



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

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, October 6, 2015  
**Location:** School District Office

**Members Present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

Superintendent	Ms. E. Novak
Secretary Treasurer	Mr. Gerry Slykhuis
Director of Human Resources	Mrs. M. Carradice
Assistant Superintendent	Mr. R. Arul-pragasam
Executive Assistant	Mrs. C. Pratt

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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 7:05 p.m.

**1.2. Adoption of the Agenda**

**185.15** Moved By: Trustee Coulter  
Seconded By: Trustee Maahs

**CARRIED**

**Amendment to Agenda**

**186.15** Moved By: Trustee Krahn  
Seconded By: Trustee Neufeld

That Agenda Item 4.2. By election be added.

**CARRIED**

**1.3. Approval of Minutes**

**187.15** Moved By: Trustee Coulter  
Seconded By: Trustee Maahs

THAT the minutes of the September 22, 2015 meeting be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**2. ENERGY SPECIALIST PROGRAM AWARD**

Vladimir Kostka, Key Account Manager, FortisBC, presented an overview of the Energy Specialist Program. A plaque was presented to Dale Churchill, former Director of Facilities and Transportation, and Brent Neufeld, Manager of Facilities, in recognition of their efforts as an energy management team who used their industry expertise to find new and innovative ways to approach energy savings in School District 33. Mr. Churchill and Mr. Neufeld worked together to increase participation in FortisBC's energy efficiency and conservation programs and developed and implemented projects that resulted in both natural gas and electricity savings.

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION****4. ACTION ITEMS****4.1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory**

**188.15** Moved By: Trustee Coulter  
Seconded By: Trustee Krahn

That the Board of Education begin public meetings with an acknowledgement that SD33 is on the traditional territory of the Stò:lō people. The protocol developed by the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee should be used.

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

Amendment to the Motion

**189.15** Moved By: Trustee Dyck  
Seconded By: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education annually acknowledge that SD33 is on the traditional territory of the Stò:lō people.

**DEFEATED**  
For: Maahs, Dyck  
Opposed: McManus, Coulter, Krahn, Neufeld

**4.2. By-Election**

**190.15** Moved By: Trustee Krahn  
Seconded By Trustee Coulter

THAT the Board of Education authorize the City of Chilliwack to conduct the Board of Education, School District No. 33 (Chilliwack) by-election to take place on December 12, 2015 per the terms set out in our agreement. AND THAT pursuant to Section 41 (1) and (2) of the Local Government Act, P. Carol Friesen be appointed Chief Election Officer for conducting the 2015 school trustee by-election with power to appoint other election officials as required for the administration and conduct of the 2015 school trustee by-election.

**CARRIED**

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS****5.1. Enrollment Report**

Assistant Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam provided an update on Student Enrollment and Staffing Allocations.

**5.2. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Novak, in her report to the Board, highlighted Staff Appreciation Day, held on October 5 and the significant work staff do on a daily basis. Information in the report was also included regarding the tentative plans and the recently announced BC Ministry of Education Curriculum Implementation and supports in place for teachers in SD33. Ms. Novak also shared information about Leadership Development programs supporting new principals and vice principals through a Mentoring and Professional Development Program, and a continuation of the Teacher Leadership Development program. The Superintendent noted the recent Orange Shirt Day recognized in SD33 on October 5 where staff were encouraged to wear Orange Shirts &/or ribbons to acknowledge the 2nd annual National recognition day for the 150,000 Indian Residential school aged First Nations, Inuit and Metis children who attended Indian Residential schools across Canada

**5.3. Trustee Reports**

**Trustee Coulter reported on the following:**

- Attended weekly Chair/Vice-Chair Planning Meetings
- Attended CSS on October 5 and was pleased to see and interact with staff engaged in Pro-d
- Attended school Garden Awards Program

**Trustee Dyck reported on the following:**

- Attended weekly Chair/Vice-Chair Planning Meetings
- Attended School Garden Awards program
- Attended DPAC Meeting
- Visited Sardis Elementary
- Visited Greendale Elementary
- Responded to parent calls
- Worked with Cultus Lake Community School on Constitution and Bylaws
- Spoke about the School Gardens Program, complements to Mrs. Coulter and the wonderful job her and the volunteers did in the program

**Trustee McManus reported on the following:**

- Visited CMS and met with Aaron parker and Matt Brooks
- Visited RTCS meeting with Helen Plummer and Erin McAstocker
- World Teacher Day – apple delivery to CMS, FVDE, Ed. Centre, Cheam, RTCS and Promontory
- Meeting with Chris Reitsma regarding the Work Experience Program

**Trustee Maahs reported on the following:**

- Commented on Trustee Wiens' school reports, her many schools visits and the impact her passing has had on the schools she visited so often.

**Trustee Neufeld reported on the following:**

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**Trustee Krahn reported on the following:**

- Attended CHANCE to connect with staff – thrilled with their enthusiasm and the fact that they were able to connect with some students at risk of dropping out
- Attended Vedder Elementary School and was delighted to witness the great practices there

**5.4. September 22, 2015 In-Camera Board Meeting Summary**

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

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

1. Appointment of Community Members to Budget Committee
2. Support Staff Appreciation Day
3. Land Acquisition

**5.5. Future Board of Education Meeting Date**

Tuesday, October 20, 2015  
7:00 pm  
School District Office

**6. SUPPLEMENTARY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Rod Isaac, President CUPE Local 411, spoke about the increase in enrollment and funding and his hopes that some of the recent cuts would be rectified due to this surplus. Rod also spoke about Support Staff Appreciation Day and his hopes that this would soon come to fruition.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**191.15** Moved By: Trustee Krahn  
Seconded By: Trustee Coulter

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer