



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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Location: School District Office

Members Present:

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

Regrets:

Trustee	Mr. D. Coulter
Trustee	Mr. B. Neufeld

Staff Present:

Superintendent	Ms. E. Novak
Secretary Treasurer	Mr. G. Slykhuis
Assistant Superintendent	Mr. R. Arul-pragasam
Director of Instruction	Ms. J. Hall
Director of Instruction	Mr. K. 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 7:00 p.m. - **Welcome and Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory.**

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

158.17 Moved by: Trustee Krahn
Seconded by: Trustee Patterson

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of Minutes

159.17 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Dyck

THAT the minutes of the October 17, 2017 Regular Public Board meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED
Abstained: Krahn

2. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions regarding Reconfiguration and SOGI – Inclusive Education (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Tools and Resources) were received. The following individuals provided their names:

1. Jennifer Slingerland
2. Lee-Anne Clarke – President CTA
3. Diane Braun – Vice-Chair DPAC
4. Carrie Duke
5. Audrey Stollings
6. Mike Hayden
7. Elsie Herms
8. Christine Goodman
9. Anthony Podrow

The questions concerned:

- Implementation of Reconfiguration in the Chilliwack School District – consideration of a longer time frame for implementation, specialist teachers, plans for the transition for grade 5s and grade 8s.
- Implementation of SOGI – Inclusive Education in the Chilliwack School District.

Answers by Board Chair Paul McManus, other Trustees and District administration were as follows:

- Plans for the new middle school model are well under way and the district will be ready for implementation of Reconfiguration in fall 2018. The district will continue to communicate with students, parents and staff as it proceed with implementation milestones.
- The Board of Education strongly believes that its schools need to be safe and welcoming places for all students, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, race, religion or background, and that all students deserve to be welcomed, included and respected in a safe learning environment while being fully and completely themselves. Conversations regarding SOGI-Inclusive Education will continue at the Board, school, PAC and DPAC levels.

3. PRESENTATION: MCCAMMON – FLEXIBLE SEATING: ENHANCING STUDENTS' USE OF SELF-REGULATION SKILLS

McCammon Traditional Elementary School Teachers Devin Atkins and Renee Besse, and Vice-Principal Jason Kemp and Principal Brad Driscoll provided the Board with a presentation on Flexible Seating – Enhancing Students' Use of Self-Regulation Skills.

Two components of McCammon Traditional Elementary School's Growth Plan (2016-2021) are:

1. to enhance students' personal and social responsibility by fully meeting the use of self-regulation skills in all areas of the school community, and

2. to maintain a positive, respectful workplace culture and sense of community through continuing to be a caring community where all members feel a sense of belonging, diversity, well-being and safety.

In May 2017, McCammon Teachers were presented with the opportunity to access additional classroom resources through a Resource Request Inquiry Proposal. Seven proposals were submitted with a focus on flexible seating.

Flexible classrooms give students a choice in what kind of learning space works best for them, and help them to work collaboratively, communicate, and engage in critical thinking. The goal of providing flexible seating options in the classroom is to assist students with:

- acquiring and effectively applying the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions,
- setting and achieving positive goals,
- feeling and showing empathy for others,
- establishing and maintaining positive relationships,
- making responsible decisions, and
- improving student academic achievement.

4. **ACTION ITEMS**

4.1 **New South Side School Consultant Work**

160.17 Moved by: Trustee Krahn
Seconded by: Trustee Patterson

THAT the Board of Education approve the use of \$500,000 of District funds for consultant work around the design of the new South Side School project.

CARRIED

4.2 **Recommendations Regarding Boundary Review and Feeder School Relationships**

161.17 Moved by: Trustee Dyck
Seconded by: Trustee Krahn

That the Board of Education approve the *Recommendations for Redefined Boundary and Feeder School Relationships*.

1. Future planning is based on balancing enrolments in Middle and Secondary schools so that programs and supports that best meet the learning needs and interests of all of our students can be provided.
2. Based on feedback from the Reconfiguration – Implementation Advisory Committee, and feedback collected from staff, parents and students, the recommendation for redefined Boundary and Feeder School relationships is Option 3, as reflected in the options presented to the Board on October 17, with two enhancements:
 - i. Watson catchment students are in the Vedder Middle catchment. However, choice will be provided to these students to attend MSMS, depending on the proximity to their Middle School and,
 - ii. Greendale students will attend VMS and SSS.

3. Students will not be required to change from the school they are currently attending due to catchment changes.
4. Current grade eight and nine students attending MSMS may have the choice to attend Sardis Secondary.
5. Students attending a Middle School that is outside of their catchment will be planned for to attend the Secondary School associated with that Middle School.
6. Siblings will be kept together to ensure consistency for families and to make transportation easier for families.
7. As per Policies 611 and 531, continue to provide choice for students to attend a cross boundary school.
8. Align Secondary School timetables, where feasible, so students can take a unique combination of courses at different Secondary Schools.
9. With increased enrolment, GW Graham will provide additional academic class options at the Secondary level.
10. Inform parents well in advance of the new school year regarding bussing options, particularly if they are beyond the walking limit, and communicate if the student has regular or courtesy rider status.

CARRIED

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 SOGI (Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity) – Inclusive Education

Superintendent Evelyn Novak provided background and next steps regarding SOGI and inclusive education in the Chilliwack School District.

5.2 Transportation Administrative Regulation 710.1

Secretary Treasurer Gerry Slykhuis presented Transportation Administrative Regulation 710.1 for information.

5.3 BCSTA Report

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

5.4 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Evelyn Novak reported that she had been working on Boundary Review and Feeder School Relationships, and SOGI – Inclusive Education since the last Board Meeting.

5.5 Trustee Reports

Trustee Dyck reported on the following:

- Attended the BCPSEA Symposium on Workplace Culture – Connection between Health and Work; How to Build Productive Teams.
- Attended the Provincial Council representing the Board in debate on motions and meeting with the Minister and Deputy Minister of Education.
- Attended the Reconfiguration meeting October 23.
- Attended the Vedder Elementary PAC meeting and provided information on video licensing for PAC.
- Attended the DPAC meeting as liaison trustee.
- Attended the CSS PAC meeting discussion ranged from Sogi to transitions preparation for incoming grade 9s.

- Responded to email requests.

Trustee Krahn reported on the following:

- Extended regrets for being unable to attend the last Board Meeting as I was travelling in Eastern Canada and along the Eastern American Seaboard. However, with the live streaming, I have been able to review the full proceedings and wanted to thank and acknowledge the many parents and students who shared their genuine concerns regarding boundaries and asked mindful questions. Engaging and listening to our community is very necessary to enable us to move forward.
- October 30 - visited Cheam Elementary - As we know, the school is at capacity with another portable needed for September as they add the Grade 5 EFI Division to enable them to provide a full K to 5 program. Thoroughly enjoyed the tour of the school. The Parking Lot continues to be an immense challenge as the EFI choice results in 141 French students from out of catchment being dropped off and picked each day. The Staff and Administration have been very creative with staggered arrivals and utilizing EAs to begin early and stay later while they wait for the parking lot enhancements. Do we have a date for the work to begin?
- November 6th-visited Vedder Middle School and connected with several teachers and Administration. Great learning tone and I learned about several rather unique attributes of the school. The Staff are concerned about the boundaries and I assured them that a portion of tonight's meeting would focus on this issue. And I am so pleased that we have looked at several options to enable these concerns to be addressed.

Trustee Maahs reported on the following:

- Central School fundraiser at Triple Play Pub.
- Rosedale Traditional PAC meeting.
- Cheam movie night.
- John Mighton visit in Fraser Cascade school district
- Evans Road letters.

Trustee McManus reported on the following:

- Worked with the media.
- Attended MoE/BCSTA 3rd Annual Partner Liaison Meeting.
- Attended BCSTA Board Chairs Meeting.

Trustee Patterson reported on the following:

- Co-chaired the Reconfiguration Implementation Advisory Committee Meeting on Monday, October 23.
- Chaired the Chilliwack Healthier Community Meeting on Tuesday, October 24.
- Attended the Strathcona PAC Meeting on Monday, October 30.
- Introduced the GW Graham Remembrance Day Ceremony presentation to the Chilliwack Rotary Club on Friday, November 3.

5.6 October 17, 2017 In-Camera Board Meeting Summary

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

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

1. Public Sector Executive Compensation Report
2. 2017-2018 Local School Calendar Grievance by CTA
3. MoA Restored Language
4. HR Report
5. BCPSEA Report
6. Fraser Valley Distance Education School Staffing

5.7 Next Board of Education Meeting Date

**Tuesday, November 28, 2017
7:00 pm
School District Office**

6. QUESTION PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS

Questions regarding Reconfiguration, SOGI – Inclusive Education and the Cheam Elementary parking lot were received. The following individuals provided their names:

1. Darrell Ferguson
2. Lee-Anne Clarke – President CTA
3. Diane Braun – Vice-President DPAC
4. Lisa Unger
5. Jamie Benton
6. Anthony Podrow
7. Ed Klettke – Vice-President CTA

Answers were similar to those provided in 2. QUESTION PERIOD above, along with agreement to get information regarding the work needing to be completed on the Cheam Elementary parking lot.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer