



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

<u>Date of Meeting:</u>	Tuesday, January 16, 2018
<u>Location:</u>	School District Office
Members Present:	Chair Mr. P. McManus Vice-Chair Mr. W. Krahn Trustee Mr. D. Coulter Trustee Mrs. H. Maahs Trustee Mr. B. Neufeld Trustee Mr. B. Patterson
Member Absent:	Trustee Mrs. S. Dyck (Medical Leave)
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.**

Board Chair McManus informed the public of Trustee Dyck's Medical Leave of Absence for the next number of months, which was approved by the Board during its In-Camera Meeting.

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

5.18 Moved by: Trustee Krahn
Seconded by: Trustee Coulter

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

6.18 Moved by: Trustee Neufeld
Seconded by: Trustee Krahn

THAT the minutes of the December 5, 2017 Special Regular Board meeting (Elections) and December 5, 2017 Regular Public Board meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Board Chair McManus read the "Board of Education Message in Support of Students, Staff and SOGI 123," which is posted on the School District Website.

2. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions were received regarding:

- Trustee remuneration
- Bullying
- Support for the Chair of DPAC
- Censure of Trustee Neufeld
- Community trust in the Board
- The Board's responsibilities under the School Act and the Human Rights Code

The following individuals provided their names:

1. Clara Luper
2. Paul Ericson
3. Morgane Oger

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

- All Trustees are currently receiving remuneration
- The Board has confidence that educators are dealing effectively with bullying
- The Board is working towards maintaining a positive relationship with parents and DPAC
- Trustee Neufeld has not been censured
- The Board's primary concern is student success and the Board continues to work with partners in education to achieve student success, including live streaming of Board Meetings and Board Committees with community membership
- The Board will seek clarification of its responsibilities under the School Act and Human Rights Code

3. PRESENTATION – GW GRAHAM & EDUCATION CENTRE – UFV PARTNERSHIP

Principals Chuck Lawson and Sean Wicker and Teacher Ryan Pastorchik provided a presentation on the GW Graham & Education Centre partnership with the University of the Fraser Valley.

The Explore Trades program started at the Education Centre in September 2015. This year the program expanded to GW Graham Middle Secondary School with two cohorts of sixteen students participating in the program. Explore Trades is an experience-based learning program that includes a partnership with the University of the Fraser Valley. Cohorts of students are enrolled in classes at the UFV Trades Centre for a 12-week program. The program enables students to experience various trades programs offered at UFV. The UFV experience is enhanced at the

Education Centre and GW Graham by students building on their skill set with real-world trades experiences at school and throughout our community.

Presentation:

1. Overview of partnerships with UFV
2. Review of data for the Explore Trades program and graduation rates at the Education Centre
3. Work Experience and the Regional Career Program enhancing the UFV partnership
4. Advantages to accessing the UFV facilities and the strength in having students attending classes at a post-secondary school
5. Sharing student experiences

The development of the Explore Trades program has been a team effort. Members of the team include teachers Ryan Pastorchik and Steve Link, Education Assistants James Braun and Fritz Atkinson, the administration teams from the Education Centre and GW Graham, UFV instructor David Huesken, Associate Dean of Applied and Technical Studies Rolf Arnold, school district maintenance leaders and, of course, our students. As we go forward, we hope to continue building the team and maintaining the district's support.

4. **ACTION ITEMS**

4.1. **Motion to Suspend Meeting**

7.18 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education suspend the meeting.

DEFEATED

For: Trustee Maahs, Trustee Neufeld

Opposed: Trustee Coulter, Trustee Krahn, Trustee McManus, Trustee Patterson

4.2. **2018 – 2019 Local School Calendar – Public Feedback**

8.18 Moved by: Trustee Krahn
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education approve the Draft 2018–2019 Local School Calendar as outlined, for feedback from employees, parents and public.

CARRIED

5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

5.1 **Strategic Plan Update – Student Achievement Data**

Assistant Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam and Directors of Instruction Janet Hall and Kirk Savage provided a Strategic Plan Update as it relates to the following priorities:

Priority	Improving student achievement and well-being through high quality instruction. (Instruction)		
Goal	All students to meet or exceed grade level expectations in literacy and numeracy.		
Outcome/Measure	Description	Baseline Value	Target Value
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provincial Assessments ✓ Graduation Rates ✓ District Literacy Assessments ✓ District Numeracy Assessment(s) 	Current Provincial Assessments Current District & School Graduation Rates RAD 3: NYM - 5%, FM/E - 64% RAD 6: NYM - 5%, FM/E - 55% RAD 8: NYM – TBD, FM/E - 52% PM Benchmarks (Gr. 2): NYM - 12%, FM/E - 75% PM Benchmarks (Gr. 3): NYM - 10%, FM/E - 78% Develop District Measures	Achievement At or Above Provincial Average Achievement At or Above Provincial Average RAD 3: NYM-2%, FM/E-75% RAD 6: NYM – 2%, FM/E – 65% RAD 8: NYM – TBD, FM/E – 65% PM Benchmarks (Gr. 2): NYM – 5%, FM/E – 85% PM Benchmarks (Gr. 3): NYM-2%, FM/E - 85% Develop District Measures

The report detailed student achievement data from the 2016/2017 school year. The data was focused on the measures identified in the Strategic Plan in relation to our priority of ***“Improving Student Achievement and Well Being Through High Quality Instruction.”*** Included in the report was a summary analysis of the data as well as an overview of actions taken by staff to address concerning trends.

5.2 **BCSTA Report**

Trustee Coulter provided an update on the BC School Trustees' Association.

5.3 **Superintendent's Report**

With the start of a new year, Superintendent Novak took the opportunity to provide some highlights regarding the Year in Review September 2017 – December 2017:

- Reconfiguration
- Online E-Registration
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Curriculum Implementation Grades 10-12
- Restored Collective Agreement Language
- Facilities – Promontory Addition

5.4 Trustee Reports

Trustee Krahn reported on the following:

- December 13th – Christmas Concert at Unsworth Elementary.
- December 15th – Christmas Sing-A-Long at Cheam Elementary.
- December 20th – Christmas Concert at East Chilliwack Elementary.
- December 21st – Christmas Concert at Cultus Lake.
- January 15th – Attended Chair/Vice-Chair Planning Meeting.
- January 15th – Attended the SOGI 123 Information Session.
- January 15th – Visited Sardis Secondary to develop a plan with Dan Heisler for Liaison, including meeting with Leadership Students.
- January 16 – Visited Promontory Heights to connect with Administration and tour the new addition.

5.5 December 5, 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. 2018 – 2019 Local School Calendar
2. PVP Administration Time
3. Human Resources Report

5.6 Next Board of Education Meeting Date

**Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 30, 2018
7:00 pm
School District Office**

6. QUESTION PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS

Questions were received regarding:

- Avenues in the district for gifted students
- Environmental education programs
- Tracking of students from ITA and apprenticeship programs

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

- Students are assessed when they present as gifted and teachers receive support in teaching gifted students

- The district is working on several outdoor education options and looks forward to implementing more opportunities for students
- The district will look into data regarding outcomes for students in ITA and apprenticeship programs

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer