



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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Location: School District Office

Members Present:

Chair	Mr. P. McManus
Vice-Chair	Mr. W. Krahn
Trustee	Mr. D. Coulter
Trustee	Mrs. S. Dyck
Trustee	Mrs. H. Maahs
Trustee	Mr. B. Neufeld
Trustee	Mr. B. Patterson

Staff Present:

Superintendent	Ms. E. Novak
Secretary Treasurer	Mr. G. Slykhuis
Director of Instruction	Mr. K. Savage
Assistant Secretary Treasurer	Mr. M. Friesen
Director of Facilities and Transportation	Mr. A. Van Tassel
Executive Assistant	Ms. D. Vogel

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

64.17 Moved by: Trustee Krahn
Seconded by: Trustee Coulter

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Approval of Minutes

65.17 Moved by: Trustee Patterson
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the minutes of the March 7, 2017 Regular Public Board meeting be approved as corrected.

CARRIED

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ed Klettke, Vice President of the Chilliwack Teachers' Association, commented on Reconfiguration of the Chilliwack School District and Alternative Education Redesign, and highlighted some considerations for the Board.

3. PRESENTATION – CULTUS LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Principal Wade Gemmell and teachers Carolyn McAuliffe and Nicole Christian presented on the introduction of a pilot "Nature Kindergarten (Primary)" curriculum into the school for their youngest students. In a Nature Kindergarten, students spend time outdoors in the forest learning about nature, using their imagination and learning to play cooperatively with each other. Learning is play and experience based with no (few) items brought outdoors from the classroom.

Cultus Lake Community School is an ideal location for Nature Kindergarten given its easy access to an outdoor forest and various outdoor teaching environments. The program has received strong support from the Soowahlie Band, the PAC, the Community School and the Cultus Lake Park Board. Students have benefited both socially and academically from this program, which incorporates First People's principles of learning and local culture within the new curriculum.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1. Budget Committee Report

66.17 Moved by: Trustee McManus
Seconded by: Trustee Krahn

THAT the Board of Education receive the Budget Committee Meeting Report of March 30, 2017 as presented.

CARRIED

4.2 Five-Year Capital Plan Bylaw

67.17 Moved by: Trustee Krahn
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board approve three readings of Capital Project Bylaw No. 17/18-CP-SD33-01 at the April 11, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

CARRIED

68.17 Moved by: Trustee Neufeld
Seconded by: Trustee Dyck

THAT the Board approve first reading of Capital Project Bylaw No. 17/18-CP-SD33-01.

CARRIED

69.17 Moved by: Trustee Krahn
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board approve second reading of Capital Project Bylaw No. 17/18-CP-SD33-01.

CARRIED

70.17 Moved by: Trustee Krahn
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board approve third reading and adoption of Capital Project Bylaw No. 17/18-CP-SD33-01.

CARRIED

4.3 Board/Authority Authorized Courses

71.17 Moved by: Trustee Dyck
Seconded by: Trustee Maahs

THAT the Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized Course – International Foods 10.

CARRIED

72.17 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized Courses – Veterinary Science 11, Agriscience 11 and Agriscience 12.

CARRIED

4.4 Reconfiguration Committee

73.17 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Krahn

THAT the Board of Education strike a Reconfiguration Committee.

CARRIED

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Operations Report – Vandalism

Al VanTassel, Director of Facilities and Transportation, provided summary information on the vandalism that occurred in the district from January – December 2016.

5.2 2017-2018 Preliminary Budget Assumptions

Gerry Slykhuis, Secretary Treasurer, provided an overview of the Preliminary Budget Assumptions for 2017/18.

5.3 Recording of Public Board Meetings

The Board Chair noted that the Board reviewed a solution for recording of public Board Meetings. As reported by the Secretary-Treasurer, the cost for the wireless system would be at a cost of approximately \$40,000, with no renovations required to the School District Office. Board Chair McManus highlighted this item would be on the next Public Board Meeting agenda as an Action item.

5.4 BCSTA Report

Trustee Neufeld provided an update on the BC School Trustees' Association.

(Trustee Neufeld left the meeting at 9:10 pm.)

5.5 Superintendent's Report

In her report to the Board of Education Superintendent Novak discussed:

- The inspiring reading and learning FVRL/School partnership between librarians and teachers that promotes the "sport of reading."
- The tentative Memorandum of Agreement between the BCTF, BCPSEA and the Ministry of Education, which recognizes that all students are entitled to equitable access to learning, achievement and the pursuit of excellence in all aspects of their education.
- The end result of the Supreme Court of Canada ruling – restored language as it relates to SD33 Class Size and Composition, Non-Enrolling teacher ratios and anticipated funding for teachers in 2017/2018.

5.6 Trustee Reports

Trustee Krahn reported on the following:

- Attended a Chair/Vice Chair Planning Meeting with Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer to plan upcoming agendas.
- Attended a Special Assembly at Little Mountain Elementary on April 3rd. The Honorable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of BC, visited the school as part of Canada's 150th Celebration. I was very impressed with the program and thoroughly enjoyed the music presented by the students, as well as the Honourable Judith Guichon's address to the students. I was also impressed with the wonderful and appropriate welcoming atmosphere provided by the students. A most memorable event for everyone! Thank you to all staff and students!
- Attended the PAC Meeting at McCammon on April 6th. Very impressed with the full agenda and the many initiatives that the McCammon PAC has implemented. I appreciated the collaborative, inclusive approach between the parents and the school!

Trustee Dyck reported on the following:

- Attended staff retirement tea.
- Attended the Fraser Valley BCSTA Branch meeting in Agassiz.
- Responded to parent inquiries.
- Adjudicated 4H Senior speeches.

Trustee Maahs reported the following:

- Chilliwack Senior Secondary Pac Meeting.
- Watson Elementary Talent show.
- Susan Edgecomb's retirement celebration.
- Budget Committee meeting.
- Strathcona Elementary Assembly for the Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of BC.

- Chilliwack Senior Secondary hairdressing program grand opening.
- Attended Fraser Valley BCSTA Branch meeting in Agassiz.

Trustee Patterson reported on the following:

- Attended the Chilliwack Healthier Community Executive Meeting on March 9th.
- Spent the day on March 20th assisting the Chilliwack Foundation with the screening of high school applications for their numerous scholarships.
- Attended the retirement ceremony for Susan Edgcombe.
- Co-chaired the Chilliwack Healthier Community monthly meeting on March 30th.
- Attended the Budget Meeting on March 30th.
- Attended a number of meetings in regards to the “Leader of Tomorrow” Meeting.
- Met with the Principal and Career Counsellor at GWG on April 5.
- Attended the Grad Auction at SSS on Thursday, April 6th.

5.7 March 7, 2017 In-Camera Board Meeting Summary

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

Staff: Evelyn Novak, Gerry Slykhuis, Kirk Savage, Tamara Ilersich, Donna Vogel

1. Contract Renewal: Secretary Treasurer
2. Superintendent Compensation Review
3. Property Purchase
4. Property Purchase
5. TTOC Statistics
6. Principal and Vice Principal Recruitment/Selection Plan
7. Calendar: 2-Week Spring Break CUPE Resolution
8. Human Resources Report
9. Executive Team Roles
10. BCPSEA Submission re. Salary Increases
11. BCPSEA Report

5.8 Future Board of Education Meeting Date

**Tuesday, April 25, 2017
7:00 pm
School District Office**

6. SUPPLEMENTARY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Casey Munro, BCCPAC Representative from DPAC, urged the Board to include DPAC representatives on the Reconfiguration Committee, noted the challenges for parents attempting to enroll students in Sardis Elementary and commended the benefits of learning opportunities for students in outdoor programs.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer