



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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, November 8, 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. W. Krahn

Regrets: Trustee Mr. B. Neufeld

Staff Present:

Superintendent	Ms. E. Novak
Secretary Treasurer	Mr. G. Slykhuis
Assistant Superintendent	Mr. R. Arul-pragasam
Director of Human Resources	Ms. M. Carradice
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 7:03 p.m. - **Welcome and Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory.**

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

187.16 Moved by: Trustee Krahn
Seconded by: Trustee Coulter

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of Minutes

188.16 Moved by: Trustee Patterson
Seconded by: Trustee Maahs

THAT the minutes of the October 18, 2016 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. PRESENTATION - SARDIS ELEMENTARY

Principal Chuck Block, Vice Principal Joanna Kasper and teachers Audra Schroeder and Lauren McLean presented information about the Sardis Primary and Intermediate Teacher Support (SPITS) Team. The SPITS Team was created in 2014 and consists of teachers whose responsibilities include Learning Assistance, Resource, English Language Learners/English as a Second Dialect, Education Fund (Reading Support and Learning Assistance), and Early Intervention (from the recent 3-year investment).

The team evaluates student need in the school and responds with just right/just in time interventions. The team shared how it divides up the responsibilities to be effective.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

An opportunity was provided for public participation.

4. ACTION ITEMS**4.1 Board Policy 222**

189.16 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Krahn

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 222 – Board Committees as amended.

CARRIED

Amendment to the Motion

190.16 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Krahn

THAT paragraph 2 on page 3 of the policy be revised as follows:

The Committee shall meet with the external auditors as it deems appropriate to fulfill its duties but no less than two (2) time annually. All Trustees will be invited to attend the final meeting **exclusively** with the auditors to review the Audit Findings Report and Audited Financial Statements.

CARRIED

4.2 Education Policy Advisory Committee Report

191.16 Moved by: Trustee Coulter
Seconded by: Trustee Dyck

THAT the Board of Education receive the Education Policy Advisory Committee Meeting Report of October 11, 2016.

CARRIED

4.2.1 Policy 611 – District Magnet Schools, Schools of Choice, and District Programs

192.16 Moved by: Trustee Coulter
Seconded by: Trustee Patterson

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 611 – District Magnet Schools, Schools of Choice, and District Programs as presented.

DEFEATED

Opposed: Maahs, Krahn, Dyck, McManus
For: Patterson, Coulter

4.2.2 Policy 905 – Insurance Extension to Parent Advisory Council Activities

193.16 Moved by: Trustee Coulter
Seconded by: Trustee Maahs

THAT the wording contained in Policy 905 – Insurance Extension to Parent Advisory Council Activities be moved into Administrative Regulation 904.2 and THAT the Board of Education move to delete Policy 905.

CARRIED

4.3 Audit Committee Report

194.16 Moved by: Trustee Patterson
Seconded by: Trustee Maahs

THAT the Board of Education receive the Audit Committee Meeting Report of October 17, 2016 as presented.

CARRIED

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Strategic Plan Updates

Maureen Carradice, Director of Human Resources provided updates on the District’s Strategic Plan. Updates provided focussed on staff engagement and attendance support as they relate to the following priorities and goals:

Priority	Enhancing the culture, climate and learning environment to promote a sense of belonging, diversity, well-being and safety. (Social Emotional Wellness)
Goal	To foster a positive, respectful workplace culture and sense of community.
1. Pro D / In-service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide staff with learning opportunities to enhance an understanding of practices that foster social and emotional competence and well-being 	a) Establish a District Wellness Committee with representatives of all employee groups to create a Strategic Plan for staff social emotional wellness b) Create report of current strategies that support staff social emotional wellness c) Provide 3 Pro D sessions for all leaders regarding social emotional wellness d) Utilize BCPSEA resources to support Pro-D In-service
2. Staff Engagement	a) Through District Wellness Committee, create and circulate an electronic anonymous employee satisfaction survey

Priority	Aligning and allocating resources, equitably, responsibly and effectively, to support goals and key initiatives. (Resources)
Goal	To align resources to efficiently and effectively execute the strategic plan.
3. Attendance Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To facilitate attendance improvement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Implement a comprehensive attendance support program consistent with provincial initiatives b) Advice and guidance provided to policy development encouraging a culture of positive work attendance

5.2 2017-2018 Capital Plan Update

Secretary Treasurer Gerry Slykhuis provided an update from the Ministry of Education which acknowledged receipt of the District's Five-Year Capital Plan through a letter which outlines the timing of next steps and funding approval process.

194.16

Moved by: Trustee Krahn
Seconded by: Trustee Patterson

THAT the Board of Education write a letter to the Minister of Education regarding space issues.

CARRIED

5.3 BCSTA Report

No report was provided.

5.4 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Novak, in her report, provided an update on the District Plan Review Process and the recent consultation meetings regarding reconfiguration:

- Two public consultations where approximately 170 people attended
- Community Partners consultation - 8 partner groups represented by approximately 20 individuals
- CUPE Executive - 6 in attendance
- CTA - approximately 30 in attendance

Next Steps:

- Survey – November/December

Reports - January/February

- Summary of the consultation and considerations to Board of Education
- Draft Grade Reconfiguration Report & Summary – current and long range enrollments, projections and school utilization (2016 only) associated with the current K-6, 7-9 and 10-12 model in comparison with future enrollments, projections and school utilization (2016) associated with a reconfigured K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 model, including a recommendation regarding a new capital school request for Government consideration

In light of last week's tragic event in Abbotsford, Superintendent provided an update on safety measures and procedures in the Chilliwack School District. Also included in the Superintendent's report was information as per the new requirement, highlighting that School Growth Plans are now in the process of being posted to school websites.

5.5 Trustee Reports

Trustee Coulter reported on the following:

- Attended Chair Vice Chair meetings
- Mentioned the Remembrance Day Ceremony put on by GWG and encouraged others to attend tomorrow evenings event at 7:00 p.m.
- Attended Tyson's PAC meeting
- Attended Community Consultation at SSS

Trustee Dyck reported on the following:

- Attended Chair Vice Chair meetings
- Met with board chairs
- Attended Me to We Day in Vancouver

Trustees McManus reported on the following:

- Liaison meeting with administrative team at F.G. Leary
- Attended public consultations at CSS and SSS
- Met with several individual principals to discuss mental health and social emotional issues in their schools
- Attended monthly CYC Meeting
- Met with Gerry Slykhuis and Cathy Meeres to review Budget Committee Agenda and general discussion regarding budget items
- Attended GWG and CMS band concerts

Trustee Patterson reported on the following:

- Attended the Capacity Review Community Meeting at the NLC on October 24th.
- Attended the Capacity Review Community Meeting at Sardis Secondary on October 25th.
- Attended GW Graham and met with Principal Plummer – re Leader of Tomorrow Program
- Viewed an incredible Remembrance Day Presentation, put on by Damon Fultz's Theatre students at GW Graham at the Rotary Club Meeting on November 4th.
- Co-chaired the Chilliwack Healthier Community Meeting last week.
- **Two events** that I encourage people to attend:
 - **November 15th** – Discussions on **Understanding Addictions** – 6:30 – 9:00 at the **NLC** (Neighbourhood Learning Center) @ **Chilliwack Secondary**. Topics will include the Provincial Overdose Emergency Situation, Youth Treatment Beds, First Nations approach to addiction treatment and a youth forum.
 - **November 24th** – A presentation on the **Costs of Homelessness**. This will take place at the Canada Education Park at UFV. The presentation will start at 7:00 pm.

Trustee Maahs

- Drove a ford at FG Leary
- Attended both Community consultations at CSS and Sardis Secondary
- Visited CSS
- Called Abbotsford School Board's Vice Chair to express sympathy and sadness over the death of student
- Attended Ruth and Naomi's desert and coffee function - 78 homeless 2 years ago. 250 at this time. Alarming increase over two years

- Visited the Maintenance department
- Attended CSS PAC meeting

Trustee Krahn reported on the following:

- Oct. 24-Attended the Community Consultation around the possible re-configuration - Chilliwack Senior
- Oct 24-Attended the Elementary Schools' Soccer Tournament-Townsend Park
- Oct 25-Attended the Community Consultation around the possible re-configuration - Sardis Secondary
- Oct 28-Attended the Fund-raiser at Greendale Elementary
- Nov 7-Connected with McCammon Traditional –toured the school and learned about the District's Reading Resource Program.
- Nov. 7-Connected with Fraser Valley Distance Education School-toured the facility and learned about the Imagine Program.

5.6 October 18, 2016 In-Camera Board Meeting Summary

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

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

1. Executive Compensation Report
2. Human Resources Report
3. BCPSEA Report

5.7 Future Board of Education Meeting Date

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

7:00 pm

School District Office

6. SUPPLEMENTARY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dianne Braun, parent, commented on security at school sites, and specifically while students are in the office during breaks. Dianne also commented on the support of a Vice Principal at McCammon and the resulting positive changes.

Casey Munro, parent, commented on the public school system and lockdown procedures at schools.

Leanne Clarke, CTA president, commented on school safety and communication within the district. Leanne also commented on the District Capacity and Reconfiguration Review. Leanne shared information about the new teacher induction which was Aboriginal Culture-based and was a great success.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

CARRIED

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer