



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

<b><u>Date of Meeting:</u></b>	Tuesday, March 13, 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 Mrs. H. Maahs Trustee Mr. B. Neufeld Trustee Mr. B. Patterson
<b>Member Absent:</b>	Trustee Mrs. S. Dyck (Medical Leave)
<b>Staff Present:</b>	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

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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 7:04 p.m. - **Welcome and Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory.**

**1.2. Amendment of the Agenda**

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

That the agenda be amended to delete Action Item 3.1 Local School Calendar Approval.

**CARRIED**

**1.3. Adoption of the Agenda**

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

That the agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED****1.4. Approval of the Minutes**

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

THAT the minutes of the February 27, 2018 Regular Public Board meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED****2. QUESTION PERIOD**

Questions:

- Lee-Anne Clarke, CTA President, asked about consultation on the presumed closure of C.H.A.N.C.E. Shxwetilthet Alternate.
- Amanda Klassen, C.H.A.N.C.E. Shxwetilthet Alternate PAC President, asked what would happen to students who have difficulty functioning in a regular school or distance education.
- Kale Pennington, Sardis Secondary student and with the student newspaper, asked whether the proposed Local School Calendar had been approved.

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

- C.H.A.N.C.E. Shxwetilthet Alternate is not closing. An information report with details of supports available to Middle and Secondary students will be provided later in the meeting.
- The Board has asked the Superintendent for more information regarding the Local School Calendar.

**3. INFORMATION ITEMS****3.1 Alternative Education Redesign**

Superintendent Evelyn Novak provided information regarding Alternative Education Redesign.

**3.2 BCSTA Report**

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

**3.3 Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Evelyn Novak reported on the following:

- Southside School – planning continues as the district awaits provincial funding; the district received four responses to the Request for Qualifications.
- Middle School Advisory – Chilliwack Middle Schools are committed to fostering authentic, respectful relationships, and ensuring that every student has at least one adult advocate.
- FV Skills Canada - UFV Chilliwack Campus March 1; all Secondary Schools attended and a number of medals were won by Chilliwack students.

**3.4 Trustee Reports**

**Trustee Krahn reported on the following:**

- March 7 and 12 – attended the Chair/Vice Chair Meetings to plan agendas with Senior Administrators.
- March 9 and 10 – attended the BC High School Basketball Championships at the Langley Events Center. Again, full accolades to all basketball team members and their coaches.
- March 12 – visited Cheam Elementary. This September will mark Cheam's fifth year of Early French Immersion, with Cheam offering EFI from K to Grade 5.
- March 12 – visited Cultus Lake Community School where staff are working on a School-wide Reading Strategy as well as providing Outdoor Education Opportunities.

**Trustee Maahs reported on the following:**

- Attended the Evans Elementary PAC meeting – parents are concerned about left turn barriers on Evans Road.
- Attended Cheam Elementary where French Canadian dancing was being taught to students.
- Attended the Chilliwack Bursary/Scholarship Donor Recognition Dinner on March 8. Thank you to all the generous donors.
- The Education Centre does not have a PAC and is, therefore, not eligible for Gaming funds. Interested parents are encouraged to form a PAC.
- Attended the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting on March 12.

**Trustee Neufeld reported on the following:**

- Has been engaged in research and undertook a speaking tour last week.

**Trustee Patterson reported on the following:**

- Attended the Chilliwack Bursary/Scholarship Donor Recognition Dinner on March 8. Special thanks to our community for your continued support of our high school graduates by offering numerous bursaries and scholarships.
- Wishing all staff and students a well-deserved Spring Break next week. It has been an extremely busy 2017/2018 school year.

**3.5 February 27, 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. Property Acquisition
2. Strategic Staffing Plan 2018 – 2019
3. Alternate Education Planning Update
4. Human Resources Report
5. BCPSEA Report

**3.6 Next Board of Education Meeting Date**

**Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 10, 2018  
7:00 pm  
School District Office**

**4. QUESTION PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Questions:

- Lee-Anne Clarke, CTA President, asked how students will be served by Alternative Education Design.
- Justine Hodge, DPAC President, asked who has the authority to changes decisions made by the Board of Education.
- Vernise Calimli, former C.H.A.N.C.E. Shxwetilthet Alternate parent, asked if the student supports currently available to students will be available at the Education Centre and what transition supports will be available for students.
- Gail Tremeer, Fraser Valley Distance Education PAC, asked how the district will ensure that middle school students receive the supports they require.
- Mohamed Rehmtulla asked if other districts had designed their alternative education systems in a similar manner.
- Joseph Roberts, C.H.A.N.C.E. Shxwetilthet Alternate student, asked if middle school students would have similar supports after the Alternative Education Redesign.
- Amanda Klassen, C.H.A.N.C.E. Shxwetilthet Alternate PAC President, asked how students in need would be identified in middle schools.

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

- The Board of Education supports the district approach to Alternative Education Design.
- Alternative Education Redesign aligns with the belief that all middle school learners will succeed through developmentally appropriate educational experiences by ensuring access to multiple support systems to meet their diverse academic, social and emotional needs. This includes additional Inclusion staffing at each Middle School, along with Counselor staffing at Middle Schools connected to their Family of Elementary schools.
- The Education Centre will continue to provide supports similar to those currently at C.H.A.N.C.E. Shxwetilthet Alternate.
- Abbotsford has a similar middle school structure to what the Chilliwack school district is implementing in fall 2018 and middle school students are supported at their schools.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer