



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

<u>Date of Meeting:</u>	Tuesday, November 24, 2020
<u>Location:</u>	Zoom Webinar
Members Present:	Chair Ms. W. Reichelt
	Vice-Chair Mr. J. Mumford
	Trustee Dr. D. Furgason
	Trustee Mr. D. Swankey
Regrets:	Trustee Mr. D. Coulter
	Trustee Mrs. H. Maahs
	Trustee Mr. B. Neufeld
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 Facilities & Transportation Mr. A. Van Tassel
	Director of Instruction (Acting) Mr. D. Manuel
	Principal Ms. B. Haller
	Principal Mr. J. Edgcombe
	Principal Mr. S. Wallace
	Program Consultant Ms. J. Carroll
	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 7:01 p.m. – **Welcome, Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory and Diversity Statement**

Additional Statements:

Over the past week, members of the public have seen comments on social media that were disrespectful and discriminatory, particularly toward people in the Asian-Canadian community and people with diverse abilities. These comments by individual trustees are not reflective of the views of the Board as a whole and do not represent the type of behaviour that is promoted or tolerated in our classrooms.

The Chilliwack Board of Education is committed to creating safe and inclusive schools for all children, families and staff members regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sex, ability, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Any decisions regarding further action by the Board of Education will follow board policy and take place in a future in-camera meeting.

During the in-camera meeting that took place earlier today, the Chilliwack Board of Education made the decision to exclude Trustee Barry Neufeld from the remaining in camera meetings in the 2020-2021 school year. This action was taken due to two serious incidents:

1. Trustee Neufeld publicly disclosed confidential information that had been discussed at an in-camera meeting.
2. Trustee Neufeld refused to recuse himself from an Board in-camera meeting where an issue was discussed that he had a pecuniary interest in.

These incidents were violations of Section 58 of the School Act, Section 3 of Board Policy 212: In-Camera Meetings and Section 8 of Board Policy 205: Code of Ethics for Trustees.

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

294.20 Moved by: Trustee Mumford
Seconded by: Trustee Furgason

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

295.20 Moved by: Trustee Mumford
Seconded by: Trustee Furgason

THAT the minutes of the November 3, 2020 Regular Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1. Strategic Plan Update: K-12 Integrated Arts and Technology Road Map

Brooke Haller, Jim Edgcombe, Scott Wallace and Janet Carrol provided 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.
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2.2. Strategic Plan Update: G. W. Graham Addition

Gerry Slykhuis and Al Van Tassel provided an update on the G.W. Graham Secondary Addition. Sarah Bjornson and Annerieke van Hoek, Architects – studioHuB architects ltd. – presented 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

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

Comments/Questions were received regarding the following:

- Trustee Neufeld's social media comments.
- Arts & Technology streams.
- GWG addition and its impact on District capacity.
- Board proposal to the Energy Board regarding Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion.
- Gender neutral washrooms.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1. 2021 – 2022 Local School Calendar

Trustees Reichelt and Swankey recused from the meeting.

296.20 Moved by: Trustee Furgason
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

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.

CARRIED

4.2. Request for COVID-19 Special Purpose Funding

Trustees Reichelt and Swankey returned to the meeting.

297.20 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

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.

CARRIED

5. INFORMATION ITEMS**5.1. COVID-19 Update**

Interim Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam, Assistant Superintendents Paula Jordan and Kirk Savage, and Director of Instruction David Manuel provided an update on COVID-19 in the Chilliwack School District.

Board Chair Reichelt read the following statement regarding masks in schools:

Infection prevention and exposure control measures help create safe environments by reducing the spread of communicable diseases like COVID-19. It is critical that we keep our community safe from COVID-19, which will keep our schools safe. Personal protective equipment, such as wearing a mask IN PUBLIC PLACES, will act as a barrier and help stop the spread of droplets from a person's mouth and nose while talking, laughing, yelling singing, coughing or sneezing. Masks are now required for everyone in all public indoor settings and workplaces.

Schools and classrooms are not public places and are controlled environments, BUT staff and students in a cohort may choose to wear a mask in the classroom. It is expected that Middle/Secondary students and staff wear a mask outside their learning groups.

5.2. BCSTA Report

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

5.3. Meeting Summaries**November 3, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting Summary**

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

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Gerry Slykhuis

1. Remembrance Day
2. Communication with Fraser Health

November 3, 2020 In-Camera Meeting Summary

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.)

5.4. Next Board of Education Meeting Date

**Tuesday, December 8, 2020
7:00 p.m.
Zoom Webinar**

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

Questions were received regarding the following:

- Board opposition to the Trans Mountain Pipeline route.
- Delays in contract tracing and Fraser Health communication.
- Trauma informed practice.
- Trustee Neufeld’s social media comments.
- Masks in classrooms.
- Transition students.
- Octet system.

7. BOARD STATEMENT

The Board has accepted Trustee Coulter’s resignation. The Board wishes him well as MLA for Chilliwack and the District will be having a by-election (date TBD in February).

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

Appendix A: Trustee Activities

Trustee Mumford:

- November 4: Call, Amanda McPherson, Executive Director CRJYAA /Middle School Prog.
- November 4: Call, Brenda Calendino, Dist. Principal Student Services (CRJYAA)
- November 5: Climate Change & Community Impact SHIFT Collaborative
- November 9: Chair / Vice-Chair Meeting
- November 10: Policy Review #4
- November 16: Chair / Vice-Chair Meeting
- November 16: Meeting Athletic Staff
- November 17: Policy Review #5

Trustee Reichelt:

- November 4: Observed the Resiliency Program at Central Elementary
- November 4: Interview with ChillTV
- November 5: BCSTA Fraser Valley Branch Meeting
- November 9: Chair/Vice Chair Meeting
- November 9: GWG visit
- November 9: Inclusive Education Advisory Committee
- November 9: Packing hampers for Extra FARE
- November 10: Board Policy Review session
- November 13: Unsworth Elementary visit (observed ACT assessment)
- November 16: Chair/Vice Chair Meeting
- November 16: Packing hampers for Extra FARE
- November 17: Board Policy Review session
- November 18: Local Education Agreement signing ceremony
- November 19: Local Education Agreement signing ceremony
- November 19: BCSTA Board Chairs meeting
- November 20: Interviews with CBC TV, CBC Radio, CTV and Global
- November 22: Interview with News 1130
- November 23: Chair/Vice Chair Meeting
- November 23: Packing hampers for Extra FARE
- November 24: Unsworth PAC Meeting
- November 24: CHC virtual event for National Addictions Awareness Week

Trustee Swankey:

- November 4: Attended Imagine High Virtual Townhall
- November 4: Participated in call with CTA re: partners meeting
- November 5: Attended BCSTA Fraser Valley Branch meeting
- November 10: Attended district wide Remembrance Ceremony
- November 10: Attended Board Policy Working Session
- November 13: Attended BCSTA Legislative Committee meeting
- November 16: Visited Sardis Secondary
- November 17: Attended Board Policy Working Session
- November 18: Attended LEA Signing Ceremony
- November 19: Attended LEA Signing Ceremony
- November 24: Attended CER Route Hearing with DPAC