



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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, March 8, 2016

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
Trustee	Mr. B. Patterson

Staff Present:

Superintendent	Ms. E. Novak
Secretary Treasurer	Mr. Gerry Slykhuis
Assistant Superintendent	Mr. R. Arul-pragasam
Executive Assistant	Mrs. C. Pratt

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

46.16 Moved By: Trustee Coulter
Seconded By: Trustee Krahn

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

1.3. Welcome and Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory

1.4. Approval of Minutes

47.16 Moved By: Trustee Maahs
Seconded By: Trustee Patterson

THAT the minutes of the February 23, 2016 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. The Presentation scheduled for this meeting was rescheduled to a later date.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

An opportunity was provided for public participation.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1. 2016-2017 Calendar

48.16 Moved By: Trustee Coulter
Seconded By: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education approve the 2016 – 2017 Local School Calendar as presented.

CARRIED

4.2. Budget Committee Report

49.16 Moved By: Trustee McManus
Seconded By Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education receive the Budget Committee Meeting Report of February 25, 2016.

CARRIED

4.3. Education Policy Advisory Committee Report

50.16 Moved By: Trustee Neufeld
Seconded By: Trustee McManus

THAT the Board of Education receive the Education Policy Advisory Committee Meeting Report of March 1, 2016.

CARRIED

4.3.1 Policy 523 – School Fees

51.16 Moved By: Trustee Neufeld
Seconded By: Trustee Coulter

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 523 – School Fees as amended.

CARRIED

Amendment to the Policy

52.16 Moved By: Trustee Maahs
Seconded By: Trustee McManus

THAT the second paragraph be amended to *“Students shall not be charged for any instruction, activity, program and/or resource materials deemed necessary to participate in that program, subject to exceptions authorized by the School Act and the School Board Fees Ministerial Order”*,

CARRIED

**For: Coulter, McManus, Maahs, Patterson, Krahn
Opposed: Neufeld**

4.3.2 Policy 524 – Physical Restraint of Students

53.16

Moved By: Trustee Neufeld
Seconded By: Trustee Coulter

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 524 – Physical Restraint of Students as amended.

Amendments to the policy

54.16

Moved By: Trustee Krahn
Seconded By: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the sentence *“Physical restraint is an extraordinary emergency procedure and will not be used as punishment, discipline or treatment.”* be inserted at the end of Paragraph 2.

CARRIED

55.16

Moved By: Trustee Krahn
Seconded By: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the sentence *“Seclusion is an extraordinary emergency procedure and will not be used as punishment, discipline or treatment.”* be inserted at the end of Paragraph 3.

CARRIED

56.16

Moved By: Trustee Krahn
Seconded By: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the final sentence of the policy be deleted.

CARRIED

4.3.3 Policy 608 – Assistance Dogs in Schools

57.16

Moved By: Trustee Neufeld
Seconded By: Trustee Krahn

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 608 – Assistance Dogs in Schools as presented.

CARRIED

4.4. Board/Authority Authorized Courses

58.16

Moved By: Trustee Maahs
Seconded By: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized Courses – Equine Studies 10, Introduction to Forensic Science 1, and Introduction to Forensic Science 2.

CARRIED**5. INFORMATION ITEMS****5.1. Preliminary Budget Assumptions 2016 – 2017**

Secretary Treasurer Gerry Slykhuis provided an overview of the Preliminary Budget Assumptions for 2016 – 2017.

5.2. BCSTA Report

An opportunity was provided for BCSTA Representative Barry Neufeld to provide an update.

5.3. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Novak, in her report, updated the Board about the Alternate Education Review process. Ms. Novak also shared information about concerns raised provincially regarding how schools and districts have been issuing Evergreen Certificates and the resulting recent changes to the BC Ministry of Education Student Credentials Order in the School Act. Also highlighted was the recent Chilliwack Secondary School staff team trip to Cairo, Egypt where, through invitation, they worked with an International School staff supporting professional development in the area of assessment. Feedback received was extremely positive - transformational for staff and for presenters and there may be an opportunity for school twinning in the future.

5.4. Trustee Reports**Trustee Coulter reported on the following:**

- Attended weekly Chair/Vice-Chair Planning Meetings
- Attended the Alternate Education review meeting at Stó:lō and found all the positive feedback quite powerful
- Attended Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Trustee Dyck reported on the following:

- Attended weekly Chair/Vice-Chair Planning Meetings
- Attended DPAC Meeting

Trustee McManus reported on the following:

- Attended Budget Committee Meeting
- Visited Promontory Elementary
- Visited Cheam Elementary
- Attended CYC Meeting
- Visited the school at Ford Mountain Correctional Centre
- Visited Rosedale Traditional Community School District 33 Chilliwack
- Attended All Leaders Meeting
- Visited Chilliwack Middle School

Trustee Maahs reported on the following:

- Met with Jane Ulyot to review reading program
- Attended two parent sessions for the Alternate Ed. Review, specifically mentioned all the positive feedback about Chuck Lawson and Troy Gibbs.

Trustee Neufeld reported on the following:

Had nothing to report.

Trustee Krahn reported on the following:

- Attended the Budget Committee Meeting
- Attended and thoroughly enjoyed a Senior Boys' Basketball Game at G.W. Graham. Great team play and very strong skill
- Visited and toured G. W. Graham to connect with staff and to wish the coach and Boys team well, Graham is currently ranked first in Double AA at the Provincial Level.
- Visited Chance to connect with staff
- Congratulations to the Graham Girls' and Boy' Senior Basketball Teams. The Senior Girls placed 8th at the Provincial Level
- The Senior Boys play their first game in the BC High School Basketball Tournament at the Langley Events Centre on Wednesday, their first game begins at 10:00am tomorrow. There will be a Fan Bus heading into Langley. I will be attending...I invite you to join me! I want to extend my very best wishes to the Senior Boys.
- I also want to thank the many coaches in our District who unselfishly share their skills, their passion and their time around athletics and provide so many students with athletic opportunities to learn and excel at these skills!!

Trustee Patterson reported on the following:

Had nothing to report.

5.5. February 23, 2016 In-Camera Board Meeting Summary

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

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

1. Human Resources Report
 - a. TTOC Call out process
2. BCPSEA Report
3. Strategic Staffing

5.6. Future Board of Education Meeting Date

Tuesday, April 5, 2016
7:00 pm
School District Office

6. SUPPLEMENTARY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Leanne Clarke, CTA President, shared concerns regarding MyEd, Computer Coding in schools, the new curriculum, TTOC's, budget cuts and the School Fees Policy. Leanne urged the Board to lobby the Ministry about the lack of funding in public education.

7. ADJOURNMENT

59.16

Moved By: Trustee Patterson
Seconded By: Trustee Krahn

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

CARRIED

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer