



**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
School District #33 (Chilliwack)
Regular Public Board Meeting
(Recorded)
AGENDA
November 24, 2020
7:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER – School District Office and Zoom Video Conference

- 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 November 3, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.)

2. PRESENTATIONS

- 2.1. Strategic Plan Update: K – 12 Integrated Arts & Technology Road Map
- 2.2. Strategic Plan Update: G. W. Graham Addition

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

4. ACTION ITEMS

- 4.1. 2021 – 2022 Local School Calendar
- 4.2. Request for COVID-19 Special Purpose Funding

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 5.1. COVID-19 Update
- 5.2. BCSTA Report
- 5.3. Meeting Summaries
- 5.4. **Next Board of Education Meeting: December 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

7. ADJOURNMENT



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

<u>Date of Meeting:</u>	Tuesday, November 3, 2020	
<u>Location:</u>	School District Office/Zoom Webinar	
Members Present:	Chair	Ms. W. Reichelt
	Vice-Chair	Mr. J. Mumford
	Trustee	Mr. D. Coulter
	Trustee	Mrs. H. Maahs
	Trustee	Mr. B. Neufeld
	Trustee	Mr. D. Swankey
Regrets:	Trustee	Dr. D. Furgason
Staff Present:	Interim Superintendent	Mr. R. Arul-pragasam
	Secretary Treasurer	Mr. G. Slykhuis
	Assistant Superintendent	Ms. P. Jordan
	Assistant Superintendent	Mr. K. Savage
	Director of Instruction	Mr. D. Manuel
	District Principal - Curriculum	Ms. H. Plummer
	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 7:19 p.m. – **Welcome, Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory and Diversity Statement**

Joint public statement respecting the settlement between the Board of Education (Chilliwack) and CUPE Local 411

Both the Chilliwack Board of Education, School District #33 (the “Board”) and CUPE Local 411 (the Union) believe that schools and workplaces must be safe and welcoming for all, students and staff alike, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, religion or background. The Board and the Union do not condone any conduct that is racist, sexist, transphobic or homophobic, or that discriminates on any other human right ground.

The Board has taken initiatives to improve the safe learning and working environment for LGBTQ individuals, including painting a rainbow crosswalk in the School District #33 parking lot, censoring discriminatory commentary from a trustee, and committing to

provide education workshops for trustees on gender identity, sexual orientation, human rights and anti-discrimination. The Union recognizes these initiatives by the Board and is committed to working with the Board going forward to ensure everyone feels included and respected in a safe learning and working environment while being fully and completely themselves.

The Board and the Union are pleased that, following good faith discussions between them, they have come to a mutually satisfactory resolution of a human rights complaint against the Board by the Union, arising from one trustee's personal comments, and that that complaint against the Board will not be proceeding further.

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

274.20 Moved by: Trustee Coulter
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

NO VOTE

275.20 Moved by: Trustee Mumford
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the agenda be amended to add COVID-19 Update as Information Item 5.1.

CARRIED

276.20 Moved by: Trustee Coulter
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

277.20 Moved by: Trustee Mumford
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the minutes of the October 20, 2020 Regular Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

For: Maahs, Mumford, Neufeld, Reichelt, Swankey

Abstained: Coulter

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1. Strategic Plan Update: Assessment of Comprehension and Thinking (ACT)

David Manuel and Helen Plummer provided a presentation on Assessment of Comprehension and Thinking (ACT).

Priority

Improving student achievement and well-being through high quality instruction (Instruction).

Goal	All students to meet or exceed grade level expectations in literacy and numeracy.
Strategy	Evidence Based Literacy Practices: model and use evidence-based practices for literacy.

2.2. Strategic Plan Update: Student Engagement Project

Rohan Arul-pragasam and David Manuel provided a presentation on the Student Engagement Project.

Priority	Strengthening meaningful relationships within and across schools, district and community to support success for students (Community and Culture).
Goal	To foster, develop and enhance quality partnerships to improve student experiences and learning outcomes.
Strategy	Student Engagement: Strengthening and authentically using student voices for the leadership of their classrooms and schools.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

Questions were received regarding the following:

- District Protocols regarding COVID-19.
- Online learning options for students.
- Class isolations.
- Fraser Health COVID-19 process.
- Hybrid Learning Program
- Transition Program.
- Mandatory masks.
- Supervision during recess and lunch.
- Active cases.

4. ACTION ITEM

4.1. Trustee Report Policy

278.20 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Coulter

THAT the Board of Education outline the parameters for trustee reports in a new policy as part of the Board’s policy manual review. An initial draft of the policy will consider:

- A reasonable limit on time
- Notices of Motion
- Reporting on issues in public education
- Reporting on issues in the Chilliwack Community
- Reporting on the assigned duties performed by the Trustee
- Consistency with the renewed Code of Conduct
- Consistency with the Rules of Order

CARRIEDFor: Coulter, Mumford, Neufeld, Reichelt, Swankey
Opposed: Maahs**5. INFORMATION ITEMS****5.1. COVID-19 Update**

Interim Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam provided an update regarding COVID-19 in the District.

279.20

Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the Board of Education send a letter to the Fraser Health Board of Directors, the CEO of Fraser Health, the Provincial Minister of Health and the Minister of Education outlining concern regarding the timeliness of communication to the public and addressing the most recent exposures at ten public schools in SD33.

CARRIED**5.2. Budget Committee Report**

The Board of Education received the Budget Committee Report of October 29, 2020.

5.3. Budget Timelines/Financial Reporting

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the Budget and Financial Reporting Timelines for 2020/21.

5.4. Quarterly Financial Report

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Quarterly Financial Report – September 30, 2020.

5.5. Drinking Water

The Secretary Treasurer presented the results of the latest water testing in Chilliwack schools.

5.6. BCSTA Report

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

5.7. Meeting Summaries**October 20, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting Summary**

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

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

1. Board Meetings with Partners
2. BCSTA AGM Motions

October 20, 2020 In-Camera Meeting Summary

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

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

1. BCPSEA Report
2. Racism & Cultural Sensitivity Training
3. Legal Fees
4. Trustee Conduct

5.8. Next Board of Education Meeting Date

**Tuesday, November 24, 2020
7:00 p.m.
School District Office/Zoom Webinar**

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

Questions were received regarding the following:

- COVID-19 – notification to parents, students and staff.
- Guidelines for school closures.
- Advocacy to Fraser Health
- Learning supports for students missing classes.
- High/low risk exposures.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

Appendix A: Trustee Activities

Trustee Mumford:

- October 20: Board Meeting
- October 23: Budget Committee Agenda Review
- October 27: CHC Meeting
- October 27: Policy Review
- October 29: Budget Committee
- October 30: Special Public Meeting
- November 2: Chair / Vice Chair Meeting
- October 20: Board Meeting

Trustee Reichelt:

- October 24: BCSTA Provincial Council
- October 26: Packing hampers for Extra F.A.R.E.
- October 27: Board Policy Review
- October 29: Budget Committee
- October 30: Board Election
- November 2: CVC Meeting
- November 2: Packing hampers for Extra F.A.R.E.
- November 3: Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee

Trustee Swankey:

- October 22: Attended Imagine Arts and Tech Townhall
- October 23: Attended Indigenous Awareness Workshop with district staff
- October 24: Attended BCSTA Provincial Council
- October 26: Attended Chair/Vice Chair meeting
- October 27: Attended Board Policy Working Session
- October 29: Attended District Budget Committee Meeting
- October 29: Attended DPAC Meeting
- October 30: Attended Special Board Meeting
- October 30: Attended BCSTA Legislative Committee Meeting

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRESENTATION REPORT

DATE: November 24, 2020

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Brooke Haller – Principal, Imagine High
Jim Edgcombe – Principal, FG Leary Fine Arts Elementary
Scott Wallace – Principal, AD Rundle Middle School
Janet Carroll – Program Director, Imagine High

RE: STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – Integrated Arts & Technology K-12

Brooke Haller, Jim Edgcombe, Scott Wallace and Janet Carrol will provide a presentation on the implementation of Integrated Arts & Technology K-12 at three schools: FG Leary Elementary, AD Rundle Middle School Cohort and Imagine High Integrated Arts and Technology Secondary.

Priority	Improving student achievement and well-being through high quality instruction (Instruction).
Goal	To increase students' abilities to apply critical, creative and reflective thinking.
Strategy	Establish New Integrated Arts & Technology School: Create a world class school for Chilliwack students at the secondary level in the area of integrated arts and technology.

K-12 Integrated Arts & Technology Working Group

- Create and maintain steady student growth for a K-12 Integrated Arts & Technology choice stream at three schools: FG Leary Fine Arts Elementary, AD Rundle Middle School Cohort, and Imagine High Integrated Arts and Technology Secondary
- Create and maintain a clearly articulated choice pathway for students at 3 sites
- Align vision & learning approach at all three sites

FG Leary Fine Arts Elementary (K-5)

- In 2005 Leary moved to a school of choice with a Fine Arts focus
- Choice program population up to 65% of total school enrolment in ensuing years

- Catchment area growth has led to a slow decline in choice spaces
- Leary is shifting from a Fine Arts focus to an integrated arts and technology focus
- Teachers enthusiastic to be a part of K-12 integrated arts and technology choice stream
- Leary administration and teacher reps part of Working Group to ensure vision and practice alignment K-12
- All Leary grade 5 students now have the opportunity to transition to grade 6 at AD Rundle Integrated Arts and Technology Cohort
- Pro D planned for Leary Staff on November 27th with Brooke Haller and Janet Carroll
- Expansion of choice for September 2021 through addition of classroom

AD Rundle Middle School Cohort (6-8)

- Currently 90 grades 6-8 students in IAT Cohort on IH grounds
- Teaching expertise in arts & technology integration
- Expand choice stream for September 2021
- Transition all interested grade 5 Leary students for September 2021
- AD Rundle administration and teacher reps part of Working Group to ensure vision and practice alignment K-12

Imagine High Integrated Arts and Technology (9-12)

- Registration opened November 16th
- Currently _____ registrations
- Spaces for 145 grade 9 students (+ 30 students from AD Rundle IAT Cohort)
- Spaces for 175 grade 10 students
- Brooke Haller & Janet Carroll part of Working Group which oversees K-12 vision and aligned pedagogy at FG Leary, AD Rundle & Imagine High

Working Group Next Steps

- Review teacher survey results (Leary & ADR)
- Think Tank - reps from 3 sites provide feedback & direction for Pro-D plan
- Develop comprehensive Pro-D plan
- Continue to develop transition planning, registration and community outreach

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRESENTATION REPORT

DATE: November 24, 2020

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Gerry Slykhuis, Secretary Treasurer
Al Van Tassel, Director of Facilities and Transportation

RE: STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – G.W. GRAHAM SECONDARY ADDITION

Gerry Slykhuis and Al Van Tassel will provide an update on the G.W. Graham Secondary Addition.

Sarah Bjornson and Annerieke van Hoek, Architects – studio**HuB** architects ltd., will present on the project design as it relates to the Strategic Plan:

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

DECISION REPORT

DATE: November 24, 2020

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Interim Superintendent

RE: **2021 – 2022 LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board of Education approve the Draft 2021–2022 Local School Calendar Framework (Options One and Two) as outlined for feedback from employees, parents and the public.

BACKGROUND:

- Over the past many years, following new provincial legislation regarding Local School Calendars introduced in 2012 school districts are required to determine the year calendar. As per the School Calendar Regulation, a Board must make public a proposed school calendar one month before submitting it to the Ministry before March 31. During the consultation period, a Board must provide parents and representatives of employees of the Board the opportunity to comment on the proposed calendar. Therefore, the Local School Calendar, which the Board approves in principle, must be posted on the district website to provide the required opportunity for employee, parent and public feedback.

2021 – 2022 CALENDAR DATA:

The enclosed data outlines two Local School Calendar options for the 2021-2022 school year for Board consideration. Either of these options will require the board to discuss with the Chilliwack Teacher's Association required amendments to the collective agreement

- The information presented includes a 1-week spring break (**Option One**) and a 2-week spring break (**Option Two**). Both options include 6 Non-instructional Days (5 Professional Development days, one "Reporting and Assessment Day" as per Article D.22.2.c.) and one Administration Day.
- To accommodate either option it will be necessary to add minutes to the instructional day to meet the Ministry required hours of instruction.
- In order to ensure as many parents, employees and members of the public are provided the information regarding the survey, the following steps will be taken:
 - Survey information and a link to the survey will be placed on the district website.
 - Survey will open Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 8 am and close on Sunday, December 6, 2020 at midnight.
 - Information regarding the survey will be placed in the Chilliwack Progress.

- Information regarding the survey will be e-mailed to all parents via MyEducation BC.
- All schools will be requested to share survey information on their website as well as share information in their newsletters.
- Parents who do not have access to technology will have the option of filling and submitting a paper copy of the survey at the school (A PDF copy of the survey will be made available at the school and the district office).
- Listed below are the questions that will be asked in the calendar survey.
 - The Chilliwack Board of Education wishes to ensure that parents, employees, community members and partners are aware of the proposed Draft 2021-2022 Local School Calendar and is extending this opportunity to provide feedback.
 - The proposed calendar has two options:
 - OPTION One: A school calendar that includes a One-Week Spring Break, Six Non-Instructional Days and One Administration Day.
 - OPTION Two: A school calendar that includes a Two-Week Spring Break, Six Non-Instructional Days and One Administration Day.
 - Questions:
 - Which option do you support – Option One or Option Two?
 - Rationale in regards to your support of Option One or Two?
 - Regardless of your option, do you support a three-year calendar for consistency?
 - Any other comments?

OPTION 1

SCHOOL CALENDAR FORM - GENERAL

2021 / 2022 CALENDAR - SPRING BREAK ONE-WEEK

INSTRUCTIONS: Using the Fill Colour tool, highlight the Non-Instructional days and Vacation Periods with the colours in the legend.

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- Statutory Holiday

Please Note - Easter Monday and Boxing Day are not observed statutory holidays in British Columbia.

NOTES (optional):

School Reopens = Sep 7
 Thanksgiving Day = Oct 11
 NID#1 (PROVINCIAL) = Oct 22
 NID #2 = Nov 26
 Last day December = 17
 First Day Back in Jan = 3
 NID #3 = Feb 18
 Family Day = Feb 21
 Spring Break = Mar 21-25
 Good Friday = April 15
 Easter Monday = April 18
 NID #4 = April 29
 NID #5 = May 20
 Victoria Day = May 23
 Last day for Students = Jun 23
 NID #6 = R&A Day

DAYS IN SESSION 187
 INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS 180

- Instructional
- Non-Instructional
- Vacation Period
- Statutory Holiday

OPTION 2

SCHOOL CALENDAR FORM - GENERAL

2021/2022 CALENDAR - SPRING BREAK TWO-WEEKS

INSTRUCTIONS: Using the Fill Colour tool, highlight the Non-Instructional days and Vacation Periods with the colours in the legend.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

DECISION REPORT

DATE: November 24, 2020
TO: Board of Education
FROM: David Swankey, Trustee
RE: **REQUEST FOR COVID-19 SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDING**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board of Education send a letter to the Minister of Education, the Provincial Minister of Finance, and the MLAs for Chilliwack and Chilliwack – Kent, requesting that the 2021 Provincial Budget include special purpose funding to support the COVID-19 related costs of supporting learning for K-12 students in the 2021-2022 school year.

RATIONALE:

A budgeted commitment from government to provide special purpose COVID related funding allows Boards of Education to build committed funding into their 2021-2022 budget assumptions, putting district staff in a position to prepare in advance of a September return. As we have heard from staff, even with funding, resources related to direct learning support or enhanced hygiene and cleaning measures may not be immediately available.

BACKGROUND:

Through the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Education has been clear that face to face instruction is essential to providing the best learning outcomes for students; this is consistent with the values and aims of the Chilliwack School District. To date, the district's 2020-2021 Restart Plan has been supported by approx. \$5.9 million as a portion of both Provincial and Federal special purpose funding, provided to school districts through the Ministry of Education.

In making such a request, there are two separate but important timelines to consider: the fixed budget development timeline of government and the indeterminate timeline of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

- To the first consideration, legislation requires that government deliver their budget on the third Tuesday in February, meaning the budget development process takes place well in advance. It is too late to advocate in pre-budget consultation through the Select Standing Committee on Finance & Government Services; however, there is still opportunity to speak to this request while government undergoes their budget preparation process.
- Regarding the second consideration, future public health measures related to COVID-19 remain uncertain; however, it is certain that the Chilliwack School District continues to prepare for the duration of the pandemic. This includes planning for the possibility of a return in September of 2021 under public

health guidelines that prioritize face to face learning options if possible and remote learning options if necessary.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/Public_health_COVID-19_reports/Impact_School_Closures_COVID-19.pdf

<https://sd33.bc.ca/sites/sd33.bc.ca/files/2020-08/Chilliwack%20School%20District%20Restart%20Plan.pdf>

<https://www.leg.bc.ca/content-peo/Learning-Resources/The%20Budget%20Process%20Fact%20Sheet%20-%20English.pdf>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/government-finances/bc-budget/2021-budget-consultation.pdf>

BOARD OF EDUCATION

INFORMATION REPORT

DATE: November 24, 2020
TO: Board of Education
FROM: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Interim Superintendent
RE: COVID-19 UPDATE

Interim Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam will provide an update on COVID-19 in the Chilliwack School District.

MEETING SUMMARIES

Committee of the Whole Meeting – November 3, 2020

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

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Gerry Slykhuis

1. Remembrance Day 2020
2. Communication with Fraser Health

In-Camera Meeting – November 3, 2020

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

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

1. BCPSEA Report
2. 2021 – 2022 Local School Calendar
 - Trustees Reichelt and Swankey recused themselves from the Calendar discussion and vote.
3. Strategic Staffing Plan
4. Trustee Conduct 1
5. Trustee Conduct 2
 - The Board of Education condemns the private comments made by Trustee Neufeld on October 2, 2020 toward Trustee Reichelt. These comments would be inappropriate for anyone to make.