

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

<u>Date of Meeting:</u> 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
Acting Assistant Superintendent Mr. K. Savage
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		
ı		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		
		Dogwood Diploma		
		 Review programs offered in the community and develop Continuing Education opportunities in consultation with community partners to support all learners. 		
ı		opportunities in constitution with community partners to support an earners.		

- 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.