

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING The Board of Education School District #33 (Chilliwack)

Date of Meeting:	Tuesday, September 20, 2016	
Location:	School District Office	
Members Present:	Chair	Mrs. S. Dyck
	Vice-Chair	Mr. D. Coulter
	Trustee	Mr. P. McManus
	Trustee	Mrs. H. Maahs
	Trustee	Mr. B. Patterson
	Trustee	Mr. B. Neufeld
Regrets:	Trustee	Mr. W. Krahn
Staff Present:	Superintendent	Ms. E. Novak
	Secretary Treasurer	Mr. G. Slykhuis
	Assistant Superintendent	Mr. R. Arul-pragasam
	Executive Assistant	Ms. C. Pratt

1. CALL TO ORDER - School District Office

1.1. Call To Order

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. - Welcome and Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory.

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

157.16 Moved by: Trustee Patterson Seconded by: Trustee Maahs

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3. <u>Approval of Minutes</u>

158.16 Moved by: Trustee Coulter Seconded by: Trustee Maahs

THAT the minutes of the August 11, 2016 meeting be approved as circulated.

THAT the minutes of the June 21, 2016 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. SUMMER LEARNING REPORT

Vice Principal Brian Jeff Dartnell along with Principal Brian Fehlauer and Vice Principal Diane Chapman provided the Board of Education with an overview of the 2016 Summer Learning Program.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Justine Hodge, DPAC Chair, commented on agenda item 5.3 Security on School Sites and requested a meeting to explore solutions.

Dave Clyne, former teacher and administrator commented on a recent letter sent to the Board of Education and Superintendent.

4. <u>ACTION ITEMS</u>

4.1. 2015-2016 Audited Financial Statements

159.16 Moved by: Trustee Coulter Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 Audited Financial Statements and forward to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

4.2. <u>Audit Committee Report</u>

 160.16
 Moved by: Trustee Coulter

 Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education receive the Audit Committee Meeting Report of September 7, 2016 as presented.

CARRIED

4.3. <u>Reappointment of Financial Auditors</u>

161.16 Moved by: Trustee Coulter Seconded by: Trustee Maahs

THAT the Board of Education approve a two-year extension of KPMG as Financial Auditors for School District No. 33 (Chilliwack) effective with the 2016/2017 fiscal year.

CARRIED

4.4. <u>Revised Capital Plan</u>

 162.16
 Moved by: Trustee Coulter

 Seconded by: Trustee Patterson

THAT the Board of Education approve the revised 2016-2017 Five-Year Capital Plan.

CARRIED

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Enrolment Update

Assistant Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam presented the enrolment and staffing report as of September 14, 2016.

5.2 **Operations Report Summer Maintenance Activities**

Al Van Tassel, Director of Facilities and Transportation will provide details of the 2016 Summer Maintenance Activities.

5.3 Security on School Sites

Secretary Treasurer Gerry Slykhuis and Al Van Tassel, Director of Facilities and Transportation, provided an update on enhanced security measures on School District 33 sites.

5.4 BCSTA Report

Trustee Neufeld provided background on a proposed motion on behalf of the Board of Education to BCSTA.

163.16 Moved by: Trustee Neufeld Seconded by: Trustee Coulter

That the BCSTA advocate to the Provincial government urging more action on the homeless issue.

164.16 Amendment to the motion

Moved by: Trustee Maahs Seconded by: Trustee Dyck

That the BCSTA write to the Provincial government urging more action on the homeless issue.

CARRIED

5.5 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Novak, in her report to the Board, welcomed everyone back for the 2016-2017 school year and provided the following report to the Board:

The focus this year will be continuing to implement the work outlined in the Strategic Plan. A significant change process is underway regarding the re-designed curriculum. The Ministry required Non-Instructional Day for SD33 is planned for September 23. Teachers are involved in a school-based focus on the re-designed curriculum. One aspect of the new curriculum that has recently received attention which the Superintendent highlighted was related to Coding. In the new curriculum, coding will be offered through the Applied Design, Skills and Technologies Curriculum. The goals are to improve students' abilities to solve problems and think creatively and be able to write a simple computer code. At this time, funding has not yet been received from the Ministry. The Superintendent also highlighted the program reviews underway this year, noted in the Strategic Plan within the Priority - "Resources" and the Goal "To align resources to efficiently and effectively execute the strategic plan." The District Review Plan will continue with Community and Partner Consultations planned for October 24 and October 25. Connected to the District Review Plan is a comprehensive Facilities Review to update the Long Range Facilities Plan and to better inform future planning of our current and possible future sites. The Alternate Re-Design will continue to move forward, following extensive consultation meetings last year and a report received by the Board, with the establishment of a Committee to bring forward recommendations to the Board prior to the 2017/2018 Budget cycle. A Career Program Review will also begin with Ministry facilitators

doing school visits and consultation with principals, vice principals, staff and students to also provide recommendations prior to the upcoming Budget cycle.

5.6 Trustee Reports

Trustee Coulter reported on the following:

- Attended Chair Vice Chair meetings
- Attended Indigenous Corporate Training
- Attended the Aboriginal Education Committee Meeting

Trustee Dyck reported on the following:

- Attended Chair Vice Chair meetings
- Attending to Embargoed calls with Minister Bernier
- Organizing August 11 special Board meeting re bus fees
- Planning September 1st Board retreat
- Attending all leaders August meeting
- Audit Committee meeting
- Media responses
- Parent calls
- Conference calls with Board chairs and BCSTA

Trustees McManus, Patterson, and Neufeld had nothing to report.

Trustee Maahs

- Attended the Special Public Meeting regarding the provincial funding that saw the removal of bus fees for regular riders and a reduction for courtesy riders.
- Attended the Board of Education retreat September 1.

5.7 June 21, 2016 In-Camera Board Meeting Summary

Trustees: Silvia Dyck, Heather Maahs, Dan Coulter, Paul McManus, Bob Patterson, Barry Neufeld

Staff: Evelyn Novak, Gerry Slykhuis, Rohan Arul-pragasam, Maureen Carradice, Carrie Pratt, Diego Testa

- 1. Superintendent contract
- 2. Human Resources Report
 - a. Letter re: Sardis Secondary School (Diego Testa left following this agenda item)
 - b. Grievance
 - c. PVP Assignment/Reassignments
 - d. Early French Immersion Update
 - e. Staffing Information Appointment of Manager of Information Technology
- 3. BCPSEA Report

5.8 Future Board of Education Meeting Date

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 7:00 pm School District Office

6. SUPPLEMENTARY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Leanne Clarke, CTA President, commented on security issues at school sites, the re-designed curriculum, and classroom resource funding.

Tammy McKinley, Teacher at Greendale Elementary, thanked the board for the new shed at Greendale and commented on school playground accessibility.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

CARRIED

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer