



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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Location: Zoom Webinar

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Interim Superintendent	Mr. R. Arul-pragasam
Secretary Treasurer	Mr. G. Slykhuis
Assistant Superintendent	Ms. J. Hall
Assistant Superintendent	Mr. K. Savage
Acting Director of Instruction	Mr. David Manuel
Director of Facilities & Transportation	Mr. A. Van Tassel
Executive Assistant	Ms. D. Vogel
Audio-Video/Desktop Foreman	Mr. M. Bakker

1. CALL TO ORDER – Zoom Webinar

1.1. Call to Order

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. – **Welcome, Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory**

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

174.20 Moved by: Trustee Mumford
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

175.20 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the agenda be amended to add “Action Steps to Build Capacity to Address Systemic Racism and Discrimination” as Information Item 4.4.

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

176.20 Moved by: Trustee Mumford
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

177.20 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the minutes of the May 26, 2020 Regular Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

Comments/Questions were received regarding the following:

- Bathrooms for the AD Rundle Integrated Arts and Technology cohort.
- Sensitivity training for students and education for the Board of Education regarding human rights and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report.
- Board comments regarding new school naming.
- Thank you and happy retirement to Assistant Superintendent Janet Hall.

3. ACTION ITEMS

3.1. School Renaming: Education Centre

178.20 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Board of Education approve Kwiyeqel as the new name for the Education Centre.

CARRIED

3.2. 5 Year Capital Plan: Revised

179.20 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Board of Education approve the revised Capital Plan as outlined in the document circulated in the meeting Agenda Package.

CARRIED

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. Operations Report: Annual Facilities Grant (AFG)

Director of Facilities and Transportation Allan Van Tassel presented information on the Annual Facilities Grant and spending priorities.

4.2. AD Rundle Middle School Integrated Arts and Technology Cohort

Assistant Superintendent Kirk Savage provided an update on the AD Rundle Middle School Integrated Arts and Technology Cohort.

4.3. Education Restart Plan Stage 3

Interim Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam provided information regarding Education Restart Plan Stage 3 in the Chilliwack School District.

4.4. Action Steps to Build Capacity to Address Systemic Racism and Discrimination

Interim Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam presented steps the District will take to build capacity to address the systemic racism and discrimination in the school district:

1. Staff Development & Capacity Building - Cultural Sensitivity and Awareness Training for all staff.
2. System Scan - Work with the Ministry of Education to complete the "Equity in Action Project" where we will focus on equity and parity for Indigenous learners.
3. Curriculum in the Classroom - Ensure K-12 learning outcomes that focus on racism and discrimination are taught consistently in all schools and that the curriculum is inclusive and multi-centric.
4. Policy and Regulation - Develop comprehensive policy and regulation on inclusion and anti-racism, including how teachers, students, and parents can report and follow up on racist incidents at schools.
5. Strategic Plan - Embed all of the above strategies in the Board Strategic Plan for the 2020-2021 school year and beyond.

4.5. BCSTA Report

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

4.6. Trustee Reports

Trustee Swankey reported on the following:

- Challenging year in public education.
- Provincial funding model.
- Need for expanded learning spaces.
- Thanks to students and graduates.
- Thanks to staff.
- All the best for the summer.

Trustee Mumford reported on the following:

- Thank you to Assistant Superintendent Janet Hall.

Trustee Neufeld reported on the following:

- Cares passionately about youth, especially special needs and at risk children.
- Apology if remarks caused any to feel unworthy or unsafe.
- Has more to learn from education partners.

Trustee Reichelt reported on the following:

- Congratulations to 2020 graduates.

Trustee Maahs reported on the following:

- Wish for a restful summer.
- Thank you to Assistant Superintendent Janet Hall.

Trustee Furgason reported on the following:

- Thank you to Assistant Superintendent Janet Hall, Assistant Superintendent Kirk Savage, Secretary Treasurer Gerry Slykhuis, Director of Facilities and Transportation Al Van Tassel, Executive Assistant Donna Vogel, Acting Director of Instruction David Manuel and Interim Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam.

4.7. Meeting Summary

May 26, 2020 In-Camera Meeting Summary

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

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

1. HR Report
2. BCPSEA Report
3. CUPE Letter of Understanding re. Local School Calendar
4. Motion to Censure
5. Notice of Motion

4.8. Next Board of Education Meeting Date

**Tuesday, September 15, 2020
7:00 p.m.
Zoom Webinar**

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

Questions were received regarding the following:

- CTA thank you to Assistant Superintendent Janet Hall.
- New name for the Education Centre and school renaming committee.
- Supports for students who struggle with online learning.
- Thank you to Assistant Superintendent Janet Hall.
- CUPE thank you to Assistant Superintendent Janet Hall.
- Definition of “deep clean” and “high touch surface cleaning.”
- Mental health risks from isolation of online learning.
- DPAC thank you to Assistant Superintendent Janet Hall.
- Learning about cultural sensitivity.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

Appendix A: Trustee Activities

Trustee Mumford:

- June 3: Hamper Loading/Starfish.
- June 4: Liaison Visit – Strathcona Elementary.
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- June 10: Hamper Loading/Delivery – Starfish – Salvation Army, Promontory, GWG.
- June 11: Assistant Superintendent Interview panel.
- June 12: Assistant Superintendent Interview panel.

Trustee Reichelt:

- May 29: Recorded Sardis Secondary commencement speech.
- Jun 2: Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee Jun 5: Attended Chilliwack Black Lives Matter march Jun 11: Interview Committee for Assistant Superintendent Jun 11: Board Debrief regarding racism in schools Jun 12 Interview Committee for Assistant Superintendent