



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

<b><u>Date of Meeting:</u></b>	Tuesday, January 12, 2021	
<b><u>Location:</u></b>	Zoom Webinar	
<b>Members Present:</b>	Chair	Ms. W. Reichelt
	Vice-Chair	Mr. J. Mumford
	Trustee	Dr. D. Furgason
	Trustee	Mrs. H. Maahs
	Trustee	Mr. B. Neufeld
	Trustee	Mr. D. Swankey
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Interim Superintendent	Mr. R. Arul-pragasam
	Secretary Treasurer	Mr. G. Slykhuis
	Assistant Superintendent	Ms. P. Jordan
	Assistant Superintendent	Mr. K. Savage
	Director of Instruction (Acting)	Mr. D. Manuel
	Audio-Video/Desktop Foreman	Mr. M. Bakker
<b>Observers:</b>	Ministry Special Advisor	Justice L. Smith
	Ministry Special Advisor	Mr. M. McKay

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**1. CALL TO ORDER – Zoom Webinar**

**1.1. Call to Order**

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. – **Welcome, Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory and Diversity Statement**

**Statement on Ministry of Education Special Advisors by Chair Reichelt:**

On December 21, 2020 Minister of Education Jennifer Whiteside appointed Lynn Smith and Mike McKay as special advisors. The special advisors will be interviewing members of the Board, staff, partners and the wider community. They may sit in on Board meetings and policy sessions. They will be submitting their final report and recommendations to the Minister by February 26, 2021. The Chilliwack Board of Education welcomes Lynn and Mike to SD33 and we look forward to reading their report and recommendations.

**Statement on Trustee Neufeld by Vice-Chair Mumford:**

During the in-camera meeting that took place earlier today, the Chilliwack Board of Education made the decision to censure Trustee Barry Neufeld and request his resignation from the Chilliwack Board of Education for the social media post made on Thursday, November 19th, 2020. This post was a violation of Board Policy 205: Code of Ethics for Trustees.

**1.2. Adoption of the Agenda**

**9.21** Moved by: Trustee Mumford  
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**1.3. Approval of the Minutes**

**10.21** Moved by: Trustee Mumford  
Seconded by: Trustee Maahs

THAT the minutes of the December 8, 2020 Regular Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**For: Furgason, Maahs, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey  
Opposed: Neufeld**

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

**2.1. Rick Klassen Field Naming Delegation**

Dan Heisler, Brad Geary and George Chayka presented to the Board of Education regarding proposed naming of the Sardis Secondary playing field.

**2.2. Strategic Plan Update: Imagine High Visioning and Planning**

Brooke Haller and Janet Carrol presented on Imagine High Visioning and Planning progress.

<b>Priority</b>	Improving student achievement and well-being through high quality instruction (Instruction).
<b>Goal</b>	To increase students' abilities to apply critical, creative and reflective thinking.
<b>Strategy</b>	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.

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA**

Comments/Questions were received regarding the following:

- Sardis Secondary PAC fundraising for goal posts.

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

**4.1. 2021 – 2022 Local School Calendar**

**Trustees Reichelt and Swankey recused themselves from discussion and voting on the Local School Calendar.**

**11.21** Moved by: Trustee Mumford  
Seconded by: Trustee Furgason

THAT the Board of Education approve the 2021 – 2022 Local School Calendar as presented.

**CARRIED**  
For: Furgason, Maahs, Mumford  
Opposed: Neufeld

**12.21** Moved by: Trustee Maahs  
Seconded by: Trustee Furgason

THAT the Board of Education write a letter to the Ministry outlining the lack of consistency we face every year along with the wishes of the community for continuity in the hopes this annual situation regarding the school calendar can be resolved.

**DEFEATED**  
For: Maahs, Neufeld  
Opposed: Furgason, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**5.1. Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) Policy Update**

Interim Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam provided an update on the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) Policy.

**5.2. Ford Mountain Continuing Education Program**

Interim Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam and Principal Sean Wicker provided an update regarding the Adult Dogwood Graduation Program that is currently being offered as a Continuing Education class during the day at Ford Mountain Correctional Centre (FMCC), a medium security protective custody facility managed by BC Corrections.

**5.3. 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.

**13.21** Moved by: Trustee Swankey  
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Board of Education extend the meeting until the conclusion of business.

**CARRIED**

**5.4. BCSTA Report**

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

**5.5. Meeting Summaries**

**December 8, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting Summary**

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

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Gerry Slykhuis

1. Board Self-Evaluation
2. Trustee Reports
3. Partner Meetings – Dates
4. COVID 19 Funding Letter
5. Trustee Social Media

**December 8, 2020 In-Camera Meeting Summary**

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

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

1. BCPSEA Report
2. Superintendent Update
3. Trustee Social Media Impact
4. 2021 2022 Local School Calendar
  - Trustees Reichelt and Swankey recused themselves for this item.
5. Trustee Conduct

**5.6. Next Board of Education Meeting Date**

**Tuesday, January 26, 2021**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Zoom Webinar**

**6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS**

Questions were received regarding the following:

- Loss of instruction time for a 2-week spring break.
- Minutes added to each day for a 2-week spring break.
- Communication of survey for a 2-week spring break.
- Writing to the Minister of Education regarding a 2-week spring break.
- COVID 19 spread by aerosol.
- Contact with COVID 19 positive students.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.



Board Chair



Secretary-Treasurer

**Appendix A: Trustee Activities**

**Trustee Mumford:**

- December 10: Superintendent's Breakfast
- December 10: CHC - Organizational Structure Meeting
- December 10: CHC - Communications Meeting, The Progress
- December 14: Chair / Vice-Chair Meeting
- December 15: CHC Meeting (Co-Chair)
- December 15: Policy Review #8
- December 16: Meeting with MLAs
- December 16: Volunteer, Christmas Drive Through Food Bank
- January 4: Chair / Vice-Chair Meeting
- January 6: Meeting with Louis DeJaeger (Metis Nation BC)
- January 8: Meeting with Brenda Point, VP Ab Ed.
- January 11: Chair / Vice-Chair Meeting
- January 11: Meeting, Chilliwack Restorative Justice & Youth Advocacy

**Trustee Reichelt:**

- December 10: SD33 All-Leaders Meeting
- December 14: CVC Meeting
- December 14: Packing hampers for Extra FARE
- December 15: Board Policy Review
- December 16: Meeting with MLAs
- December 17: BCSTA Board Chairs Meeting
- December 21: Packing hampers for Extra FARE
- December 28: Packing hampers for Extra FARE
- January 4: CVC Meeting
- January 4: Packing hampers for Extra FARE
- January 11: CVC Meeting
- January 11: Packing hampers for Extra FARE
- January 12: Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee

**Trustee Swankey:**

- December 10: Attended Superintendent's 'Virtual' Breakfast with Staff
- December 10: Attended DPAC Meeting
- December 14: Joined Promontory PAC for their monthly meeting
- December 15: Attended Board Policy Working Session
- December 16: Attended Board Meeting with Chilliwack & Chilliwack – Kent MLAs
- December 17: Attended BCSTA Legislative Committee
- January 11: Attended Sardis Secondary PAC Meeting