



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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 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
Assistant Secretary Treasurer	Mr. M. Friesen
Director of Instruction	Ms. J. Hall
Director of Instruction	Kirk Savage
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 7:02 p.m. - **Welcome and Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory.**

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

49.17 Moved by: Trustee Krahn
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Approval of Minutes

50.17 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Patterson

THAT the minutes of the February 21, 2017 Regular Public Board meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dave Clyne, commented on the proposed reconfiguration of the Chilliwack School District and its impact, and highlighted some considerations for the Board.

3. PRESENTATION – CHILLIWACK SECONDARY SCHOOL

Principal David Manuel, Vice-Principal Sharon Bernard, and teachers Stephanie Rice, Rebecca Palansky and Terry McDougall presented information about Assessment Week 2017 and the new forms of assessment that have been implemented at CSS as the Ministry of Education moves towards eliminating course-based examinations. CSS is assessing all courses and assessing students differently (e.g., English and cafeteria project-based assessments). Vice-Principal Bernard also discussed CSS's new hairstyling program, launched in January, 2017 to provide students with encouragement to stay in school as well as hands on work experience. Ms. Bernard invited the community to visit the school's new salon.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1. 2017-2018 Local School Calendar

51.17 Moved by: Trustee Krahn
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education approve the 2017-2018 Local School Calendar as presented in the DRAFT.

CARRIED

4.2 District Plan Review - Reconfiguration

52.17 Moved by: Trustee Krahn
Seconded by: Trustee Dyck

THAT the Board of Education approve the concept of Reconfiguration of Chilliwack Schools to K to grade 5, grade 6 to grade 8, grade 9 to grade 12, with the exception of Rosedale as K to grade 8, that implementation not occur before fall 2018, and that the Board of Education be provided with regular reports regarding implementation plans and consultation.

CARRIED

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

4.3 Alternative Design Structures & Programs

53.17 Moved by: Trustee Dyck
Seconded by: Trustee Krahn

THAT the Board of Education approve the merging of the Education Centre and CHANCE-Shxwetelthet Alternative Schools. The redesigned District Alternative Education School will provide opportunities for all students aligned with the redesigned BC curriculum framework.

CARRIED

4.4 Purchase of Buses

54.17

Moved by: Trustee Neufeld
Seconded by: Trustee Dyck

THAT the Board of Education approve the purchase of two (2) 2010 Blue Bird 84 passenger busses from SD No.19 (Revelstoke) in the amount of \$25,000.

CARRIED

5. INFORMATION ITEMS**5.1 Strategic Plan Update**

Secretary-Treasurer Gerry Slykhuis and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Mark Friesen provided an update on the strategic plan as it relates to the following:

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.
Strategies	
2. Budget Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilize the budget process to connect accountability to decision-making. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Budget Managers receiving timely, accurate information. b) Department Managers analyzing and providing feedback on variances. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Budget and Department managers will receive and use timely and accurate information to make student focused decisions based on available resources</i> c) Detailed district wide variance analysis available to Exec and Budget Committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Exec and Budget Committee will have timely and accurate information on which to base Budget recommendations</i>

5.2 BCSTA Report

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

5.3 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Novak in her report to the Board of Education:

- Celebrated the Regional Skills Competition Results from March 2, 2017. There were three gold medal winners, three silver medal winners and one bronze medal winner in welding, cabinet making, 3D computer animation, Jr. skills gravity vehicle and mechanical CAD from Sardis Secondary and Mount Slesse Middle Schools.
- Provided an update on the inaugural Employee Engagement and Wellness Survey. The survey closed at midnight March 7 and there was a 72% participation rate as of March 6.
- Noted that participation in FSA 2017 was similar to last year and we are in the process of entering the results to the Ministry for analysis.

Motion to Extend the Regular Board of Education Meeting

55.17 Moved by: Trustee Patterson
Seconded by: Trustee Maahs

THAT the Board of Education approve an extension of the meeting from 10:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

CARRIED

5.4 Trustee Reports**Trustee Krahn reported on the following:**

- Attended two Chair/Vice Chair Meetings with the Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer to plan Agendas
- Attended a Special In-Camera Board meeting
- Attended three Basketball Games
- Incidentally, GW Graham's Senior Boys Basketball Team will be playing in the High School Basketball Tournament on Wed., tomorrow at 10:15 at the Langley Events Center. Congratulations to the Team Players and their Coaches!!

Trustee Coulter reported on the following:

- Tyson PAC
- Donor Recognition Dinner
- Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting
- Gabor Maté Presentation at CSS

Trustee Patterson reported on the following:

- Attended the PAC Meeting @ Evans Elementary School on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd
- Attended the DPAC Evening Meeting on Thursday, Feb. 23rd
- Was a "vocal supporter" for the GW Graham "Grizzlies" Senior Boys' Basketball Team as they earned top spot in the Fraser Valley Basketball Championships on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Congratulations to the team as they will now compete at the Provincial Play-offs
- Attended a School Board Meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 28th
- Attended the Scholarship Recognition Dinner at CSS on Thursday, March 2nd
- Spent the day on Friday, March 3rd assisting with interview and selection process for our new HR Director

Trustee McManus reported on the following:

- Attended GW Graham playoff basketball games
- Multiple Chair/Vice Chair meetings with Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer
- Attended Special In-Camera Board meeting
- Participated in a conference call with the Minister of Education regarding the new budget
- Attended Scholarship Donor Recognition Dinner
- Attended FG Leary production of A Midsummer Night's Dream
- Attended Mental Health talk of Dr. Gabor Maté
- Attended monthly CYC meeting

Trustee Maahs reported the following:

- Attended Special Education Advisory Committee
- Attended BAA Committee
- Attended Donor Dinner at CSS

- As CTA liaison, met with Lee Anne Clarke and Ed Klettke
- Attended special In-Camera meeting

Trustee Neufeld reported the following:

- Gave a speech on behalf of the Board of Education at the Donor Recognition Dinner

Trustee Dyck reported the following:

- Attended the Scholarship Donor Dinner
- Attended Special In-Camera Board meeting
- Attended to BCPSEA Conference Call
- Responded to parent questions

5.5 February 21, 2017 In-Camera Board Meeting and February 28 Special In-Camera

Summary

February 21 In-Camera Meeting

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

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

1. Exempt Staff Compensation - 2017 Increase
2. Impact of Supreme Court Decision on 2017/2018 Preliminary Budget Planning
3. Strategic Staffing Plan
4. Human Resources Report
5. Potential CTA Grievance
6. BCPSEA Report

February 28 Special In-Camera Meeting

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

Staff: Evelyn Novak, Gerry Slykhuis, Rohan Arul-pragasam, Donna Vogel

1. Reconfiguration - Personnel

5.6 Future Board of Education Meeting Date

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

7:00 pm

School District Office

6. SUPPLEMENTARY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Leanne Clarke, CTA President, commented on the high participation rate of the District Health and Wellness Survey. She also commented that, regardless of grade configuration, the relationship between staff and students is a most important factor in impacting student success.

Justine Hodge, Chilliwack DPAC President, commented on the two-week Spring Break and parent input. She also questioned whether the Promontory expansion will preclude the building of a new school in the south.

Rod Isaac, CUPE 411 President, was concerned about the impact of the two-week Spring Break on 10 month staff.

Casey Munro, BCCPAC Representative from DPAC, urged the Board to be creative and take a holistic approach to education.

Ruth Metsner was positive about reconfiguration of the District schools and its impact on her children.

Diane Braun thanked the Board for live streaming the meeting into the lobby and suggested that the Board could video tape its meetings. She also asked that DPAC and parents be invited to join any planning committee that may be created to support the reconfiguration process.

Chelsey Kerr, Vedder Elementary PAC Treasurer, was concerned about the impact of Reconfiguration on her child as he transitions from grade six to grade seven in G.W. Graham.

Dave Clyne suggested a survey of teachers from grades four to nine to gain insights into supports required for teaching and learning for these grades.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer