



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

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, October 20, 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. Welcome and Acknowledgment of Traditional Stò:lō Territory**

**1.3. Adoption of the Agenda**

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

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

**Amendment to Agenda**

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

THAT Agenda Item 5.5. Superintendent's Report be removed.

**CARRIED**

**Approval of Agenda as Amended**

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

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**1.3. Approval of Minutes**

- 198.15** Moved By: Trustee Coulter  
Seconded By: Trustee Maahs

THAT the minutes of the October 6, 2015 meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**Presentation to Wiens Family**

The family of Trustee Martha Wiens was in attendance to accept a framed tribute containing a photo of Martha along with her trustee name plate. The Board offered its heartfelt condolences along with immense gratitude for the passion and hard work of Trustee Wiens in her eight terms on the board.

**2. Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Canada Certification Project**

Dale Churchill, former Director of Facilities and Transportation, presented an overview of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Canada Certification Project for Rosedale Traditional Community School and Yarrow Community Elementary School. A plaque and certificate were presented to the Board for each school and will be displayed on site in recognition of the district's commitment to sustainability by meeting the highest performance standards.

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION****4. ACTION ITEMS****4.1. Capital Plan**

- 199.15** Moved By: Trustee Maahs  
Seconded By: Trustee Krahn

THAT the Board approve the 2015/2016 Five Year Capital Plan as outlined on the summary presented.

**CARRIED**

**4.2. Surplus Distribution**

- 200.15** Moved By: Trustee Krahn  
Seconded By Trustee Maahs

THAT the Board of Education provide to schools a one-time allocation, from the 14/15 operating surplus reserves, of \$50 per student FTE.

**CARRIED**

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS****5.1. Class Size/Class Composition**

Assistant Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam provided information on class size averages within the district.

**5.2. Learning Improvement Fund Allocation Report (LIF)**

Assistant Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam provided information regarding the Learning Improvement Fund (LIF).

**5.3. Letter to Select Standing Committee**

An overview of the letter to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services from the Chilliwack Board of Education providing input to the 2016 Budget Consultation Process was provided.

**5.4. BCSTA Report**

BCSTA Representative Barry Neufeld provided the following update:

- BCSTA presented to the Select Standing Committee on Finance, received a commitment from the government to support teachers in learning the new curriculum;
- Arranged a meeting with Board Chairs with the new Minister of Education Bernier for October 21, 2015;
- FV Branch of the BCSTA is meeting next week, they are working on revising their constitution
- Plans to attend Provincial Council meeting this coming weekend;
- Trustees Academy for all trustees Nov. 26-28

**5.5. Trustee Reports**

**Trustee Coulter reported on the following:**

- Attended weekly Chair/Vice-Chair Planning Meetings

**Trustee Dyck reported on the following:**

- Attended weekly Chair/Vice-Chair Planning Meetings
- Meeting with partner groups
- School visits to Bernard, East Chilliwack, McCammon
- CPVPA Meeting

**Trustee McManus reported on the following:**

- Met with Colin Mitchell to review the ins and outs of the Apprenticeship Program
- Met with Karen Steegstra of the CYC to review the details of the committee
- Met with Iain Gardner, principal of Cheam Elementary and attend their staff meeting
- Met with Taryn Dixon and Alyson King, administrative team at Promontory
- Met with the administrative team at FVDES to discuss their programs in depth and tour the facility, meeting with most staff in attendance

**Trustee Maahs reported on the following:**

- Attended CHC Administrative Meeting
- Attended Special Ed. Advisory Committee - SD33 has applied to host POPARD Workshop.
- Will be submitting inquiries about Spec. Ed budget

**Trustee Neufeld reported on the following:**

- Attended Scholarship committee meeting and reported there will be more "red tape" in the applications but on a positive note, more funds available.

**Trustee Krahn reported on the following:**

- Attended the CHANCE meet the teacher night which had a very strong turnout. Highlighted the attendance at the school which has been on the rise. Shared a success story about a student from the school who has gone on to achieve success.
- Attended GWG Football game on Friday night

**5.6. October 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 Director of Facilities and Transportation
2. Human Resources Report
3. BCPSEA Report
4. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

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

Tuesday, November 17, 2015  
7:00 pm  
School District Office

**6. SUPPLEMENTARY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**201.15** Moved By: Trustee Maahs  
Seconded By: Trustee Krahn

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer