

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

School District #33 (Chilliwack)

Regular Public Board Meeting AGENDA

November 5, 2019

7:00 pm

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 October 22, 2019 Regular Board Meeting and the October 9, 2019 Special Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.)

2. PRESENTATION

2.1. Strategic Plan Update: Transportation

3. ACTION ITEMS

- 3.1. Budget Committee Report
- 3.2. Education Policy Advisory Committee Report
- 3.3. Policy 535: Provision of Menstrual Products
- 3.4. Policy 918: Fundraising
- 3.5. Public Participation at Regular Public Meetings

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 4.1. Quarterly Financial Report
- 4.2. Budget Timelines/Financial Reporting
- 4.3. Red Light Runners
- 4.4. BCSTA Report
- 4.5. Trustee Reports
- 4.6. Meeting Summaries: Committee of the Whole & In-Camera
- 4.7. Next Board of Education Meeting: November 26, 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, October 22, 2019

Location: School District Office

Members Present: Chair Mr. D. Coulter

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

Regrets: Trustee Dr. D. Furgason

Staff Present: Acting Superintendent Mr. R. Arul-pragasam

Secretary Treasurer Mr. G. Slykhuis
Assistant Secretary Treasurer Mr. M. Friesen
Acting Assistant Superintendent Ms. J. Hall

Director of Facilities & Transportation Mr. A. Van Tassel

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. Adoption of the Agenda

242.19 Moved by: Trustee Swankey

Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the agenda be amended to withdraw Action Item 3.2: Recognizing District History

& Heritage.

CARRIED

243.19 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt

Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

244.19 Moved by: Trustee Neufeld Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the minutes of the October 1, 2019 Regular Public Board Meeting and the October 9, 2019 Special Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1. PRESENTATION: STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE - CONTINUING EDUCATION

Priority	Strengthening meaningful relationships within and across schools, district and community to support success for students. (Community & Culture)			
Goal	All students to meet or exceed grade level expectations in literacy and numeracy.			
Strategy	Develop a Framework of Supporting Youth and Adults That Have Not Received Their			
2 / 1/12 37	Dogwood Diploma			
	 Review programs offered in the community and develop Continuing Education opportunities in consultation with community partners to support all learners. 			

- Sardis Secondary Teacher Darren Watt presented regarding the Adult Business
 Technical Certificate Program that he has developed and is currently being offered as a
 Continuing Education class in the evening at Sardis Secondary in partnership with the
 community.
- This specially designed program meets the needs of adult learners requiring a Grade 12 Adult Dogwood Diploma through self-paced evening classes twice a week. Students may also work ahead at home "online" with assistance from the instructor. Students may only require one or more of the following courses needed to get their Adult Dogwood while others may take five courses and receive dual credit for an Adult Business Technical Certificate. This certificate has similar course content to other one-year post-secondary certificate/diploma programs offered at public and private post-secondary institutions. The value of the SD#33 certificate to students and future employers is enhanced through earning Microsoft Specialist Certifications in MS Excel/Access/Word/PowerPoint.
- Program Structure
 - Math and English course credits:
 - Accounting 11 Math Credit
 - English 12 Focus on business
 - Any three of the following course credits:
 - Business Information Management 12 Microsoft Word/PowerPoint
 - Data Management 12 Microsoft Excel/Access
 - Accounting 12 Sage Simply Accounting Software (Receivables/Payables/Payroll/Inventory)
 - Marketing 12 Retail and Global Marketing and E-commerce

2. ACTION ITEMS

2.1. Red-Light-Runners

245.19 Moved by: Trustee Swankey

Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Board of Education, through the Superintendent, direct staff to draft a report to help inform the Board's advocacy for stricter enforcement and penalties for red-light-runners.

CARRIED

2.2. <u>Letter Grades</u>

246.19 Moved by: Trustee Maahs Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the Board of Education approve the following draft policy that ensures Letter Grades be presented as an option to parents in addition to anecdotal comments and sliding scale regardless of new curriculums or initiatives.

600 series - Via EPAC

Policy:

The board believes that in order to serve parents and students in reporting student achievement, all measures must be taken to provide transparent and fulsome information on each student and their ongoing skill development in reporting to families and guardians. Parents and Guardians will be made aware in advance of report cards being issued that, if they so choose, a letter grade will be issued in addition to the anecdotal comments provided in report cards.

DEFEATED

For: Maahs, Neufeld Opposed: Coulter, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey

4. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

4.1 Menstrual Product Update

Secretary Treasurer Gerry Slykhuis provided a further update on the provision of menstrual products in district schools.

4.2 BCSTA Report

Matters related to the British Columbia School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) were discussed.

4.3 Trustee Reports

Trustee Mumford reported on the following:

October 4: Visited GW Graham's GSA.

Trustee Reichelt reported on the following:

- October 10: Cross District Student Leadership Forum.
- October 17: BCSTA Board Chairs Meeting.
- October 18: BCSTA Partner Liaison Meeting.

Trustee Maahs reported on the following:

- Visit to Sardis Secondary Richardson Field, Garlic planting.
- Notice of Motion: That the board reinstate the first public participation where the people in the gallery can speak to any issues concerning the school district they wish.

Trustee Swankey reported on the following:

- October 10: DPAC PAC 101 night.
- October 14: Gender Support Network discussion with Chief Jimmie and Chief Epp.

Trustee Coulter reported on the following:

- Attended Board Chair-Vice Chair meetings.
- Attended Orange Shirt Day at MSMS.

4.4 Meeting Summaries

October 1, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting Summary

Trustees: Willow Reichelt, Darrell Furgason, Heather Maahs, Jared Mumford, Barry Neufeld, David Swankey

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Gerry Slykhuis, Janet Hall, Kirk Savage, Donna Vogel

- 1. Request to Present to Board Meeting: FVRD Waste Separation Bylaw 2020
- 2. Early Primary Assessments Presentation
- 3. Communicating Student Learning

October 1, 2019 In-Camera Meeting Summary

Trustees: Willow Reichelt, Darrell Furgason, Heather Maahs, Jared Mumford, Barry Neufeld, David Swankey

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

- 1. Property Update
- 2. TTOC Update
- 3. Public Sector Executive Compensation Report
- 4. HR Report
- 5. BCPSEA Report

4.5 Next Board of Education Meeting Date

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 7:00 pm School District Office

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

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

Questions were received regarding:

Measuring reading levels in elementary schools.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.	
	Board Chair
	Secretary-Treasurer

Appendix A: Trustee Activities

Trustee Mumford:

- October 4: Delivered apples for World Teacher Day CMS, FG Leary, Greendale, Sardis Elem, VMS, GWG, Strathcona.
- October 4: Visited GW Graham's GSA.
- October 5: Visited Principal Paula Gosal at CMS.
- October 7: Phone conference with DPAC Chair.
- October 9: Attended Special Board Meeting.
- October 10, 11: Visited CMS Afterschool (2:45 3:45).
- October 22: Chaired CHC Meeting.

Trustee Reichelt:

- October 2: Promontory Heights Community School visit.
- October 7: Tyson Elementary visit.
- October 10: Student Leadership Conference.
- October 10: Bernard Elementary visit.
- October 17: BCSTA Board Chairs Meeting.
- October 18: BCSTA Partner Liaison Meeting.

Trustee Maahs:

- Visit to Sardis Secondary Richardson Field, Garlic planting.
- Visited Rosedale Traditional Community school.
- Attended City Council Meeting.

Trustee Swankey reported on the following:

- October 3: Attended the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting at City Hall Notably, School Zones and School Bus Safety were addressed at roundtable.
- October 3: Attended the BC Housing hosted open house at Ruth and Naomi's.
- October 4: Joined the board in observing World Teacher Day Stopped in at Robertson, CSS, ADR, Vedder Elementary, Watson, and Yarrow.
- October 5: Attended CSS Observed the Human Services Career Enrichment Program; exciting program that is done in partnership with UFV engaging Grade 10-12 students in classes that are both in the regular school schedule and off-timetable.
- October 5: Attended the City of Chilliwack Safety Fair.
- October 7: Attended the CSS PAC meeting and AGM.
- October 9: Toured the Portal.
- October 9: Attended the Special Board Meeting.
- October 10: Attended the DPAC hosted, PAC 101 night A positive evening with a great deal
 of information presented; thank you to DPAC for the work to support individual PACs and to
 all our volunteers that contribute to their school community.
- October 15: Attended the Gender Support Network discussion with Chief Jimmie and Chief Epp; it was an opportunity to discuss and ask questions about crosswalks and about inclusion more broadly; I greatly appreciated the opportunity to be a guest.
- October 15: Attended the regular meeting of City Council.



PRESENTATION REPORT

DATE: November 5, 2019

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Wayne Williams, Manager of Transportation

Al Van Tassel, Director of Facilities and Transportation

RE: STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: TRANSPORTATION

Wayne Williams and Al Van Tassel will provide a presentation on student transportation as it relates to the Strategic Plan.

Pric		Aligning and allocating resources, equitably, responsibly and effectively, to support goals and key initiatives. (<i>Resources</i>)
	Goal	Align resources to efficiently and effectively execute the strategic plan



DECISION REPORT

DATE: November 05, 2019

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Jared Mumford, Budget Committee Chair

RE: BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board of Education receive the Budget Committee Meeting Report of October 24, 2019 as presented.

Minutes



REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Meeting Held Thursday, October 24, 2019 – 4:00 p.m. School District Office

Attendance:

Committee Members: Jared Mumford Trustee (Acting Chair)

Darrell Furgason Trustee Willow Reichelt Trustee

Daisy Dai Community Rep

Dale Obirek CUPE
Danielle Bennett CTA
Michelle McGrath DPAC

Allan Van Tassel Management Group
Muskan Gill Student Rep – SSS
Tatiana Hochstetter Student Rep – SSS
Mace MacGowan Student Rep – CSS

Staff: Gerry Slykhuis Secretary Treasurer

Mark Friesen Assistant Secretary Treasurer Talana McInally Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Regrets: Rohan Arul-pragasam Acting Superintendent

Jessica Clarke DPAC

Gail Point Ab Ed Advisory Committee

Gabe D'Archangelo CPVPA

Also in Attendance: David Swankey Trustee

Heather Maahs Trustee

1. Call to Order

Chair Mumford called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Welcome and Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mover: Willow Reichelt Seconder: Dale Obirek

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Mover: Allan Van Tassel Seconder: Willow Reichelt

THAT the minutes of the May 9, 2019 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Committee Representation - Introductions

Jared Mumford, Chair, reviewed the committee's partner representation for 2019/20 and introductions were made.

5. **Committee Orientation**

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer, Mark Friesen reviewed the Committee's Terms of Reference and the meeting dates and agenda items for the year. He also reviewed Policy 234, Budget Monitoring and Reporting.

6. Review of 2018/19 Year-end results

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the Quarterly Financial Report of July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 identifying and explaining any significant variances in revenue and expenses. The Assistant Secretary Treasurer provided an explanation of the Services and Supplies.

The Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of the Reserve Summary including an explanation of unrestricted and restricted reserves. At June 30, 2019 the District shows an overall balance of approximately \$2.2 million in unrestricted reserves.

7. <u>Budget Timelines/Financial Reporting</u>

The 2019/20 Budget Timelines were reviewed by the Secretary Treasurer explaining the Amended and Preliminary budget items to be brought to the Budget Committee and then to the Board of Education prior to meeting Ministry deadlines.

8. September Quarterly Financial Report

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Quarterly Financial Report of September 30, 2019 reviewing the revenue and expense items and providing an explanation of the significant variances. This report is based on the Preliminary Budget. The Assistant Secretary Treasurer provided a breakdown on Services and Supplies.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.



DECISION REPORT

DATE: November 5, 2019

TO: Board of Education

FROM: David Swankey, Committee Chair

RE: EDUCATION POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board of Education receive the Education Policy Advisory Committee Meeting Report of October 28, 2019.

Minutes



REPORT OF THE EDUCATION POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Held Monday, October 28, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. School District Office

Attendance: David Swankey Trustee and Committee Chair

Dan Coulter Trustee
Heather Maahs Trustee
Sean Wicker CPVPA
Joanna Kasper CPVPA

Niki Wiens Management Group

Danielle Bennett CTA
Ed Klettke CTA
Lori McLaren CUPE
Meghan Reid DPAC
Jessica Clarke DPAC

Ella Reedman
Taylor VanDuzee
Student, Ed Centre
Mikaela Stolz
Jordyn Poulton
Charlotte Reid
Danae Bennett
Student, GWG
Student, SSS
Student, SSS
Student, SSS

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam Acting Superintendent

Donna Vogel Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair David Swankey called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by: Ed Klettke

Seconded by: Heather Maahs

THAT the Agenda be amended to add "Request that the Board of Education receive an update report on the implementation of Policy 534: Student Dress Guidelines" as item #5.

CARRIED

Moved by: Danielle Bennett Seconded by: Dan Coulter

Minutes



THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. DRAFT POLICY: PROVISION OF MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS

The committee reviewed the draft policy and referred it to the Board of Education for approval after suggested changes.

Moved by: Dan Coulter

Seconded by: Jessica Clarke

THAT Policy: Provision of Menstrual Products be referred to the Board of Education for

approval.

CARRIED

4. POLICY 918: FUNDRAISING

The committee reviewed this policy and referred it to the Board of Education for reaffirmation.

Moved by: Sean Wicker Seconded by: Niki Wiens

THAT Policy 918: Fundraising be referred to the Board of Education for reaffirmation.

CARRIED

5. BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY 534: STUDENT DRESS GUIDELINES

Moved by: Ed Klettke

Seconded by: Danielle Bennett

THAT EPAC request that the Board of Education receive an update report on the implementation of Policy 534: Student Dress Guidelines.

CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT 7:18 p.m.



DECISION REPORT

DATE: November 5, 2019

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Acting Superintendent

RE: POLICY 535: PROVISION OF MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 535: Provision of Menstrual Products as presented. This policy was presented to the Education Policy Advisory Committee in draft form at its October 28, 2019 meeting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION School District #33 (Chilliwack)

535 POLICY Provision of Menstrual Products

The Board of Education of School District No. 33 [Chilliwack] is committed to providing menstrual products to students who may require them. Every student in the Chilliwack School District should have access to healthy and effective learning environments. The school system is expected to promote gender equality and create an inclusive learning experience. Lack of access to menstrual products can negatively impact students' school attendance and their social-emotional well-being. Providing all students with convenient access to free menstrual products helps to support their full participation in school activities, reduces stigma and promotes gender equality.

The Board will:

- 1. ensure menstrual products are made available to students of all gender identities or expressions in a manner that protects student privacy;
- 2. provide for barrier free, easily accessible menstrual products at no cost to students:
- 3. provide menstrual products in washrooms in all schools; and,
- 4. consider student feedback with respect to the provision of menstrual products.

School district staff will develop procedures regarding the provision of menstrual products to students.

See School Act (PDF) - Sections 85(2)(a), 88(1), and 168(2)(t) See Support Services for Schools Order (PDF) (M149/89)

Revised:



DECISION REPORT

DATE: November 5, 2019

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Acting Superintendent

RE: POLICY 918: FUNDRAISING

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 918: Fundraising as presented. This policy was presented to the Education Policy Advisory Committee in its current form at its October 28, 2019 meeting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION School District #33 (Chilliwack)

918 POLICY Fundraising

The Board recognizes that fundraising is a means by which a school community may enhance their school and support their students, improve the level of extracurricular activity and/or purchase equipment not supplied by the Ministry of Education or Board of Education.

When school fundraising is undertaken the responsibility for approval rests with the principal.

Fundraising activities should be acceptable to the school community and sensitive to the values of the community.

While supporting fundraising activities, the Board does not support the concept of a paid professional fundraiser being engaged to conduct a fundraising campaign. Items purchased through a school based project for the school become the property of the school.

Cross Refs:

Adopted: August 29, 1995

Reviewed:

Revised: October 24, 2006, February 4, 2014



DECISION REPORT

DATE: November 5, 2019

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Heather Maahs, Trustee

RE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board of Education reinstate the first public participation session (in addition to the second) in Regular Public Meetings to allow for both comments and questions at the beginning of each meeting.

RATIONALE:

To provide the public a means of speaking to agenda items before the board makes decisions during the meeting.



INFORMATION REPORT

DATE: November 05, 2019

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Gerry Slykhuis, Secretary Treasurer

RE: QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

The Secretary Treasurer will present the Quarterly Financial Report – September 30, 2019.

Chilliwack School District Quarterly Financial Report - July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019

	Year-to-Date Jul 1, 2019 to Sep 30, 2019				AMENDED
OPERATING FUND	Y-T-D BUDGET 2019/20	July to Sep ACTUALS	Variance Favourable (Unfavourable)	%	ANNUAL BUDGET 2019-2020
REVENUE					
Provincial Grants, Ministry of Education	15,135,303	15,135,303	-	0.0%	130,929,606
LEA/Direct Funding From First Nations	229,240	230,943	1,703	0.7%	2,292,396
Provincial Grants, Other	17,000	22,500	5,500	32.4%	170,000
International Student Tuition	150,000	153,768	3,768	2.5%	1,500,000
Other Revenue	124,500	119,514	(4,986)	-4.0%	275,120
Rentals & Leases	91,350	108,115	16,766	18.4%	365,399
Investment Income	130,000	125,951	(4,049)	-3.1%	500,000
Total Revenue	15,877,392	15,896,093	18,701	0.1%	136,032,521
EXPENSE Salaries					
Teachers	6,086,775	6,025,122	61,653	1.0%	59,521,591
Principals & Vice-Principals	1,914,553	1,920,389	(5,836)	-0.3%	7,717,123
Education Assistants	1,392,948	1,387,633	5,315	0.4%	10,422,110
Support Staff	2,849,098	2,878,518	(29,421)	-1.0%	12,510,623
Other Professionals	767,474	728,875	38,599	5.0%	3,093,508
Substitutes	664,008	493,236	170,772	25.7%	4,980,850
Total Salaries	13,674,855	13,433,773	241,082	1.8%	98,245,805
Employee Benefits	3,018,485	3,069,028	(50,543)	-1.7%	22,414,887
Total Salary & Benefits	16,693,340	16,502,801	190,539	1.1%	120,660,692
Services & Supplies	3,825,432	4,166,248	(340,816)	-8.9%	14,830,267
Total Expense	20,518,772	20,669,049	(150,277)	-0.7%	135,490,959
Net Revenue (Expense)	(4,641,379)	(4,772,956)	(131,576)	-0.6%	541,562

Chilliwack School District

Quarterly Financial Report - July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019

	Year-to-Date Jul 1, 2019 to Sep 30, 2019				AMENDED
OPERATING FUND	Y-T-D BUDGET 2019/20	July to Sep ACTUALS	Variance Favourable (Unfavourable)	%	ANNUAL BUDGET 2019-2020
SERVICE & SUPPLIES BREAKDOWN:					
Services	1,193,747	1,097,985	95,762	8.0%	3,391,280
Student Transportation	274	251	24	8.6%	7,700
Professional Development & Travel	179,343	189,149	(9,806)	-5.5%	1,102,189
Rentals & Leases	-	-	-	100.0%	32,029
Dues & Fees	96,782	172,598	(75,816)	-78.3%	392,751
Insurance	141,274	141,274	-	0.0%	252,000
Supplies	1,926,394	2,277,374	(350,980)	-18.2%	7,173,026
Utilities	287,617	287,617	-	0.0%	2,479,292
Total Services & Supplies	3,825,432	4,166,248	(340,816)	-8.9%	14,830,267



INFORMATION REPORT

DATE: November 05, 2019

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Gerry Slykhuis, Secretary Treasurer

RE: BUDGET TIMELINE AND FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Secretary Treasurer will review the Budget Timeline and Financial Reporting for 2019/20.

Budget Timeline and Financial Reporting 2019/20



Quarterly Reports 2019/20	To Budget Committee	To Board of Education	Ministry Deadline
September 30 th Quarterly Report	October 24	November 5	
December 31 st Quarterly Report	January 23	January 28	
March 31 st Quarterly Report	Apr 2	Apr 7	

Amended Annual Budget 2019/20	To Budget Committee	To Board of Education	Ministry Deadline
Amended Annual Budget Review	January 23		
Amended Budget Approval – 1st Reading		January 28	
Amended Budget Approval – 2 nd & 3 rd Reading		February 11	
Amended Annual Budget due to MoEd (MoEd funding by mid-December)			February 28

Preliminary Budget 2019/20	To Budget Committee	To Board of Education	Ministry Deadline			
GOVERNMENT FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT – MID-MARCH						
Preliminary Budget Assumptions	Preliminary Budget Assumptions – Superintendent's Meeting April 2					
Preliminary Budget Assumptions	April 2	April 7				
PUBLIC BUDGET PRESENTATION – April 7 (during public Board meeting)						
Preliminary Budget Review	May 7					
Annual Budget Approval – 1 st Reading		May 12				
Annual Budget Approval – 2 nd & 3 rd Reading		May 26				
Annual Budget due to MoEd			June 30			



INFORMATION REPORT

DATE: November 05, 2019

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Gerry Slykhuis, Secretary Treasurer

RE: RED LIGHT RUNNERS

BACKGROUND:

On October 22, 2019, The Board of Education passed a motion, *THAT the Chilliwack Board of Education, through the Superintendent, direct staff to draft a report to help inform the Board's advocacy for stricter enforcement and penalties for red-light-runners.*

The School District Transportation Department reports there is at least one red-light-runner each day. The District has partnered with the City of Chilliwack, RCMP, ICBC, and Safer City Chilliwack to increase awareness through school bus safety videos (video 1 and video 2) for the public. Also, 25% of our buses are equipped with cameras which are able to capture video of a vehicle and its license plate. All new bus orders will have these cameras installed.

Using evidence from these cameras, police can issue violation tickets to the registered owner of the vehicle. Registered owners could be fined whether or not they were driving at the time of the offence. In British Columbia, the fine for passing a bus with red lights flashing is \$368.

All violators are documented to help the RCMP monitor areas in the city where there are a high number of offenders.

The following table provides information on fines and other penalties for passing a school bus with red lights flashing in other provinces.

Jurisdiction	Fine	Other		
British Columbia \$368		3 Demerit Points \$300 increase in ICBC Premiums		
Prince Edward Island \$1,000 - \$5000		12 Demerit Points Licence Suspension 3 months Defensive Driving Course		
Nova Scotia ^(*)	\$410	6 Demerit Points		

Ontario	\$400 - \$4000	6 Demerit Points Possible Jail Time up to 6 months
Manitoba	\$674	2 Demerit Points
Saskatchewan	\$360	4 Demerit Points
Alberta	\$543	6 Demerit Points
N.W. Territories	\$402	4 Demerit Points
Yukon	\$500	8 Demerit Points
TUROTI	7500	1 month License Suspension

^(*) Nova Scotia is currently trying to pass legislation where demerit points would increase to 10 points, and the fine would increase to a maximum of \$5000.



MEETING SUMMARIES

Committee of the Whole Meeting – October 22, 2019

Trustees: Dan Coulter, Willow Reichelt, Heather Maahs, Jared Mumford, Barry Neufeld,

David Swankey

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Gerry Slykhuis, Janet Hall, Kirk Savage,

Donna Vogel

1. Communicating Student Learning: Qs & As

2. Remembrance Day November 11: Wreath Laying

3. PM Benchmarks Reading Assessment Resource Presentation

4. Trustee Reports

5. Request to Present to the Board Meeting: Chilliwack Middle School Climate Club

6. Naming and Re-Naming of Facilities

7. Superintendent Performance Review: Date

8. Board Self Evaluation: Date

In-Camera Meeting – October 22, 2019

Trustees: Dan Coulter, Willow Reichelt, Heather Maahs, Jared Mumford, Barry Neufeld,

David Swankey

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

Vogel

1. Policy 205: Code of Ethics for Trustees

2. Property Update

3. Legal Opinion Regarding Powers of the Board Chair

4. HR Report

5. BCPSEA Report