



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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Location: 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

Regrets:

Trustee	Mr. B. Patterson
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Member Absent:

Trustee	Mrs. S. Dyck (Medical Leave)
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Staff Present:

Superintendent	Ms. E. Novak
Secretary Treasurer	Mr. G. Slykhuis
Assistant Superintendent	Mr. R. Arul-pragasam
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. **Amendment to the Agenda**

72.18 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

That the agenda be amended to add the motion: THAT the Board of Education immediately suspend Board Planning Meetings.

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

1.3. **Adoption of the Agenda**

73.18 Moved by: Trustee Krahn

Seconded by: Trustee Coulter

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**For: Coulter, Krahn, McManus
Opposed: Maahs, Neufeld**

1.4. Approval of the Minutes

74.18

Moved by: Trustee Coulter
Seconded by: Trustee Krahn

THAT the minutes of the April 10, 2018 Regular Public Board meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. QUESTION PERIOD

The Chair called for questions from the public.

Questions were received from the public regarding:

- C.H.A.N.C.E. Shxwetilthet Alternate School.

3. PRESENTATION – CHILLIWACK MUSEUM CLASSROOM IN RESIDENCE

Stephanie Clinton and Matthew Francis of the Chilliwack Museum, teachers Lisa VanDalfsen and David Barnum, and students Owen Alfred and Connor Charest presented to the Board of Education on the Chilliwack Museum Classroom in Residence.

The Chilliwack Museum and Archives launched the Classroom in Residence program this school year along with two SD33 classes. The program was designed after the Campus Calgary/Open Minds program that has been using local locations for learning spaces for over two decades. The importance of using the community as a learning environment is strongly supported by OECD research and is embedded in the renewed BC curriculum. The residency provided local students and teachers the opportunity to move their classroom into the Chilliwack Museum and community for a full week of interactive and place-based learning. Museum staff works collaboratively with teachers to design the week to fit the needs of their students. Although teachers decide the direction of the residency, museum staff assists in coordinating community activities, guest speakers and gathering resources to use during the week.

The Classroom in Residence pilot project students came out of their week at the museum with a better understanding of their local history and a stronger connection to their community. Not only do they have a better of understanding of the historic resources available in Chilliwack, but they can also make connections between the present and the past in their city.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Security/Emergency Procedures at Schools

Director of Facilities Al Van Tassel provided an update on what is being done to enhance security in the district.

Director of Instruction Janet Hall provided information on emergency procedures at schools.

4.2 BCSTA Report

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

4.3 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Evelyn Novak reported on the following:

- Middle School Play Structures – four Middle Schools with play structures, Vedder Middle is currently being installed and will be completed, Chilliwack Middle, AD Rundle and Mount Slesse are on order, delivery in 4 weeks with site prep being done.
- Celebrating Students and Staff – Mount Slesse Middle School won the Pascal Math Contest for their Zone, competing with schools from Hope to Abbotsford, one of the most prestigious Math Contests nationwide. This is the sixth time in recent years that Mount Slesse has had the distinction of this First Place honour. Four students placed within the top 25%.
- Celebrating Students and Staff – 10 students won Skills Canada medals. Those that received Gold will represent our Region and District, and will compete in the Canadian Finals in Edmonton June 4, 5.
- Partners in Learning – Strathcona Elementary School Grade 3 Project Bats and Bat Houses was highlighted. Connections were made to the David Suzuki Foundation, which provided Foundation elders working with students and creating a Song about Bat facts. VMS students cut the lumber for the students to construct the Bat Houses and on May 4 the City of Chilliwack will work with students to place the Bat Houses in Fairfield Island Park.
- Promontory Addition - project is on time and on budget, with sidewalks scheduled for pouring next week.

4.4 Trustee Reports

Trustee Krahn reported on the following:

- Attended two Chair/Vice Chair Agenda Planning Meetings with Senior Administration.
- April 19 – attended the Public Budget Presentation.
- April 23 – visited Vedder Middle.

Trustee Maahs reported on the following:

- With the Board Chair, participated in the PVP interview committee.
- Meeting with teachers.
- Visited C.H.A.N.C.E. Shxwetelilthet Alternate and Fraser Valley Distance Education School.

4.5 April 10, 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, Donna Vogel

1. Southside School Planning Update
2. PVP Recruitment/Selection Process
3. HR Report
4. BCPSEA Report

4.6 Next Board of Education Meeting Date

**Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2018
7:00 pm
School District Office**

5. QUESTION PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS

The Chair called for questions from the public regarding agenda items.

Questions were received from the public regarding:

- Emergency Procedures

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer