



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

<b><u>Date of Meeting:</u></b>	Tuesday, February 27, 2018
<b><u>Location:</u></b>	School District Office
<b>Members Present:</b>	Chair Mr. P. McManus Vice-Chair Mr. W. Krahn Trustee Mr. D. Coulter Trustee Mr. B. Neufeld Trustee Mr. B. Patterson
<b>Member Absent:</b>	Trustee Mrs. S. Dyck (Medical Leave) Trustee Mrs. H. Maahs (Illness)
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Superintendent Ms. E. Novak Secretary Treasurer Mr. G. Slykhuis Assistant Superintendent Mr. R. Arul-pragasam Director of Human Resources Ms. T. Ilersich Assistant Secretary Treasurer Mr. M. Friesen Executive Assistant Ms. D. Vogel

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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 7:00 p.m. - **Welcome and Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory.**

**1.2. Adoption of the Agenda**

**41.18** Moved by: Trustee Krahn  
Seconded by: Trustee Patterson

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**1.3. Approval of the Minutes**

**42.18** Moved by: Trustee Neufeld  
Seconded by: Trustee Krahn

THAT the minutes of the February 13, 2018 Regular Public Board meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**2. QUESTION PERIOD**

Questions:

- Sandy Devenney – how and when will a Challenge to Learning Resources be processed?
- Gail Tremeer, Fraser Valley Distance Education School PAC – are out of area students currently enrolled at FVDES going to be able to remain in their programs as the school shifts to focus on local students? Will distance learning only continue to be an option for students?

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

- The Challenge to Learning Resources was accepted by Superintendent Evelyn Novak. District staff will review and respond.
- Out of area students currently enrolled at FVDES will be able to continue until they complete their programs.
- The availability of distance learning options at FVDES will be determined on an individual student basis.

**3. ACTION ITEMS**

**3.1. Chilliwack Secondary Board/Authority Authorized Courses**

**43.18**

Moved by: Trustee Krahn  
Seconded by: Trustee Coulter

THAT the Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized Course:  
Construction Electrical 10.

THAT the Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized Course:  
Construction Electrical 11.

THAT the Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized Course:  
Construction Electrical 12.

THAT the Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized Course:  
Mindfulness and Movement 11.

THAT the Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized Course: Small  
Ensemble Performance 9-12.

THAT the Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized Course: Principles  
of Strength Training 11-12.

THAT the Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized Course: Table  
Tennis Skills 10-12.

**CARRIED**

For: McManus, Krahn, Coulter, Patterson  
Abstained: Neufeld

**3.2. Amendment to Chilliwack Secondary Board/Authority Authorized Courses**

**44.18** Moved by: Trustee Neufeld  
Seconded by: Trustee McManus

THAT the Board of Education remove Board/Authority Authorized Course: Mindfulness and Movement 11 from the list of courses to be approved.

**DEFEATED**

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

**3.3. Policy 234: Budget Monitoring and Reporting**

**45.18** Moved by: Trustee Coulter  
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education approve Board Policy 234 – Budget Monitoring and Reporting as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3.4. Board Regulation 234.1: Budget Monitoring and Reporting**

**46.18** Moved by: Trustee Krahn  
Seconded by: Trustee Coulter

THAT the Board of Education approve Board Regulation 234.1 – Budget Monitoring and Reporting as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3.5. 2018 Middle Years Development Instrument**

**47.18** Moved by: Trustee Coulter  
Seconded by: Trustee Krahn

THAT the Board of Education approve the participation of the Chilliwack School District in the Grades 4 and 7 Middle Years Development Instrument.

**CARRIED**

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

**4. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**4.1 Reconfiguration – Implementation Advisory Committee Report**

Committee Co-Chairs Trustee Bob Patterson and Superintendent Evelyn Novak provided a summary of the February 20, 2018 Reconfiguration – Implementation Advisory Committee meeting.

#### **4.2 Fraser Valley Distance Education School Update**

Assistant Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam provided an update on plans for the Fraser Valley Distance Education School.

#### **4.3 BCSTA Report**

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

#### **4.4 Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Evelyn Novak reported on the following:

- Pro-D Day February 23, 2018 – very well attended by teachers, support staff, HR, Finance/Accounting, informative and inspiring.
- Reconfiguration – staffing process proceeding as planned, grades 5 and 6 student transitions are planned, Elementary School assessment and progress reporting under consideration, Middle School parent information nights well attended, information evenings/open houses at Secondary Schools.
- Local School Calendar 2018-2019 – 3,583 survey responses with 85% supporting 2-week Spring Break, no further requests from CTA to meet regarding changing the calendar.

#### **4.5 Trustee Reports**

**Trustee Coulter reported on the following:**

- Attended the February Aboriginal Education Committee Meeting and learned about a pole that is being carved that tells the story of the "Lost Boys," Sto:lo boys who were kidnapped and taken to the United States as slaves. The carver lives in Chilliwack and the pole has been taken to several Chilliwack schools where students have been able to participate in the carving.

**Trustee Krahn reported on the following:**

- Feb. 19 and 26: Attended Chair/Vice Chair Agenda Planning Meetings with Senior Admin.
- Feb.15: Attended the Parent Information Night on Reconfiguration at Mount Slesse Middle
- Feb. 15: Attended a Senior Boys' Basketball Game at GW Graham, GW won the game in overtime.
- Feb. 19: Attended the Parent Information Night on Reconfiguration held at Vedder Middle.
- Feb. 27: Attended the 20th Annual Strongman Competition at Sardis Secondary. This is a week-long competition held each day at lunch hour (11:02am).
- Feb. 27: Attended the Sardis Secondary Grade 12 Leadership Class to connect with Student leaders who shared their many projects implemented and/or planned.
- Congratulations to the GW Graham's Senior Girls and Senior Boys Basketball Teams.

**Trustee McManus**

- GW Graham girls' basketball won the Fraser Valley Championship last week and are playing in the Provincial Championship this week.
- GW Graham Music Department participated in a Jazz Festival and won in Vox and Senior Jazz.
- Recognition of staff and students who participate in these activities.

**Trustee Patterson reported on the following:**

- Attended the Reconfiguration Community Meetings at MSMS on Feb. 15 and RTMS on Feb. 21.
- Introduced Superintendent Evelyn Novak and Principals Shawna Petersen and Leslie Waddington at the Chilliwack Rotary Meeting Club on Feb. 16. Their presentation highlighted the “happenings” within our School District.
- Cheered the GWG Senior Boys’ Basketball team in their game against MEI on Feb. 15. GW won their game in overtime. Recognition of volunteer coaches.
- Co-Chaired the Reconfiguration – Implementation Advisory Committee on Feb. 20
- Chaired the CHC Committee Meeting on Thursday, Feb. 27.

#### **4.6 February 13, 2018 In-Camera Board Meeting Summary**

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

Member Absent: Trustee Silvia Dyck (Medical Leave)

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

1. Fraser Valley Distance Education School Update
2. Draft 2018-2019 Local School Calendar Update
3. Human Resources Report
4. BCPSEA Report

#### **4.7 Next Board of Education Meeting Date**

**Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, March 13, 2018  
7:00 pm  
School District Office**

### **5. QUESTION PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Questions:

- Gail Tremeer, Fraser Valley Distance Education School PAC – questioned parent engagement in the transition of the school.
- Susan Horton, FVDES parent – the transition at the school is having an impact on students.
- Tammy McKinley, grade 4 teacher – what is the impact of the Middle Years Development Instrument results?
- Jackie Row, former FVDES speech pathologist – what resources will be provided for special needs students at FVDES?
- Sandy Devenney – are parents able to access the results of the Middle Years Development Instrument? Is cyber bullying being addressed in the surveys?
- Mohamed Rehmtulla – could mindfulness be established as a lunch time club at schools so that more students can benefit?

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

- The Board and staff recognize the challenges associated with changes planned for Fraser Valley Distance Education school and are working in the best interests of Chilliwack students.
- The MDI results give the district important information about students and can also be used to engage with the Ministry of Child and Family Development.

- The MDI surveys are available on line (<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/parent-guardian-resources/>) and confidential results are shared with principals. If required, school counselors would connect with parents and the Ministry of Child and Family Development.
- Cyber bullying is being addressed in the MDI surveys.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer