



**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
School District #33 (Chilliwack)
Regular Public Board Meeting
(Recorded)
AGENDA
March 9, 2021
7:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Zoom Webinar

- 1.1. Call to Order – **Welcome, Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory and Diversity Statement**
- 1.2. Adoption of the Agenda
(THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.)
- 1.3. Approval of the Minutes
(THAT the minutes of the February 23, 2021 Special Regular and Regular Board Meetings be approved as circulated.)

2. PRESENTATION

- 2.1. Strategic Plan Update: Assessment of Comprehension & Thinking (ACT)
Deeper Review

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

4. ACTION ITEM

- 4.1. Special Purpose Funding for Continuing Education in Provincial Correctional Centres

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 5.1. COVID 19 Update
- 5.2. BCSTA Report
- 5.3. Meeting Summaries
- 5.4. **Next Board of Education Meeting: April 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

7. ADJOURNMENT



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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Location: Zoom Webinar

Members Present:

Chair	Ms. W. Reichelt
Vice-Chair	Mr. J. Mumford
Trustee	Dr. C. Bondar
Trustee	Dr. D. Furgason
Trustee	Mrs. H. Maahs
Trustee	Mr. D. Swankey

Regrets:

Trustee	Mr. B. Neufeld
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Staff Present:

Interim Superintendent	Mr. R. Arul-pragasam
Secretary Treasurer	Mr. G. Slykhuis
Assistant Superintendent	Ms. P. Jordan
Assistant Superintendent	Mr. K. Savage
Audio-Video/Desktop Foreman	Mr. M. Bakker
Ministry Special Advisor	Justice L. Smith
Ministry Special Advisor	Mr. M. McKay

Observers:

1. CALL TO ORDER – Zoom Webinar

1.1. Call to Order

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. – **Welcome, Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory and Diversity Statement**

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

62.21 Moved by: Trustee Mumford
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. ACTION ITEM

2.1. Trustee Oath/Affirmation of Office

I, Carin Bondar, do solemnly affirm that:

I am qualified to hold office as a trustee in School District No. 33 (Chilliwack) and meet the trustee qualification requirements set out in the School Act;

I have not, by myself or any other person, knowingly contravened the School Act respecting vote buying, intimidation or other election offences in relation to my election as a trustee;

I will abide by the School Act and I will faithfully perform the duties of my office, and will not allow any private interest to influence my conduct in public matters;

I will comply with the requirements of the School Act that relate to conflict of interest and, in particular, I will comply with the requirements relating to disclosure of pecuniary and indirect pecuniary interest in a matter.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer



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1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

63.21 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

NO VOTE

64.21 Moved by: Trustee Mumford
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the agenda be amended to defer Action Item 4.2 Local Capital Transfer.

CARRIED

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

65.21 Moved by: Trustee Mumford
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the agenda be amended to add COVID 19 Update as Information Item 5.2.

CARRIED

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

66.21 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

67.21 Moved by: Trustee Mumford
Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the minutes of the February 9, 2021 Regular Public Board Meeting be approved as corrected.

CARRIED

2. PRESENTATION

2.1. Strategic Plan Update: Achievement/Student Success

Interim Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam, Assistant Superintendents Paula Jordan and Kirk Savage, and Acting Director of Instruction David Manuel provided an update on achievement and student success as it they relate to the Strategic Plan.

Priority	Improving student achievement and well-being through high quality instruction.
Goal	All students meet or exceed grade level expectations in literacy and numeracy.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

Comments/Questions were received regarding the following:

- Congratulations to Trustee Bondar
- Math textbooks.
- K/1 intervention teachers.
- Mental health categorization in assessments.
- Students writing MDI.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1. 2020 – 2021 Amended Annual Budget: 3rd Reading

68.21 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Board of Education approve the third reading of 2020-2021 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$174,169,299.

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

4.2. Policy Renovation Project: Policy 110 – District Vision, Mission and Motto

69.21 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 110: District Mission, Vision and Motto.

NO VOTE

70.21 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT consideration of draft Policy 110 – District Vision, Mission and Motto be deferred pending partner feedback to the Board of Education.

NO VOTE

71.21 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT the motion be amended to read “THAT draft Policy 110 – District Vision, Mission and Motto be referred to staff to receive final comment from district partners on the proposed draft policy.”

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

72.21 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Mumford

THAT draft Policy 110 – District Vision, Mission and Motto be referred to staff to receive final comment from district partners on the proposed draft policy.

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

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1. BCSTA Report

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

5.2. COVID-19 Update

Interim Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam and other members of senior administration provided an update on COVID-19 in the Chilliwack School District.

5.3. Meeting Summaries

February 9, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting Summary

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

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Gerry Slykhuis

1. Board Focus Group: District Communications Audit
2. Board Self-Evaluation

February 9, 2021 In-Camera Meeting Summary

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

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

1. BCPSEA Report
2. Cultural Sensitivity Training

5.4. Next Board of Education Meeting Date

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021
7:00 p.m.
Zoom Webinar**

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

Questions were received regarding the following:

- Budget process.
- Motto and core values.
- Contact Tracing Process.
- Mask wearing.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

Appendix A: Trustee Activities

Trustee Mumford:

- February 10: Chilliwack Food Council Meeting
- February 12: Chilliwack Community Food Hub Tour
- February 16: Chair / Vice-Chair Meeting
- February 16: Policy Review #10
- February 18: CHC Meeting w/Coordinator
- February 22: Chair / Vice-Chair Meeting
- February 22: Policy Review #11

Trustee Reichelt:

- February 12: Integrated Community Safety Task Force
- February 16: Provincial Board Chairs Meeting
- February 16: Chair/Vice Chair Meeting
- February 16: Board Policy Review
- February 22: Canadian Race Relations Foundation Anti-Racism Workshop
- February 22: Chair/Vice Chair Meeting
- February 22: Board Policy Review

BOARD OF EDUCATION
PRESENTATION REPORT

DATE: March 9, 2021

TO: Board of Education

FROM: David Manuel – Director of Instruction
Helen Plummer – District Principal Curriculum

RE: **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: ASSESSMENT OF COMPREHENSION & THINKING (ACT) DEEPER REVIEW**

David Manuel and Helen Plummer will provide a presentation on Assessment of Comprehension and Thinking (ACT) Deeper Review.

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.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

DECISION REPORT

DATE: March 9, 2021

TO: Board of Education

FROM: David Swankey, Trustee

**RE: SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDING FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION IN
PROVINCIAL CORRECTIONAL CENTRES**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board of Education request the Minister of Education and the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General allocate sustained special purpose funding to provide year-round educational services to correctional facilities being supported by public school districts.

RATIONALE:

Currently, inmates in Provincial Correctional Centres have access to education through Continuing Education programs when there is an agreement in place between the Provincial Correctional Centre and the respective school district. These programs are funded through the Ministry of Education, and funding is delivered to districts using the current CE model. The result is instability in funding and threat to the continuity of service. In Chilliwack, SD33 has one such arrangement with the Ford Mountain Correctional Centre.

The Funding Model Working Group Implementation Report for Adult and Continuing Education recognized the precariousness of this funding, acknowledging that recommendation 11, “may not provide enough support for unique or small programs (e.g., Programs in [provincial] correctional centres)”. The working group report recommends possible mitigation strategies, including targeted funding for indigenous adult learners and moving away from the course-based funding to a more stable program-based funding model.

The request for sustained special purpose funding is consistent with the recommendations of the funding model review, and is the same approach used by other school boards and the BCSTA following direction from their member boards. Informed advocacy to support this program may be necessary to see it continue as the district continues to manage the sustained financial pressures of growth, coupled with the immediate and emergent pressures COVID has placed on public school districts.

BACKGROUND:

At the January 12, 2021 public meeting of the board, staff presented an update that included the annual cost above and beyond the CE funding received by the district to support the program. The agenda for that meeting may be found [here](#) with pages 19-20 addressing Ford Mountain specifically.

At the January 14, 2020 public meeting of the board, staff presented a strategic plan update specific to Ford Mountain. The agenda for that meeting may be found [here](#); the staff presentation may be viewed [here](#), starting at the 6:45 minute mark.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/criminal-justice/corrections/reducing-reoffending/literacy-education>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/resource-management/k12funding/funding-model-review/adult-and-continuing-education-working-group-report.pdf>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/adult-funding>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/criminal-justice/corrections/correctional-centres>

<https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/2021-02-03-K-Carreras-Chairperson-SD42-Board-of-Education-to-Honourable-Whiteside-and-Honourable-Farnworth.pdf>

<https://bcsta.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2021-02-10-President-Higginson-to-Ministers-Farnworth-and-Whiteside-RE-Education-in-Correctional-Facilities-P120209.5.pdf>

BOARD OF EDUCATION

INFORMATION REPORT

DATE: March 9, 2021
TO: Board of Education
FROM: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Interim Superintendent
RE: COVID-19 UPDATE

Interim Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam and other members of senior administration will provide an update on COVID-19 in the Chilliwack School District.

MEETING SUMMARIES

Committee of the Whole Meeting – February 23, 2021

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

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Gerry Slykhuis

1. Inclusive Education Advisory Committee: Terms of Reference
2. Budget Discussions

In-Camera Meeting – February 23, 2021

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

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

1. HR Report
2. BCPSEA Report
3. Court Case
4. Motion to Censure

Special In-Camera Meeting – February 23, 2021

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

Staff: Gerry Slykhuis

1. Superintendent Evaluation