



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

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, April 25, 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
Assistant Superintendent	Mr. R. Arul-Pragasam
Director of Instruction	Ms. J. Hall
District Vice Principal Aboriginal Education	Ms. B. Point
Aboriginal District Coordinator	Ms. N. Graham
Executive Assistant	Ms. D. Vogel

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**1. CALL TO ORDER - School District Office**

**1.1. Call to Order**

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. - **Welcome and Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory.**

**1.2. Amendments to the Agenda**

**86.17** Moved by: Trustee Krahn  
Seconded by: Trustee Coulter

THAT Reconfiguration – Implementation Advisory Committee be added to the agenda as Information Item 5.1.

**CARRIED**

**87.17** Moved by: Trustee Dyck  
Seconded by: Trustee Coulter

THAT Motion 206.16 be added to the agenda as Action Item 4.1.

**DEFEATED**

**For: Coulter, Dyck**

**Opposed: Krahn, Maahs, McManus, Patterson, Neufeld**

**1.3. Adoption of the Agenda**

**88.17** Moved by: Trustee Krahn  
Seconded by: Trustee Patterson

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**1.4. Approval of Minutes**

**89.17** Moved by: Trustee Krahn  
Seconded by: Trustee Patterson

THAT the minutes of the April 11, 2017 Regular Public Board meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Casey Munro, BCCPAC Representative from DPAC, thanked the Board of Education for considering recording of public Board meetings, and asked the Board to consider less cost than proposed and recording one meeting and allowing parents to provide feedback before making a decision regarding the equipment for purchase.

**3. PRESENTATION – ABORIGINAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

The Aboriginal Education Department provides support to classroom teachers and Aboriginal Education Assistants in the school district in a variety of ways. Department staff provide cultural teachings and activities, resources and support materials, and co-plan/co-create lessons with the Curriculum Department for classroom use.

Brenda Point, Vice Principal, Aboriginal Education and Nerine Graham, Coordinator of Aboriginal Education, provided a brief overview of the work the Aboriginal Education Department is doing to support Aboriginal teachings and learning in our district.

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

**4.1. Recording of Board Meetings**

**90.17** Moved by: Trustee Maahs  
Seconded by: Trustee Krahn

THAT the Board of Education approve the purchase and installation of equipment for the purpose of recording public Board meetings at a cost not exceeding \$10,000.

Moved by: Trustee McManus  
Seconded by: Trustee Coulter

THAT the Board of Education approve the purchase and installation of equipment for the purpose of recording public Board meetings at a cost not to exceed \$45,000.

**CARRIED**  
For: Coulter, Krahn, McManus, Neufeld  
Opposed: Dyck, Maahs, Patterson

#### 4.2 Schedule of Board Meetings 2017-2018

91.17 Moved by: Trustee Krahn  
Seconded by: Trustee Maahs

THAT the Board of Education approve Option 1: Board Meeting Schedule – 16 Meetings for the 2017-2018 school year Board of Education meetings.

**CARRIED**

### 5. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 5.1 Reconfiguration – Implementation Advisory Committee

Superintendent Novak provided an outline of the Mandate, Terms of Reference, membership and proposed meeting schedule for the Reconfiguration – Implementation Advisory Committee.

**MANDATE:**

The Reconfiguration Advisory Committee will provide information and recommendations regarding implementation of Reconfiguration to the Superintendent and Working Committees.

**TERMS OF REFERENCE:**

The Committee will:

1. Report back to the organizations represented, on the progress of the Working Committees regarding the implementation of the Reconfiguration process, to parents, staff, students and community.
2. Receive presentations, explore issues, and advise the Working Committees for implementation priorities and needs related to the Reconfiguration of Chilliwack Schools.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

- 2 Trustees – Selected by the Board of Education
- 3 Administrators (1 Elementary, 1 Middle, 1 Secondary) – Selected by Superintendent
- 3 CTA Members (1 Elementary, 1 Middle, 1 Secondary) – Selected by CTA
- 3 CUPE Members (1 Elementary, 1 Middle, 1 Secondary) – Selected by CUPE
- 2 DPAC – Selected by DPAC
- 3 Parents – North Side (1 Elementary, 1 Middle, 1 Secondary) – Selected by the Board through Expressions of Interest
- 3 Parents – South Side (1 Elementary, 1 Middle, 1 Secondary) – Selected by

the Board through Expression of interest

Executive Team members are all Ex-Officio Members  
Support provided by Executive Assistant, Donna Vogel  
Co-Chairs: Trustee, Superintendent

**MEETINGS:**

Will meet monthly beginning September 2017.

**5.2 Strategic Plan Update**

District Vice Principal of Aboriginal Education, Brenda Point, and Director of Instruction, Janet Hall, provided an update on the Strategic Plan as it relates to the following:

<b>Priority</b>	Strengthening meaningful relationships within and across schools, district and community to support success for students. (Community/Culture)
<b>Goal</b>	To foster, develop and enhance quality partnerships to improve student experiences and learning outcomes.
<b>Strategies</b>	
<p><b>1. Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redevelop, strengthen and enhance the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement (AEEA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Review the existing AEEA</li> <li>b) Co-construct a plan in conjunction with the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee for consultation with the Aboriginal Community</li> <li>c) Consult with local Aboriginal Community around goals and strategies to support Aboriginal student success</li> <li>d) Co-construct a five-year Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement</li> </ul>

The Ministry of Education no longer requires school districts to submit Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreements. However, they do support the continued development of such agreements. The AEEA is foundational to ensuring we continue to focus on working with the Aboriginal Community and supporting our Aboriginal students. The development of a new Enhancement Agreement has taken place over the last year with input from the Aboriginal Community, school staff and the broader community. The goals have been developed and agreed upon by the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee, and the strategies and actions steps are in development. The final document will be ready for the 2017/18 school year.

The Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement is intended to demonstrate SD33's commitment to supporting and enhancing the growth and development of *all* Aboriginal students.

**5.3 BCSTA Report**

Trustee Neufeld provided an update on the BC School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting.

**5.4 Superintendent's Report**

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

- House Post Raising at the Education Centre – Celebrating Staff
  - Stella Duncan, Aboriginal Support Worker at the Ed. Centre, received two grants from the district Aboriginal Education Department to initiate carving projects.
  - The first project was a House Post carved by local artist Terry Horne. The cedar tree for the House Post was donated by Chief Mark Point of the Skowkale First Nation and came from the base of Cheam Mountain. A House Post ceremony, in which the post was raised near the main office of the Ed. Centre, was officiated by Chief Mark Point.
  - Students are currently working on a second House Post with Artist Glenn Malloway. This post is slated to be raised outside the front doors of the combined new District Alternative Education School.
- Towards Reconfiguration 2018 – Input
  - Advisory Committee and Working Committees will provide opportunity for consultation and input for staff, students and parents.
- Best Efforts – Restored Language
  - The goal is to fully comply with the restored Collective Agreement provisions regarding Class Size and Composition. The language is restored, the agreement is in place and we are in the process of making our best efforts to implement the restored language.
- Best Efforts – Staffing & Utilization of Space
  - Based on projected class size and composition needs arising from the restored Collective Agreement provisions, utilization of existing spaces and additional portables, determining the number of teachers, student instructional spaces and capital needs required for fall 2017 – information to be provided to the Ministry by Friday, April 28.
- Best Efforts – Remedy
  - As part of the MoU, if compliance to restored language cannot be obtained, there is a provincial calculation to determine the value of the remedy. Once the value of the remedy has been calculated, the teacher will have options from which to choose.

## **5.5 Trustee Reports**

**Trustee Dyck reported on the following:**

- Soroptomist Woman of the Year event at City Hall
- BCSTA AGM
- BCSTA Provincial Council
- Fraser Valley BCSTA Branch Meeting

**Trustee Maahs reported the following:**

- Attended the PAC meeting at Vedder Elementary
- Attended the public Budget Forum

**Trustee Krahn reported on the following:**

- Attended two Chair/Vice Chair Planning Meeting with Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer to plan upcoming agendas.
- Attended the Budget Forum at Neighborhood of Learning Centre. Gerry Slykhuis and Mark Friesen presented the Budget in detail and answered questions from the Public. The intent of the Meeting was to share information and seek input from our Community.
- Attended a most interesting meeting at Distance Education to fine-tune the involvement at their upcoming Graduation Event.

**Trustee Patterson reported on the following:**

- Continues to serve the School District on the Chilliwack Healthier Community Committee
- Started the work on developing the Strategic Plan for the CHC Committee.
- Introduced Gillian Hennessy, our last GW Graham student to be recognized for 2016/2017, at the Chilliwack Rotary Club. (Just a reminder that the GALA will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup> (Cultural Center) @ 7:00 pm.)
- Attended an all candidates meeting at the Neighbourhood Learning Center.

**Trustee Neufeld reported on the following:**

- Attended Scholarship Committee meeting
- Attended a Longhouse event

**5.6 April 11, 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, Tamara Ilersich, Kirk Savage, Diego Testa, Donna Vogel

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

**5.7 Future Board of Education Meeting Date**

**Monday, May 8, 2017 (to accommodate the provincial election on Tuesday, May 9)  
7:00 pm  
School District Office**

**6. SUPPLEMENTARY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Leanne Clarke, CTA President, commented on recording of public Board Meetings and engagement of the public with the Board. She also commented on Reconfiguration and its importance to teachers

in the district, along with sufficient funding. She also noted that the restored Collective Agreement provisions regarding class size and composition need to be implemented.

Parent Diane Braun expressed appreciation for the presentation on the Aboriginal Education Department and support for the approaches being taken in the district. She also thanked the Board for providing opportunities for parent involvement in the planning and implementation of Reconfiguration.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer