



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

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| <u>Date of Meeting:</u> | Tuesday, May 23, 2017 |
| <u>Location:</u> | School District Office |
| Members Present: | Chair Mr. P. McManus |
| | Vice-Chair Mr. W. Krahn |
| | Trustee Mr. D. Coulter |
| | Trustee Mrs. S. Dyck |
| | Trustee Mr. B. Neufeld |
| | Trustee Mr. B. Patterson |
| Regrets: | Trustee Mrs. H. Maahs |
| Staff Present: | Superintendent Ms. E. Novak |
| | Secretary Treasurer Mr. G. Slykhuis |
| | Assistant Superintendent Mr. R. Arul-pragasam |
| | Director of Facilities & Transportation Mr. A. Van Tassel |
| | Assistant Secretary Treasurer Mr. M. Friesen |
| | 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

107.17 Moved by: Trustee Krahn
Seconded by: Trustee Patterson

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of Minutes

108.17 Moved by: Trustee Coulter
Seconded by: Trustee Krahn

THAT the minutes of the May 8, 2017 Regular Public Board Meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gary Palaniuk expressed disappointment that the Board was required to end the space use agreement with Wind and Tide Pre-School Ltd. at Evans Elementary School.

3. PRESENTATION – LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLAN

Secretary Treasurer Gerry Slykhuis introduced Steve Kutno of Public Consulting Group Education (PCG) who presented the Facilities Review. As part of the British Columbia Ministry of Education requirement that school districts prepare Long-Range Facilities Plans, Chilliwack School District #33 engaged PCG to conduct a review of the District instructional facilities. The resulting plan is part of an overall approach the District is taking to addressing the academic development of students towards the mission, “Every student is a graduate prepared for opportunities beyond graduation.” The Long Range Facilities Plan, the Strategic Plan and the Five-Year Capital Plan are part of a comprehensive and integrated approach that the School Board and District leadership are taking to ensure connectedness across systems.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1. 2017 – 2018 Budget Approval – 2nd Reading

109.17 Moved by: Trustee Dyck
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education approve the second and third final readings of 2017-2018 Annual Budget Bylaw at the May 23, 2017 Regular Board Meeting in the amount of \$156,018,539.

CARRIED

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 5-Year Capital Plan

Secretary Treasurer Gerry Slykhuis provided information on the district’s annual Five Year Capital Plan submissions, which are used to inform the selection of priority capital projects. The Plan also provides the Ministry insight into future year priorities that are used in longer term provincial capital planning.

5.2 Operations Report: 2017 – 2018 Annual Facilities Grant

Secretary Treasurer Gerry Slykhuis and Director of Facilities and Transportation Al Van Tassel presented information on the Annual Facilities Grant and spending priorities.

5.3 BCSTA Report

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

5.4 Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Evelyn Novak noted the Reconfiguration Implementation Advisory Committee and the May 29, 2017 deadline for parents to express interest through a form made available through schools, PACs, DPAC and the district website.

Superintendent Novak also reported on the district's preparations for fall 2017. A request to the Ministry has been made for capital and staffing, and the district has received approval for 16 portables although the delivery date has not been confirmed. The district anticipates that staffing resources regarding Class Size and Composition will be confirmed in the fall. Work is beginning with schools regarding new continuing positions, with Elementary school staffing currently in process, and Middle and Secondary postings to begin in the next couple of weeks. Five childcare operators were notified that the district is unable to renew their space use agreements for the upcoming year.

Superintendent Novak also highlighted Outdoor Classroom Day, which took place on May 18. This is an international movement that started in the UK in 2012 to celebrate and inspire outdoor learning and play. The May date was the first of three days this year, including September and October. Outdoor learning and spending time in nature improves children's mental and physical health, engages them with learning, leads to greater academic performance, focus, behaviour and love of learning, and strengthens their connection with nature. When children learn and play outdoors they are learning important life skills such as resilience, teamwork and creativity. Teachers from 22 Chilliwack schools indicated that they were participating in Outdoor Classroom Day and shared their activities through face to face visits, emails and Twitter. There were over 125 tweets and retweets that day, making it our biggest #SD33learns twitter event to date! Student engagement was also very high, with many saying "it's going home time already?" and "it is fun to learn outside."

5.5 Trustee Reports

Trustee Dyck reported on the following:

- Attending the Leaders of Tomorrow Celebration sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Chilliwack.
- Attended the 50th Anniversary Assembly at AD Rundle Middle School.
- Supported Bernard Elementary Drive a Ford fundraiser.
- Attended the Youth Work & Train Recognition Dinner.
- Responded to parent inquiries.

Trustee Krahn reported on the following:

- Attended two Chair/Vice Chair Planning Meetings with the Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer to plan upcoming agendas.
- Attended the Leaders of Tomorrow Celebration sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Chilliwack. The Rotarians recognized leaders from Sardis Secondary, Chilliwack Secondary and G. W. Graham. I wish to thank the Rotary Clubs for recognizing our leaders and for their on-going investment in building students.
- Attended the Youth Work & Train Recognition Dinner at Chilliwack Senior Secondary. The event featured a delicious meal, recognized student accomplishments and honored the need for skilled trades!
- Attended an Audit Committee Meeting to establish the plan for the auditors to conduct their work in August.

Trustee Patterson reported on the following:

- Helped organize the Leaders of Tomorrow "Gala" – a community event that recognized 22 outstanding graduating students from our School District on Wednesday, May 10.
- Attended the Youth Work and Train Recognition Dinner on Thursday, May 11th.

- Had the opportunity to acknowledge Dr. Mark Evered from UFV at a Rotary function on Friday, May 12th. (Dr. Evered will be retiring soon and his accomplishments and impact on our community have been significant. He will be missed.)
- Attended the ADR 50th Celebration on Friday, May 12th.
- Attended the Audit Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 23rd.

5.6 April 25, 2017 and May 8, 2017 In-Camera Board Meeting Summary

April 25, 2017 In-Camera Meeting

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

Staff: Evelyn Novak, Gerry Slykhuis, Tamara Ilersich, Rohan Arul-Pragasam, Donna Vogel

1. Prest Road Reconstruction – Chance Alternate Property
2. Property Bylaw Evans Road
3. Property Bylaw Tyson Road
4. BCPSEA Report
5. Property Acquisition Update

May 8, 2017 In-Camera Meeting

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

Staff: Evelyn Novak, Gerry Slykhuis, Tamara Ilersich, Rohan Arul-Pragasam, Donna Vogel

1. Principal Vice Principal Appointments
2. Teacher Retirement and Retirement Bonus
3. Human Resources Report
4. BCPSEA Report

5.7 Future Board of Education Meeting Date

**Tuesday, June 13, 2017
7:00 pm
School District Office**

6. SUPPLEMENTARY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lee-Anne Clarke, CTA President, thanked the Board for the very good maintenance of district facilities and for supporting outdoor education. She also noted that improved provincial funding would assist with the use of the district's physical resources.

Casey Munro, BCCPAC Representative from DPAC, expressed her support moving forward with more opportunities for outdoor education.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer