



**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, censuring 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

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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