



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

**Date of Meeting:** Monday, May 8, 2017

**Location:** School District Office

**Members Present:**

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| 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:**

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

**1.2. Adoption of the Agenda**

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

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**1.3. Approval of Minutes**

**98.17** Moved by: Trustee Dyck  
Seconded by: Trustee Krahn

THAT the minutes of the April 25, 2017 Regular Public Board meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ed Klettke, CTA Vice President, noted teachers' optimism in their work and commented on the CTA's skepticism regarding government decisions in education.

Diane Braun, parent and DPAC member, thanked the Board of Education for the district's \$1,500 contribution towards DPAC and PAC attendance at the BCCPAC AGM/Conference and noted that the Chilliwack DPAC made a resolution regarding provincial government funding for portables.

**3. PRESENTATION – CHILLIWACK SECONDARY SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM**

Chilliwack Secondary School Principal David Manuel, teacher Avril Broekhuizen and students (Hannah Henshall, Kara Hildebrandt, Raychel Helfrich, Sariah Loewen) presented on the Chilliwack Secondary School Equestrian Program. This year Chilliwack Secondary ran its first cohort of grade 10 students through its new Equestrian Program. This is an engaging, individualized and experiential program, delivered both on the CSS campus (2 half-days/week) and at the barn (3 half-days/week). Students do not require any previous horse handling or horseback riding experience, and learn in Equine Studies 10 how to work safely around horses, basic care and maintenance (health, nutrition, etc.), as well as practical riding skills. Riding instruction happens in small groups with experienced coaches, and is individualized based on each student's initial level of comfort and experience, with an emphasis on safety, fun and the equestrian sport of reining.

CSS pioneered the implementation of new curriculum this year by trying the new Environmental Science 11 curriculum. It has been a great fit as instruction has been tailored to apply locally, specifically to the horse farm setting. Students learn all of the scientific terminology and principles, and then apply them by doing lots of fieldwork. CSS partnered with the Fraser Valley Conservancy's biologist to collect real data on endangered frogs in the Chaplin Road wetlands in Agassiz, have analyzed the soil, water, biodiversity and other factors on the farm, and will culminate the course with the creation of an Environmental Farm Plan for the barn we visit each week.

In addition to the two courses above, students also use a blended learning model to complete Connect Ed 11, followed by their choice of either: Planning 10 Online or Physical Education 10 Online. That works out to a total of 14 credits. All of the courses in this program are taught by the same CSS teacher, which provides stability, accountability and continuous daily support for the program's students, both on the CSS campus and at the barn.

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

**4.1. Budget Committee Report**

**99.17** Moved by: Trustee McManus  
Seconded by: Trustee Coulter

THAT the Board of Education receive the Budget Committee Meeting Report of May 4, 2017 as presented.

**CARRIED****4.2 2017 – 2018 Budget Approval – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

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

THAT the Board of Education approve the first reading of 2017-2018 Annual Budget Bylaw at the May 8, 2017 Regular Board Meeting in the amount of \$156,018,539.

**CARRIED****5. INFORMATION ITEMS****5.1 Property Acquisition Update**

Board Chair Paul McManus provided an update on properties recently acquired by the district: Property Acquisition No.1 – Evans Road and Property Acquisition No.2 – Tyson Road.

**5.2 Class Size & Composition Submission**

Secretary Treasurer Gerry Slykhuis provided information on the district's Class Size and Composition submission to the Ministry of Education regarding a preliminary staffing plan and space planning.

**5.3 Quarterly Financial Report**

Secretary Treasurer Gerry Slykhuis presented the quarterly financial report of July 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

**5.4 BCSTA Report**

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

**5.5 Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Evelyn Novak reported on the Bowls of Hope Annual Dinner/Auction Fundraiser on May 5, 2017. Bowls of Hope is supported by the district through Community Link funding of approximately \$18,000 per year. Almost 700 students in 19 elementary and middle schools receive nutritional support through Bowls of Hope.

Superintendent Novak also discussed the Reconfiguration – Implementation Advisory Committee and noted that parents will be invited to join the committee via a form to be made available through schools, PACs, DPAC, the district and school websites, and a media advertisement, with an application deadline of May 29<sup>th</sup>. CTA, CUPE and DPAC will receive an email message from the Board Chair and Superintendent asking them to provide the names of their representatives for the Committee.

**5.6 Trustee Reports**

**Trustee Dyck reported on the following:**

- Attended DPAC meeting.
- Participant on the hiring committee for District Principals and Vice Principals.
- Attended the Bowls of Hope fundraiser.

- Responded to parent and community questions.

**Trustee Krahn reported on the following:**

- Attended two Chair/Vice Chair Planning Meetings with Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer to plan upcoming agendas.
- Attended a meeting with the Admin Team at Chilliwack Central in order to connect and learn about their many initiatives around students. Chilliwack Central's staff are fully engaged in providing students every opportunity to be successful!

**Trustee Maahs reported the following:**

- The Bowls of Hope
- Special Ed Advisory Committee
- Budget Committee

**Trustee Patterson reported on the following:**

- Met with administrators and seven Leaders of Tomorrow Students from GW Graham – reminder – May 10 GALA – Chilliwack Cultural Center – Rotary Room – 7:00 pm.
- Special thanks to the numerous community groups/clubs for their wonderful and continuous support for our students.

**5.7 April 25, 2017 In-Camera Board Meeting Summary**

Deferred to the May 23, 2017 Regular Public Board Meeting.

**5.8 Future Board of Education Meeting Date**

**Tuesday, May 23, 2017  
7:00 pm  
School District Office**

**6. SUPPLEMENTARY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Diane Braun, parent and DPAC member, asked the Board of Education if the Ministry of Education would be funding the Summer Learning Program. She also questioned which schools have budget surpluses and what an adequate surplus would be, and acknowledged the loss of child care centres at schools.

Michelle McGrath, DPAC member, asked how the Classroom Enhancement Fund would be allocated.

Parent Ruth Metsler commented on the district's space planning and the loss of music rooms.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer