



THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
School District #33 (Chilliwack)
Regular Public Board Meeting
(Recorded)
AGENDA
April 27, 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 April 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.)

2. PRESENTATIONS

- 2.1. Strategic Plan Update: Inclusion, Mental Health & Social Emotional Learning
- 2.2. Strategic Plan Update: Early Years

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

4. ACTION ITEMS

- 4.1. F.G. Leary Fine Arts Elementary Name Change
- 4.2. McCammon Traditional Elementary Name Change
- 4.3. Transportation Fee Changes

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 5.1. COVID 19 Update
- 5.2. BCSTA Report
- 5.3. Meeting Summaries
- 5.4. **Next Board of Education Meeting: May 11, 2021 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)**

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Location: Zoom Webinar

Members Present:

Chair	Ms. W. Reichelt
Trustee	Dr. C. Bondar
Trustee	Dr. D. Furgason
Trustee	Mrs. H. Maahs
Trustee	Mr. B. Neufeld
Trustee	Mr. D. Swankey

Regrets: Vice-Chair Mr. J. Mumford

Staff Present:

Interim Superintendent	Mr. R. Arul-pragasam
Secretary Treasurer	Mr. G. Slykhuis
Assistant Secretary Treasurer	Mr. Mark Friesen
Assistant Superintendent	Ms. P. Jordan
Assistant Superintendent	Mr. K. Savage
Director of Instruction	Mr. D. Manuel
Director of Facilities & Transportation	Mr. A. Van Tassel
Executive Assistant	Ms. T. McInally
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 7:00 p.m. – **Welcome, Acknowledgment of Traditional Stó:lō Territory and Diversity Statement**

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

101.21 Moved by: Trustee Neufeld
Seconded by: Trustee Furgason

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

102.21 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
 Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the minutes of the March 9, 2021 Regular Public Board Meetings be approved as corrected to include Trustee Furgason in all of the February 23, 2021 Meeting Summaries.

CARRIED

2. PRESENTATION

2.1. Public Budget Presentation

On behalf of the Budget Advisory Committee, Gerry Slykhuis and Mark Friesen provided an overview of the School District’s financial information and budget development process. The presentation included service and program priorities as the Board considers the 2021/2022 Operating Budget.

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:

- Lobbying government for more funding.
- Bussing boundary for Promontory high school students.
- Number of students learning from home or not currently attending school.

4. ACTION ITEM

4.1. Policy Renovation Project: Policy 192 – Trustee Communication and Resources & Policy 140 – Board/Superintendent Relationship

103.21 Moved by: Trustee Bondar
 Seconded by: Trustee Furgason

THAT the Board approve the following policies as attached:

- Policy 192 Trustee Communication and Resources
- Policy 140 Board – Superintendent Relationship

CARRIED

104.21 Moved by: Trustee Swankey
 Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

Further, THAT the Board abandon existing policies (found [HERE](#)) as they are made redundant by the new policies:

- Policy 229 Trustee Electronic Communication Support
- Policy 225 Board – Superintendent Relationship

CARRIED

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1. Budget Advisory Committee Report

The Board of Education received the Budget Advisory Committee Report of April 8, 2021.

5.2. Board Self Evaluation

Board Chair Reichelt presented the results of the Board's Self-Evaluation.

5.3. 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.

5.4. BCSTA Report

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

5.5. Meeting Summaries

March 9, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting Summary

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

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Gerry Slykhuis

1. Trustee Committee Assignments
2. Partner Group Meetings

March 9, 2021 In-Camera Meeting Summary

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

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

1. HR Report
2. BCPSEA Report
3. Budget Planning 2021 – 2022
4. PVP Appointments
5. Trustee Conduct

5.6. Next Board of Education Meeting Date

Tuesday, April 27, 2021
7:00 p.m.
Zoom Webinar

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

Questions were received regarding the following:

- Trustee communication allowance – Policy 192.
- COVID variants.
- Imagine High registrants.
- Stitó:s school a catchment school or a school of choice.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRESENTATION REPORT

DATE: April 27, 2021

TO: Board of Education

FROM: David Manuel – Director of Instruction
Brenda Calendino – District Principal Student Services
Jessica Adams-Loupret – District Vice Principal Student Services

RE: **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: INCLUSION, MENTAL HEALTH & SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING**

David Manuel, Brenda Calendino and Jessica Adams-Loupret will provide a presentation on Inclusion, Mental Health and Social Emotional Learning in the district.

Priority	Improving student achievement and well-being through high quality instruction (Instruction).
Goal	To enhance personal and social responsibility.
Strategy	Targeted Social Emotional Learning Experiences (Social Emotional Skills Development): Social-Emotional Skills embedded in Tier 1 instruction.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
PRESENTATION REPORT

DATE: April 27, 2021
TO: Board of Education
FROM: Nicole Driscoll, Principal, Little Mountain Elementary
SD33 Early Years Coordinator
RE: STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: EARLY YEARS

Principal Nicole Driscoll will provide a presentation on the District's Early Years supports.

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	Learning Supports and Interventions: model and use evidence-based practices for early childhood experiences, intervention and prevention.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

DECISION REPORT

DATE: April 27, 2021
TO: Board of Education
FROM: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Interim Superintendent
RE: **RENAMING F.G. LEARY FINE ARTS ELEMENTARY**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board of Education approve a name change from F.G. Leary Fine Arts Elementary to Leary Integrated Arts & Technology Elementary as per [Policy 809: Naming and Re-Naming of Facilities](#) and [Board Regulation 809.1: Naming and Re-Naming of Facilities](#).

BACKGROUND:

F.G. Leary has been the sole Arts choice opportunity in the Chilliwack School District since 2005. Until recently, students have finished their choice Arts experience at the end of Grade 5. Our community welcomed the opportunity to have our students linked into the Arts stream until graduation via the K-12 Integrated Arts and Technology Framework. Staff are also excited and engaged to be working with staff from two other sites, and are seeking alignment with our partner schools. To be a part of the K-12 IAT Framework and to align with our partner schools more closely we are proposing to the Board of Education to Update our school name to reflect our future path.

In accordance with Board regulation 809.1 (B) we have consulted partner groups to ensure that this change is necessary and supported.

Parent Survey:

Our parent survey received a good rate of response. Of the parents responding, 78% were in favour of this shift. Those parents who were not in favour offered constructive feedback rather than a desire to see the name stay the same. Parent quote, *"I think it's a fantastic idea to adjust the name so that it reflects the focus of the school, while maintaining the connection to the school's past."*

PAC Motion of Support:

Our Parent Advisory Council reviewed our survey results and our new Curriculum Path Document, and are supportive that we are aligning with both the District Framework and with our partner schools. The PAC made a unanimous motion of support for this proposed update to our school name. PAC Motion – *"To support the proposed update to the school name to Leary Integrated Arts & Technology Elementary."*

Student Interviews:

Students in Grades 4 and 5 were interviewed about this proposed change and, after reviewing our updated curriculum path for next year, were happy to see this change and excited about some of the opportunities that they would have at our school. Student quote, *“I’m excited about all of the new things for next year and changing our name is part of that!”*

Leary Family Support:

We have consulted with the Leary family and have their support to update the school name.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

DECISION REPORT

DATE: April 27, 2021
TO: Board of Education
FROM: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Interim Superintendent
RE: **RENAMING MCCAMMON ELEMENTARY**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board of Education approve a name change from McCammon Traditional Elementary to McCammon Elementary as per [Policy 809: Naming and Re-Naming of Facilities](#) and [Board Regulation 809.1: Naming and Re-Naming of Facilities](#).

BACKGROUND:

As with the natural process of change that education moves through over time, current McCammon Elementary staff feel the school values and beliefs, and the pedagogical underpinnings upon which the school operates today, are different from those that existed when the school became McCammon Traditional Elementary.

Following a collaborative process of consultation and feedback with McCammon staff, students and parents over the past seven months, we request to change the school name from McCammon Traditional Elementary to McCammon Elementary. We hope to have this in place for the start of the 2021-22 school year.

- 2018/19: staff meeting conversations begin around the meaning of “traditional”
- October 2020: staff approach administration about formally changing school name
- November 2020: School Name Change Committee formed and meeting held
- November 2020: School Name Change Committee presented at staff meeting
- January 2021: School Name Change Committee presented at staff meeting
- February 2021: Presentation to PAC sharing school staff intentions and request for feedback
- February 2021: Consultation with students and school community through Google Forms
 - *“As our school moves forward with changing its name to McCammon Elementary, what is currently in place that would be important to continue? (i.e., practices, values, cultural norms)”*
- February 2021: School Name Change Committee presented updates at staff meeting
- March 2021: Presentation to PAC – student and school community consultation feedback
- March 2021: School Name Change Committee presented updates at staff meeting

BOARD OF EDUCATION

DECISION REPORT

DATE: April 27, 2021
TO: Board of Education
FROM: Gerry Slykhuis, Secretary Treasurer
RE: **TRANSPORTATION FEE CHANGES**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board of Education approve Courtesy Rider designation for **secondary** students who reside on Promontory and are within walk limits per [Policy 710 – Transportation](#).

THAT the Board of Education approve an annual registration fee of \$25 for all bus riders.

BACKGROUND:

Prior to the 2002/2003 school year, the Ministry of Education provided funding for the transportation system based on the actual operating costs of transportation, taking into accounts factors such as:

- ministry-defined walk limits and the number of busing kilometers required to satisfy those walk limits
- the cost of transportation assistance based on the walk limits
- the cost of other contracted transportation
- the number of special needs students
- an allowance for every secondary student for extracurricular activities.

The requirement to provide transportation was removed from the *School Act* more than a decade ago. Over the years, school districts were asked to reduce administrative spending, which includes transportation, and made difficult decisions to cancel, reduce or add fees to school bus transportation in order to achieve these targets.

School Districts have previously lobbied for adequate transportation funding with the Ministry of Education. The following motion is set to be submitted at the BCSTA AGM this April:

That BCSTA work with the Ministry of Education to define a minimum provincial standard for student transportation and that the Ministry of Education provide funding above the existing allocations to deliver this minimum standard in all school districts.

Promontory Students

In August 2015, the Board changed the designation of Courtesy Rider to Regular Rider for Promontory students going to GW Graham School and adjusted the budget to absorb the cost of ridership for these students. Since this time, the grade levels for GW Graham have changed from 7-12 to 9-12, and many safety features have been added to Promontory and the path to the secondary school.

These safety features include:

- Sidewalks
- Well lit, paved path from the bottom of the hill to the crosswalk at Thomas Rd directly across from school (*see image below)



* red mark-up shows path from the bottom of Promontory to the crosswalk across from GWG

Secondary students who reside **outside** of walk limits for GW Graham Secondary will still be considered Regular Riders. (See attached for Promontory area that falls within secondary student walk limits)

Registration Fee

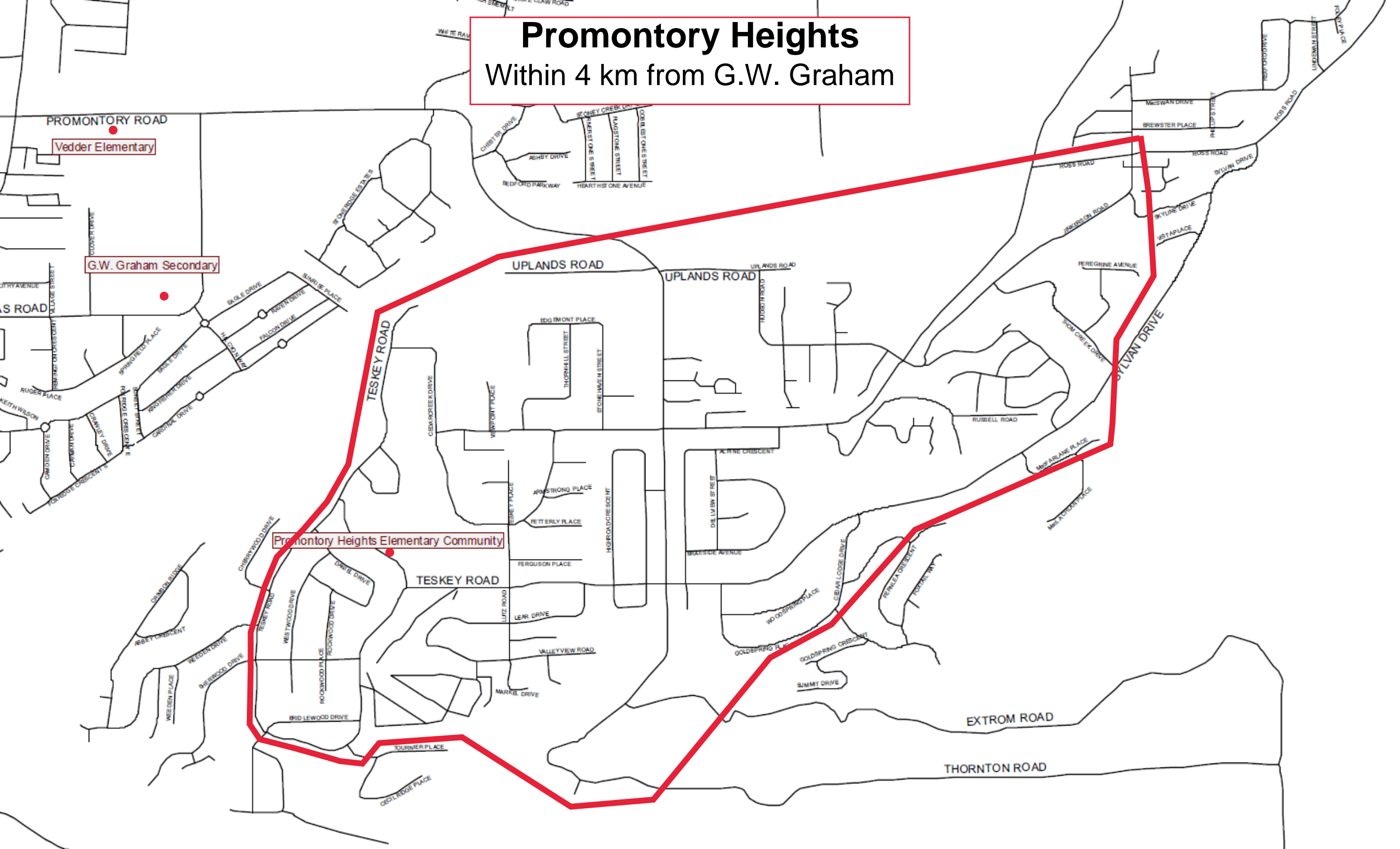
Currently, any student who is considered an eligible rider must register to obtain a bus pass and a seat on a bus. Many students are registered to ride, but do not actually use the service or use it very seldomly. This registration holds a spot on the bus regardless if they never ride the bus. Courtesy rider registrations are only accepted if there is a spot available on the bus. This creates situations on buses where there are many seats unused and many courtesy riders not able to use them.

Having a registration fee not only helps to support the costs of continuing service and safety enhancements, it also deters registrations for those who utilize the service infrequently or as a back up plan.

Financial impact: revenue is estimated at \$100,000 (4000 riders x \$25).

Promontory Heights

Within 4 km from G.W. Graham



Vedder Elementary

G.W. Graham Secondary

Promontory Heights Elementary Community

BOARD OF EDUCATION

INFORMATION REPORT

DATE: April 27, 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

Special In-Camera Meeting – April 12, 2020

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

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

1. Ministerial Letter and Accompanying Order

Committee of the Whole Meeting – April 13, 2021

Trustees: Willow Reichelt, Carin Bondar, Darrell Furgason, Heather Maahs, David Swankey

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Gerry Slykhuis

1. BCSTA AGM
2. Board Learning Sessions
3. CPVPA Meeting

In-Camera Meeting – April 13, 2021

Trustees: Willow Reichelt, Carin Bondar, Darrell Furgason, Heather Maahs, David Swankey

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

1. HR Report
2. BCPSEA Report
3. 5 Year Capital Plan Priorities
4. Superintendent's Contract
5. Budget Advisory Committee Community Members
6. Audit Working Committee Community Members