating a culture that is honoring and inclusive of gender diversity.

Consultation between the Safe and Caring Schools Policy Implementation Committee and students from Maple Ridge Secondary School and with other school districts took place and a universal washroom sign selected.

The Superintendent reported that with the input of principals and school staff, single stalled washrooms will be assigned the new universal washroom sign. Some secondary schools might select more than one washroom and in schools where installing the new sign is not viable the Principal and Director of Instruction will work on identifying alternative solutions. Costs will be covered from exiting budget allocations.

THAT the Board approve the use of the proposed universal washroom sign and the installation of universal washroom signs in all elementary and secondary schools.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

a) 2015/16 Routine Capital Plan

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the deadlines for the 2015/16 Capital Plan submissions to the Ministry are September 15, 2015 for Routine Capital and November 2, 2015 for the 2015/16 Capital Plan. On August 20, 2015 the Ministry announced that funding available for routine capital is nearly \$20 million and requested that districts identify priorities for routine capital upgrade projects.

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the 2015/16 Routine Capital Plan submission was prepared with assistance from Rocky Point Engineering and that it included mechanical upgrade projects that can be completed in the next two years and would result in replacement of beyond useful life equipment and improved energy efficiency.

The Secretary Treasurer further reported that the capital funding request for these projects together with the consultants report would be included in the November 2, 2015 Capital Plan submission.

THAT the Board approve the 2015/16 Routine Capital Plan for submission to the Ministry of Education and inclusion in the 2015/16 Capital Plan.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees

a) Finance

i. Audited Financial Statements

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. In accordance with the School Act, Boards of Education must prepare financial statements with respect to the preceding fiscal year and forward a copy to the Ministry of Education by September 30, 2015, together with the auditor's report.

Accounting Policies, Operating Fund, Special Purpose Funds, Capital Fund and the Contingency Reserve were explained.

THAT the Board approve the Audited Financial Statements of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) June 30, 2015.

CARRIED

- b) Budget
- c) Board Policy Development
- d) Strategic Facilities Plan
- e) Education Committee
- f) Aboriginal Education

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Superintendent of Schools

a) My Education BC Update

Moved/Seconded

The Director of Instruction, the MyEdBC Project Manager and MyEdBC District Helping Teachers reported on teacher training, clerical and administration training schedule, and system responsiveness.

Discussion ensued on the possibility of the Ministry of Education extending the 1701 reporting deadline.

THAT the Board receive the My Education BC Update, for information.

CARRIED

b) Summer Learning Update

Moved/Seconded

The Principal of Continuing Education, Vice Principal of Summer Learning and Summer Learning staff provided an update on the summer learning programs for summer 2015. Secondary summer learning, elementary summer learning, online learning and a financial update were presented.

THAT the Board receive the Summer Learning Update for information.

CARRIED

c) Superintendent's Update

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent reported on student enrolment in elementary, secondary and graduated adults, Maureen Dockendorf's presentation, the BC Lions Skills for Life Summit, BC Lions Read, Write and Roar 2015/16, District Student Advisory Council activities, SOAR at Thomas Haney Secondary School, the "Pack it in Pack it out" initiative at Alouette Elementary and events at Glenwood Elementary and Webster's Corners Elementary.

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

CARRIED

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

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

i. Health Related Procedures

Moved/Seconded

The Director of Instruction, Learning Services reported that a comprehensive review of all documents related to student health and medical needs was undertaken by Student Support Services in consultation with the Public Health Nurses. As a result of this review it was necessary to update Procedure 9601.1 Anaphylaxis and create Procedure 9610.1 Medical Intervention, Procedure 9610.2 Seizures and Procedure 9610.3 Type 1 Diabetes.

Clarification was requested on staff training and the implementation process.

THAT the Board receive for information:

- Procedure 9601.1: Anaphylaxis
- Procedure 9610.1: Medical Intervention
- Procedure 9610.2: Seizures
- Procedure 9610.3: Type 1 Diabetes

CARRIED

ii. Update on Policies and Procedures

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer provided a brief overview on the Board Policy Committee Work Plan for 2015-2016 outlining policies required by law and policies that require review.

THAT the Board receive the Board Policy Committee Work Plan 2015-2016, for information.

CARRIED

Discussion ensued on the inclusion of the draft multiculturalism policy into the Board Policy Development Committee Work Plan.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board refer the proposed draft multiculturalism policy to the Board Policy Development Committee for review and consideration of where it should be included in the Board Policy Committee Work Plan.

CARRIED

d) Strategic Facilities Plan

i. Draft Strategic Facilities Plan

Moved/Seconded

The "*Facilities and Learning for Today and Tomorrow Public Consultation Summary*" and the "*Draft Strategic Facilities Plan*" were presented for information.

The Superintendent reported on the following proposed recommendations:

- Fine Arts
- International Baccalaureate
- Trades Programs
- General Recommendations: Programs of Choice
- Early French Immersion
- Pitt Meadows Catchment Areas
- Secondary Catchment Areas

Discussion ensued on the feedback that had been received on the International Baccalaureate program and the Fine Arts focus in schools.

The Secretary Treasurer reported on the following proposed recommendations:

- Capital Plan Priorities for Existing Facilities;
- Capital Plan Priorities for Future Schools.

Discussion ensued on the difference between nominal and functional capacity of schools.

The Chairperson reported that feedback on the proposed recommendations is now being sought and that an Open House had been scheduled to take place on September 30, 2015 at Maple Ridge Secondary School.

THAT the Board receive the Draft Strategic Facilities Plan, for information.

CARRIED

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

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

1. Submission to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services

Moved/Seconded

The Chairperson reported that the deadline for submissions to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services is October 15, 2015.

THAT the Board authorize the Board Chair to prepare a submission on behalf of the Board with the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services regarding the Budget 2016 by October 15, 2015.

CARRIED

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BC School Trustees Association

Trustee Clarkson reported that he will be attending the North West branch meeting on September 25, 2015 in Prince Rupert and that the Fraser Valley branch meeting will take place in Langley on October 28, 2015.

Joint Parks and Leisure Services

The Board Chair reported that a draft report on Sports Strategy would be submitted to the Superintendent for staff feedback.

Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Arts Council

Trustee Carreras reported that the Maple Ridge Art Gallery had recently undergone a name change and was now The Act Art Gallery and that the upcoming Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place on October 5, 2015.

Social Planning Advisory Council

Trustee Carreras reported that the report for Maple Ridge on My Health My Community is now available online <https://www.myhealthmycommunity.org/Results/CommunityProfiles.aspx>

Good News

Trustees reported on the Terry Fox Run, SOAR, and Raise a Reader.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was posed regarding the Strategic Facilities Review.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

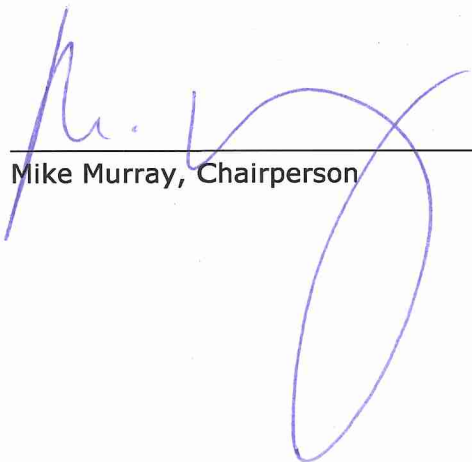
L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer