



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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, December 5, 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
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 7:00 p.m. - **Welcome and Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory.**

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

181.17 Moved by: Trustee Krahn
Seconded by: Trustee Dyck

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

182.17 Moved by: Trustee Patterson
Seconded by: Trustee Krahn

THAT the minutes of the November 28, 2017 Regular Public Board meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was received regarding teaching students in the district analytical and critical thinking skills. Board Chair Paul McManus answered that the Board has confidence in the professionalism and knowledge of the staff who work with students in the district.

3. ACTION ITEMS**3.1. Middle School Play Structures**

183.17 Moved by: Trustee Krahn
Seconded by: Trustee Coulter

THAT the Board of Education provide each Middle School (ADR, CMS, MSMS, VMS) with a base amount of \$75,000 for Middle School Play Structure capital costs. The district will install the structures.

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

3.2. Policy 514: Safe Schools

184.17 Moved by: Trustee Coulter
Seconded by: Trustee Krahn

THAT the Board of Education refer Policy 514 – Safe Schools and all other policies that reference the BC Human Rights Code back to the Education Policy Advisory Committee to consider having all the Grounds of Protection under the BC Human Rights Code explicitly listed in the policies.

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

4. INFORMATION ITEMS**4.1 Trustee Reports**

Trustee Dyck reported on the following:

- Attended the Employee Long Service Recognition November 30.

Trustee Krahn reported on the following:

- Attended the Employee Long Service Recognition November 30.
- Attended the Chair/Vice Chair Planning Meeting December 4.
- Visited McCammon Traditional on December 4 to observe their unique initiative around supporting the students' learning needs through Self-regulation. The students chose a learning space that works best for them from seven options of furniture. In addition, many rooms had light filters fastened to the ceiling to reduce glare and create a calm and peaceful atmosphere. Several classes also have strategically placed, dimly lit lamps to create comfortable learning environments.

- Attended a Christmas Concert at Mt. Slesse on December 4. Grades 7, 8 and 9 Bands performed.

Trustee McManus reported on the following:

- Recognized the work of the Child and Youth Committee, which he attends as an observer.

Trustee Patterson reported on the following:

- Attended the Employee Long Service Recognition November 30.
- Holiday wishes.

Trustee Neufeld reported on the following:

- Attended the Employee Long Service Recognition November 30.
- Working to create a new inclusiveness program.

4.2 November 28, 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. Appointment of Community Member – Budget Committee
2. Employee Engagement & Absence Support and Wellness
3. Human Resources Report
4. BCPSEA Report

4.3 Next Board of Education Meeting Date

**Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 16, 2017
7:00 pm
School District Office**

5. QUESTION PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS

Questions were received regarding pooling the funds for Middle School Play Structures in order to achieve efficiencies and provide similar equipment at all schools, Board collaboration with community partners around safe schools and Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, Board support for freedom of expression and creating a safe environment at Board Meetings, and plans to accommodate additional enrolment at Mount Slesse Middle School and Vedder Middle School

The following individuals provided their names:

1. Mohamed Rehmtulla
2. Christine Goodman – DPAC
3. Lee Anne Clarke – President CTA
4. Darren Stollings
5. Jenn Smith

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

- Middle Schools will collaborate with each other and PACS on plans for new play structures.
- Discussions with community partners regarding Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity are part of the Board's future plans.
- The Board continues to have discussions about freedom of speech and creating safe and inclusive environments.
- Classrooms will be repurposed and portable spaces will be added at Mount Slesse Middle School and Vedder Middle School to accommodate additional enrolment.
- Parents need to talk with teachers to learn more about teaching and other activities in classrooms.
- The District Strategic Plan supports the implementation of the redesigned provincial curriculum, which also includes "increase students' abilities to apply critical, creative and reflective thinking."

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer