



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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Location: School District Office

Members Present:

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:

Superintendent	Ms. E. Novak
Secretary Treasurer	Mr. G. Slykhuis
Assistant Superintendent	Mr. R. Arul-pragasam
Director of Facilities & Transportation	Mr. A. Van Tassel
Assistant Secretary Treasurer	Mr. M. Friesen
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 7:01 p.m. - **Welcome and Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory.**

1.2. Amendment and Adoption of the Agenda

128.17 Moved by: Trustee Krahn
Seconded by: Trustee Dyck

That the agenda be adopted with the addition of Policy 211 – Regular Public Meetings as Action Item 4.1.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of Minutes

129.17 Moved by: Trustee Neufeld
Seconded by: Trustee Coulter

THAT the minutes of the June 13, 2017 Regular Public Board meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Promontory Elementary School parents Gabriella Spaner, Pegg Pede, Anna Mayo, and Melissa and Kevin Klebe discussed concerns regarding the safety of their children getting to school and the walk limits being used for transportation guidelines.

Evans Elementary School parent Jason Hugh noted that the City's use of barricades to prevent left turns into the school has resulted in additional traffic problems and safety issues.

CTA VP Ed Klettke acknowledged the hard work of district staff in school start-up while instructional space concerns and the continuation of hiring for teachers continue.

3. PRESENTATION – SUMMER LEARNING REPORT

Vice-Principals Jeff Dartnell, Diane Chapman & Kristin Sward provided a presentation on the 2017 Summer Learning Program. The Chilliwack School District's 2017 Summer Learning (SL) Program was held at the Chilliwack Secondary/FVDES.

The total number of students who attended the SL program was approximately 530. The majority of these students were at the elementary level. This is an area of the SL program that is growing substantially every year.

In the past, a major component of the SL program was the Summit Program but this year the Gr.7/8 numbers were quite low compared to the past few years. This drop could be indicative of a number of factors but we will have to see if this trend continues. With the addition of ELL and Coding classes, the numbers of elementary-based classes rose again this year. The SL program was severely impacted by the CSS gyms and lobby being used as a Northern Wildfire evacuation site. This forced the Elementary and Middle school students to go outside for DPA as they did not have access to the air-conditioned gym. This also caused concern from many parents due to the large number of people being in the CSS building during the SL hours. Overall, the SL program went quite smoothly and parents/students were quite pleased with the programs being offered.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1. Policy 211 – Regular Public Meetings

130.17 Moved by: Trustee Coulter
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 211 – Regular Public Meetings as revised to change *The order of business at regular meetings shall be: 8 c) from public participation to question period and 8 h), from public participation to question period on agenda items.*

CARRIED

4.2. 2016 – 2017 Audited Financial Statements

- 131.17 Moved by: Trustee Dyck
Seconded by: Trustee Krahn

THAT the Board approve the 2016-2017 Audited Financial Statements and forward to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

4.3. **Audit Committee Report**

- 132.17 Moved by: Trustee Krahn
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education receive the Audit Committee Meeting Report of September 14, 2017 as presented.

CARRIED

5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

5.1 **Reconfiguration – Implementation Advisory Committee**

Committee Co-Chairs Trustee Bob Patterson and Superintendent Evelyn Novak provided a summary of the Minutes of the September 12, 2017 Reconfiguration – Implementation Advisory Committee meeting.

5.2 **Strategic Plan Update – Operations Summer Report/Maintenance Activities**

Al Van Tassel provided a report on the Operations Summer Maintenance Activities as it relates to the Strategic Plan.

5.3 **Enrolment Update**

Assistant Superintendent, Rohan Arul-pragsam presented the enrollment and staffing report as of September 13, 2017.

5.4 **Trustee Remuneration**

Policy 227 states “The trustee remuneration will be adjusted annually effective July 1st. The adjustment will reflect the Canadian Consumer Price Index (CPI) established for July of each year for the previous 12 months.” CPI for the twelve months ending June 30, 2017 was 1.0% higher. Therefore, trustee remuneration was adjusted effective July 1, 2017.

5.5 **BCSTA Report**

Trustee Neufeld reported there was not a BCSTA report due to the Summer Break.

5.6 **Superintendent’s Report**

Superintendent Evelyn Novak reported on the Strategic Alignment between the Ministry of Education and the District, provided a K-9 Status Update, a 10-12 Curriculum Timeline, an update on Literacy and Numeracy Assessments and planning for a new south side school, as well as expressing appreciation for district staff at the beginning of the 2017-2018 new year.

5.7 Trustee Reports

Trustee Coulter reported on the following:

- Encouraged participation in Orange Shirt Day on September 29 - an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. Orange t-shirts with an indigenous design by a local artist are available for purchase at the Sto:lo Gift Shop and \$5 from each shirt purchased will support the Sto:lo Youth Mentorship program.

Trustee Dyck reported on the following:

- Attended the Superintendent's Meeting on August 24.
- Attended the Reconfiguration – Implementation Advisory Committee on September 12.
- Attended the Labour Relations Meeting.
- Responding to numerous parent questions and concerns.

Trustee Krahn reported on the following:

- July 6th to 8th-Attended the Canadian School Boards Association's National Congress. The Congress was hosted by the BCSTA. I attended several sessions and one highlight was the session on the importance of Joy in the Classroom. When there is a Culture of Joy, students are more creative and engaged in their learning. In addition, collaboration, attendance and a sense of belonging are impacted in a positive way.
- Attended three Chair/Vice Chair Planning Meetings with Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer to plan upcoming agendas.
- August 31st – the Annual Maintenance Appreciation BBQ. The Maintenance Department was acknowledged and thanked for their outstanding efforts to prepare the schools for school start-up.
- September 7th – All-day Board Retreat.
- September 14th – Audit Committee Meeting.
- September 18th-Visited and connected with staff at Promontory Heights. All staff must be congratulated for the manner in which they are focused on teaching while having the ripple effects of having construction nearby. Progress is obvious! Everyone is very excited about the addition.

Trustee Maahs reported on the following:

- It is very important that the Board engage with the City of Chilliwack on issues of shared concern such as the traffic situation at Promontory and Evans.

Trustee McManus reported on the following:

- Telephone call with Minister Rob Fleming, in which he referenced the district's significant capacity challenges, the need for a new school and additions to existing schools, and an overall concern about the lack of adequate student spaces in the district.
- Noted the challenges ahead in the 2017-2018 school year and expressed optimism that they would be met, including getting closer to building a new school on the south side.

Trustee Neufeld reported on the following:

- September 7th – All-day Board Retreat.
- Is looking forward to visiting new liaison schools this year.

Trustee Patterson reported on the following:

- Welcome back to everyone. Hopefully everyone had a restful summer.
- New school year – 2017/2018 will be a very busy year. There will be many challenges. (Overcrowded schools, hiring many new staff members, Reconfiguration implementation, meeting the outcomes of our Strategic Plan).
- During the summer, my wife and I did volunteer work at CSS, as the site was used as a support hub for those families from the interior who were affected by the numerous forest fires.
- As the representative of the Board, I continue to serve as co-chair of the Chilliwack Healthier Community.
- The Reconfiguration process will keep us extremely busy. I am pleased to serve as co-chair of the Implementation Advisory Committee. We had a very positive initial meeting of the Committee on September 12th. We will meet monthly and provide regular updates to the Board.

5.8 June 13, 2017 In-Camera Board Meeting Summary

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

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

1. Evans Elementary – Vice Principal
2. Alternate Education – Principal
3. Property Acquisition 3
4. Property Acquisition 4
5. Class Size and Composition Update
6. HR Report
7. HR Staffing Report 2016/2017
8. Principal Vice Principal Assignments 2017/2018
9. BCPSEA Report

5.9 Future Board of Education Meeting Date

**Tuesday, October 3, 2017
7:00 pm
School District Office**

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Teacher Tammy McKinley discussed the difference between Professional Development and In-Service for teachers and asked why the district had a budgetary surplus.

CTA VP Ed Klettke commended the Board on the structure of the Reconfiguration – Implementation Advisory Committee and commented on the need to communicate information regarding reconfiguration with all parties. He also commended the Board on changing the Regular Meeting agenda items from “Public Participation” to “Question Period.”

Parent and DPAC VP Diane Braun also commented positively on the Board Meeting agenda change to "Question Period" and expressed disappointment that the Cheam parking lot was not worked on this summer, although staff have been very helpful to parents bringing their children to school. She was also pleased with the reductions in class sizes.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer