



**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
School District #33 (Chilliwack)  
Regular Public Board Meeting  
AGENDA  
March 12, 2019  
7:00 pm**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER – School District Office**

- 1.1. Call to Order - **Welcome and acknowledgment of Stó:lō territory**
- 1.2. Adoption of the Agenda  
(THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.)
- 1.3. Approval of the Minutes  
(THAT the minutes of the February 26, 2019 Regular Public Board be approved as circulated.)

**2. PRESENTATION**

- 2.1. Strategic Plan Update: Fraser Valley Distance Education

**3. ACTION ITEMS**

- 3.1. 2019 – 2020 Local School Calendar
- 3.2. Policy 534: Student Dress Code
- 3.3. Policy 214: Planning Meetings
- 3.4. Policy 215: Rules of Order

**4. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 4.1. BCSTA Report
- 4.2. Trustee Reports
- 4.3. Meeting Summary
- 4.4. **Next Board of Education Meeting: April 9, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**



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

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019

**Location:** School District Office

**Members Present:**

Chair	Mr. D. Coulter
Vice-Chair	Ms. W. Reichelt
Trustee	Dr. D. Furgason
Trustee	Mr. J. Mumford
Trustee	Mr. D. Swankey
Trustee	Mrs. H. Maahs
Trustee	Mr. B. Neufeld

**Staff Present:**

Acting Superintendent	Mr. R. Arul-pragasam
Secretary Treasurer	Mr. G. Slykhuis
Acting Assistant Superintendent	Mr. K. Savage
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 7:01 p.m. - **Welcome and Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory.**

**1.2. Adoption of the Agenda**

**38.19** Moved by: Trustee Reichelt  
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**1.3. Approval of the Minutes**

**39.19** Moved by: Trustee Furgason  
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the minutes of the January 29, 2019 Regular Public Board meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**2. QUESTION PERIOD**

The Chair called for questions from the public.

Questions were received regarding:

- Proposed Integrated Arts School.
- Proposed changes to Policy 220: Question Period.
- Class size and composition.
- Vaping.
- Hiring processes in the district.
- Pink Shirt Day.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1. PRESENTATION – STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: SECURITY/VANDALISM**

Al VanTassel, Director of Facilities and Transportation, provided information on the vandalism that has occurred in the district from January – December 2018 as well as an update on the Strategic Plan as it relates to the following:

<b>Priority</b>	Aligning and allocating resources, equitably, responsibly and effectively, to support goals and key initiatives. <b>(Resources)</b>
<b>Goal</b>	To align resources to efficiently and effectively execute the strategic plan.
<b>Strategies</b>	
<b>3. Review of Operations Department Asset Management</b>	
To ensure protection of District assets and manage risks around those assets.	

**3.2. PRESENTATION – STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: PORTABLES/SPACE PLANNING**

Al VanTassel, Director of Facilities and Transportation, provided information on portables and space planning in the district as well as an update on the Strategic Plan as it relates to the following:

<b>Priority</b>	Aligning and allocating resources, equitably, responsibly and effectively, to support goals and key initiatives. <b>(Resources)</b>
<b>Goal</b>	To align resources to efficiently and effectively execute the strategic plan.
<b>Strategies</b>	
<b>4. Review of Operations Department Asset Management</b>	
To ensure protection of District assets and manage risks around those assets.	

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

**4.1. Public Consultation on Integrated Arts School**

40.19 Moved by: Trustee Coulter  
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Board of Education approve the public consultation meetings and agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

4.2. **Policy 204: Governance Principles**

41.19 Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Board of Education approve revised Policy 204: Governance Principles as presented.

42.19 Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Board of Education amend revised Policy 204: Governance Principles as follows: change #2 to "The Board establishes long-term vision, provides clear direction through policy and monitors results through reporting from staff through the Superintendent" and change #7 to "Trustees will come to Board meetings with open minds and consider the opinions of each member of the Board in making informed decisions."

**CARRIED**  
For: Coulter, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey  
Opposed: Furgason

43.19 Moved by: Trustee Furgason  
Seconded by: Trustee Not Seconded

THAT the Board of Education defer the motion to the next Board meeting.

**FAILED**

44.19 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt  
Seconded by: Trustee Coulter

THAT the Board of Education further amend revised Policy 204: Governance Principles as follows: combine #5 and #6 into #5 "The Board will operate in an open and transparent manner for its public and debate on agenda items will be carried out only at Board meetings."

**CARRIED**  
For: Coulter, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey  
Abstained: Furgason

45.19 Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Board of Education approve revised Policy 204: Governance Principles as amended.

**CARRIED**  
For: Coulter, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey  
Abstained: Furgason

**4.3. Policy 220: Question Period**

**46.19** Moved by: Trustee Reichelt  
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Board of Education approve revised Policy 220: Question Period as presented.

**47.19** Moved by: Trustee Coulter  
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Board of Education amend revised Policy 220: Question Period as follows:  
replace "the school district" with "the agenda" in the second paragraph.

**CARRIED**

**For: Coulter, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey  
Abstained: Furgason**

**48.19** Moved by: Trustee Furgason  
Seconded by: No Seconder

THAT the Board of Education defer the motion to the next meeting.

**FAILED**

**49.19** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Board of Education approve revised Policy 220: Question Period as amended.

**CARRIED**

**For: Coulter, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey  
Abstained: Furgason**

**4.4. Policy 211: Regular Public Meetings**

**50.19** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Board of Education approve revised Policy 211: Regular Public Meetings as presented.

**CARRIED**

**For: Coulter, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey  
Abstained: Furgason**

**51.19** Moved by: Trustee Reichelt  
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Board of Education amend revised Policy 211: Regular Public Meetings as follows: in #6 add "Requests for additions to the agenda, unless emergent, must be made 9 days prior to the Board Meeting" after "Secretary-Treasurer."

**DEFEATED**

**For: Coulter, Reichelt  
Opposed: Mumford, Swankey  
Abstained: Furgason**

**4.5. 2018 – 2019 Amended Annual Budget: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings**

**52.19** Moved by: Trustee Mumford  
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the Board of Education approve the second and third (final) readings of 2018-2019 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$158,828,055.

**CARRIED**

**4.6. Trustee Remuneration Advisory Committee**

**From January 29, 2019 Board Meeting**

**53.19** Moved by: Trustee Furgason  
Seconded by: Trustee Maahs

THAT the Board of Education increase the annual stipend for SD33 Trustees to \$25,000.

**DEFEATED**

**For: Furgason**

**Opposed: Coulter, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey**

**54.19** Moved by: Trustee Coulter  
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the Board of Education strike an Ad Hoc Committee of community members to recommend a new annual stipend for trustees and report to the Board.

**CARRIED**

**4.7. Portables Purchase**

**55.19** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the Board of Education approve the purchase of five (5) portables for the 2019/2020 school year in the amount of \$734,820.

**CARRIED**

**4.8. Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Right of Way**

**56.19** Moved by: Trustee Reichelt  
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Board of Education do nothing pending the approval of the pipeline expansion.

**CARRIED**

**For: Coulter, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey**

**Opposed: Furgason**

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**5.1 Appointment of Financial Auditor**

Assistant Secretary Treasurer Mark Friesen announced that KPMG is the successful tender for External Auditor for a five-year term effective with the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

**5.2 428.1 Administrative Regulation: Expenses**

Secretary Treasurer Gerry Slykhuis presented Administrative Regulation 428.1 for information.

**5.3 709.2 Administrative Regulation: Purchasing**

Assistant Secretary Treasurer Mark Friesen presented Administrative Regulation 709.2 for information.

#### **5.4 BCSTA Report**

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

#### **5.5 Trustee Reports**

##### **Trustee Furgason reported on the following:**

- Board of Education relations with the community.

##### **Trustee Mumford reported on the following:**

- Noted Chilliwack Healthier Community notice of the Connect Parent Group at Ann Davis Society.
- The Central Elementary 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary planning committee meeting has been moved to September 28, 2019.

##### **Trustee Reichelt reported on the following:**

- January 15: visited Vedder Elementary.
- January 19: attended screening of Gender Revolution and educational evening hosted by the Chilliwack Gender Support Network.
- January 30-31: attended BCSTA Leadership Training.

##### **Trustee Swankey reported on the following:**

- January 31: attended DPAC meeting.
- February 4: visited Rosedale and Little Mountain.
- February 7: attended Board dinner with CUPE.
- February 17: attended Family Day Powwow at CSS.
- February 19: attended screening of Gender Revolution and educational evening hosted by the Chilliwack Gender Support Network.
- February 20: attended Board dinner with CTA
- February 22: attended District Professional Development Day

##### **Trustee Coulter reported on the following:**

- Attended the Board dinners with CUPE and CTA.
- Attended the February 21 provincial Board Chairs meeting.
- Attended the February 22 provincial Partner Liaison Meeting.

#### **5.6 January 29, 2019 In-Camera Board Meeting Summary**

Trustees: Dan Coulter, Willow Reichelt, Darrell Furgason, Heather Maahs, Barry Neufeld, David Swankey

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Gerry Slykhuis, Tamara Ilersich, Donna Vogel

1. Student Achievement Data Audit
2. Audit Committee Report
3. Appointment of Financial Auditor
4. Suspend Regular Recording of Votes
5. Superintendent Medical Leave
6. Appointment of Acting Assistant Superintendents
7. Human Resources Report

**5.7 Next Board of Education Meeting Date**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2019  
7:00 pm  
School District Office**

**6. QUESTION PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS**

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

Questions were received regarding:

- Portables.
- Space for schools in Chilliwack.
- Urban Art project in the district.
- Revised Question Period.
- Previous external auditor.
- Compensation program for students who have to travel for sports, dance, etc.
- Cost of installing portables.
- Reimbursement of expenses for Trustees.
- Vandalism at schools.
- Criticism of individuals in the gallery.
- Trans Mountain Pipeline.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer



## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### PRESENTATION

**DATE:** March 12, 2019

**TO:** Board of Education

**FROM:** Diane Chapman, Vice Principal Fraser Valley Distance Education School

**RE:** **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – FRASER VALLEY DISTANCE EDUCATION SCHOOL (FVDES)**

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Diane Chapman, Vice Principal of FVDES, will provide an update on Distance Learning in the Chilliwack School District as it relates to the Strategic Plan and the following priority:

<b>Priority</b>	Strengthening meaningful relationships within and across schools, district and community to support success for students. <b>(Community &amp; Culture)</b>
<b>Goal</b>	To foster, develop and enhance quality partnerships to improve student experiences and learning outcomes.
<b>Strategy</b>	8. Renewed Vision for Distance Learning at SD33 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implement renewed vision for Distance Learning in the Chilliwack School District, with a focus on serving Chilliwack students.</li></ul>

#### **BACKGROUND:**

1. Background on FVDES to provide the context.
2. Changes to FVDES in 2017 – 2018.
3. Current status and update for FVDES.
4. Next Steps.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### DECISION REPORT

**DATE:** March 12, 2019  
**TO:** Board of Education  
**FROM:** Rohan Arul-pragasam, Acting Superintendent  
**RE:** **2019 – 2020 LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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Acting Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam will provide a Decision Report regarding the 2019 – 2020 Local School Calendar.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### DECISION REPORT

**DATE:** March 12, 2019  
**TO:** Board of Education  
**FROM:** Willow Reichelt, Board Vice-Chair  
**RE:** **POLICY 534: STUDENT DRESS CODE**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Board of Education recommends the adoption of the following policy and will seek feedback from partner groups via the Education Policy Advisory Committee.

#### 534 Policy: Student Dress Code

*The Board is committed to providing students with learning environments that are safe and inclusive. Students must show respect for everyone, and this does not change based on how someone is dressed. The Board believes that judgments on the appropriateness of student attire are best made by students and their families, because clothing choices reflect individual identity, cultural norms, and socio-economic factors and are intensely personal. Students may attend school and school-related functions in clothing of their choice, provided that it meets the following conditions:*

- 1. Conforms with the health and safety requirements for the intended activity.*
- 2. Does not promote drugs or alcohol.*
- 3. Does not display profanity.*
- 4. Does not display discriminatory language or images.*

*This policy does not apply to schools that have adopted school uniforms.*

#### **BACKGROUND:**

I believe that the dress codes in most of our schools currently contravene our safe schools policy because they discriminate on the basis of gender and socioeconomic factors, as well as body type.

#### 514 Policy: Safe Schools

*The Board is committed to providing safe schools and a positive climate for all members of the school community in which each member will be able to develop fully to their potential.*

*In accordance with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom, the British Columbia Human Rights Code and the district's collective agreements, the Board of Education values all of its students and employees without discrimination.*

*The Board expects members of the school community to treat others with respect and courtesy and to conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the respect of others in order to promote a safe and positive school climate.*

Some examples of discriminatory language from current dress codes:

Discriminatory based on gender:

- “Students are to not wear clothing that is overly revealing. Some examples of clothing that may not be acceptable are, bare midriffs, spaghetti straps and low necklines.”
- “Underwear, including bras and bra straps, are not to be showing. Clothing straps must be larger than, and cover, bra straps.”
- “Shirt straps should be wider than two finger widths. Skirts should cover to the mid-thigh. Choose shirts that cover bras and bra straps. Low neck lines and translucent (see through) blouses do not cover underwear appropriately.”
- “No halter tops. No spaghetti straps, exposed underwear, or exposed bra straps.”
- “Shirts must have a neckline to sufficiently cover the entire chest area (no cleavage).”

Discriminatory based on body type:

- “Shorts or skirts must be longer than the length of the students hand from their inseam.”
- “No very tight or revealing clothing.”

Discriminatory based on socioeconomic status:

- “We are a place of business and students are expected to demonstrate good judgment in terms of appropriate dress.”
- “Our policy aims to create a safe and respectful business-like atmosphere for staff and students.”
- “Students should dress sensibly in clothing that is appropriate to the school or work setting.”

Elementary examples that are solely to conform with middle school standards:

- “Cover-up clothing – 2 finger shoulder width on sleeveless tops, midriffs covered, shorts/skirts should be a moderate length.”
- “No spaghetti straps on clothing or bra straps showing (clothing straps should be two fingers wide).”

Consequences:

- “If clothing is inappropriate, the student will be required to change into something which is appropriate.”
- “Students arriving dressed inappropriately will be asked to change or may borrow a school T-Shirt.”

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### DECISION REPORT

**DATE:** March 12, 2019  
**TO:** Board of Education  
**FROM:** Dan Coulter, Board Chair  
**RE:** **POLICY 214: PLANNING MEETINGS**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 214: Planning Meetings as currently written.

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School District #33 (Chilliwack)**

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**214  
POLICY  
Planning Meetings**

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Planning meetings shall be convened as necessary throughout the year. The Chair, Vice Chair and Superintendent shall develop the agenda for these meetings.

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Cross Refs:

Adopted: January 15, 2008  
Reviewed: March 12, 2019  
Revised:

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### DECISION REPORT

**DATE:** March 12, 2019  
**TO:** Board of Education  
**FROM:** Dan Coulter, Board Chair  
**RE:** **POLICY 215: RULES OF ORDER**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 215: Rules of Order as currently written.

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School District #33 (Chilliwack)**

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**215  
POLICY  
Rules of Order**

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Procedural guidelines and points of order for all legally constituted meetings of the Board shall be governed firstly by the *School Act*, then Board policy, bylaw or regulation and thereafter by *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

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Cross Refs: [School Act](#)

Adopted: January 15, 2008  
Reviewed: March 12, 2019  
Revised:



## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### BOARD REPORT

**DATE:** March 12, 2019

**TO:** Board of Education

**FROM:** David Swankey, BCSTA Representative

**RE: BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION REPORT**

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This time is provided to discuss matters related to the British Columbia School Trustees' Association (BCSTA).

## MEETING SUMMARY

### **In-Camera Meeting – February 26, 2019**

Trustees: Dan Coulter, Willow Reichelt, Darrell Furgason, Jared Mumford, David Swankey

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Gerry Slykhuis, Tamara Ilersich, Donna Vogel

1. HR Report
2. BCPSEA Report