



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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, October 4, 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
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

170.16 Moved by: Trustee Krahn
Seconded by: Trustee Maahs

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of Minutes

171.16 Moved by: Trustee Coulter
Seconded by: Trustee Patterson

THAT the minutes of the September 20, 2016 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE - VULNERABLE STUDENT SUPPORT & TRANSITION TEAM

Assistant Superintendent Rohan Arul-Pragasam, Principal Chuck Lawson – Principal Alternative Education, Troy Gibbs – Vice Principal Alternative Education and Susan Edgecombe – District

Vice Principal Middle-Secondary Transitions & Support provided a Strategic Plan Update including an overview of the supports and interventions in place for vulnerable students in the school district and the work of their team to date.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

An opportunity was provided for public participation.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Enrolment Update

Assistant Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam presented the enrolment and staffing report as of September 30, 2016.

5.2 Trustee Remuneration

Trustee remuneration was adjusted effective July 1, 2016. Policy 227 states that trustee remuneration will be adjusted annually effective July 1st. The adjustment will reflect the Canadian Consumer Price Index (CPI) established for July of each year for the previous 12 months. CPI for the twelve months ending June 30, 2016 was 1.5% higher.

5.3 BCSTA Report

Trustee Neufeld brought back a previously approved motion from the Board to the BCSTA a revision to the original motion.

Moved by: Trustee Neufeld
Seconded by: Trustee Krahn

THAT the BCSTA urge the Provincial Government to work with local governments and school districts to establish a comprehensive and coordinated plan to reduce homelessness.

And THAT the BCSTA urge the provincial government to write emergency legislation to make it an offence to trespass and litter on property used by school children.

And THAT BCSTA request that the Provincial Government reimburse school districts for the extra cost of hiring additional security and increasing maintenance staff time to address the impact of homelessness in the district.

CARRIED

Abstained: Maahs

Trustee Maahs challenged the chair. No seconder.

5.4 Superintendent's Report

2016 Superintendent Novak presented her report for October 4, 2016:

- She highlighted appreciation to all staff, with the recognition of World Teacher Day being October 5, and as a sincere thank you to all staff from the Board of Education, apples being delivered to sites.
- Ms. Novak also noted the Community Consultation meetings taking place on October 24 and 25. In addressing the needs of our students, the Chilliwack School

District is inviting staff, students, parents, community and partners to provide feedback for a possible school reconfiguration. Our interest in examining school configuration is first and foremost driven by a desire to create the best learning environment for our students. A secondary consideration is the growth in our student population and our need to make a determination of our future new school. External consultants will facilitate conversations and provide a report back to the Board of Education in early 2017, for the Board's consideration in its decision making. We hope parents, staff and community will join in this important conversation so that together we can provide the best learning experiences for our children and youth.

- Regarding curriculum updates, Superintendent Novak reported that information was received this week regarding funding for Coding implementation. SD33 is provided \$99,000 to support Coding implementation. The Ministry outlined the funding parameters with two options for school districts to access the funding. A Train-the-trainer model with the school district providing 2 teachers to attend Ministry pro-d sessions and then work with staff in Chilliwack SD to support implementation, and the second option for the school district designs its own model of professional development support and training. The expectation is that the superintendent and the local union president will work together and agree how best to use the curriculum allocation for their district.
- Superintendent Novak outlined the recent Parent Engagement Strategy by the government to gather input regarding how parents want to hear about their child's K-9 progress. There are two ways for parents to participate. An online feedback form is open until Feb. 28, 2017 <http://engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress/>. A second option is to attend a community meeting. The closest in proximity community meeting is being held in Abbotsford on January 17, 2017, 5-8 pm, Location TBD. All input submitted, along with input from experts and teachers, will be summarized into an Engagement Summary Report posted June 2017 for development of potential models for improved reports. There will be opportunity for future parent input on progress reporting for grades 10-12.
- Ms. Novak expressed appreciation to TD Bank Group and Canadian Children's Book Centre for providing a copy of *Small Saul*, by Ashley Spires, to every Grade One student in Chilliwack and Canada, in support of children's literacy programs.

5.5 Trustee Reports

Trustee Coulter reported on the following:

- Attended Chair Vice Chair meetings
- Attended Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
- Attended the meeting with the Mayor

Trustee Dyck reported on the following:

- Attended Chair Vice Chair meetings
- Meeting with Mayor re: homelessness and school safety
- Attended Sardis Elementary parent-teacher barbeque
- Attended DPAC Meeting

Trustees McManus reported on the following:

- Attended Child and Youth Committee
- Attended CHANCE Fall Festival

Trustee Patterson reported on the following:

- On behalf of the School Board, Trustee Patterson agreed to serve as co-chair of the Chilliwack Healthier Community Committee (CHC). This is a committee that has

approximately 43 agencies represented and whose mandate is to work collaboratively to address “issues” that affect our community of Chilliwack.

- Contacted all liaison schools: Greendale, Evans, Sardis Elementary, AD Rundle, Sardis Secondary
- Met with the Principal of Sardis Elementary School and toured school. Look forward to meeting with the Sardis Elementary PAC in November.
- Met with the Principal of Greendale Elementary School and further visits are being planned.
- Attended the CHANCE Welcome Back Barbecue on September 29th.
- Tomorrow is “World Teacher Day.” Without question, the most important part of the teaching/learning process is what goes on in the classroom. Looking forward to visiting 5 liaison schools tomorrow to show appreciation to our dedicated teaching staff.

Trustee Neufeld reported on the following:

- Attended CHANCE welcome back barbeque

Trustee Maahs

- Attended the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting
- Attended the Chilliwack Senior PAC Meeting

Trustee Krahn reported on the following:

- Trustee Krahn reported on the following;
- Attended the August 11 Special Board Meeting re Bus Fees
- Attended the September 1st Board Retreat
- Attended the Audit Committee Meeting

5.6 September 20, 2016 In-Camera Board Meeting Summary

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

Regrets: Walt Krahn

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

1. Exempt Staff Compensation Plan Implementation
2. Exempt Staff - Secretary Treasurer and Assistant Superintendent Compensation Plan Implementation
3. Human Resources Report
4. BCPSEA Report

5.7 Future Board of Education Meeting Date

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

7:00 pm

School District Office

6. SUPPLEMENTARY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Leanne Clarke, CTA President, commented on the format of the Board of Education Meetings.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

CARRIED

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer