

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

B - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1) April 9, 2008

P415-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Seconder: Trustee Butler

“That the Minutes of the April 9, 2008 Public meeting be approved as circulated and amended as follows:

Page 10 – second paragraph following motion P404 should read:

Trustee Vdovine said that he had not, in his initial proposal, recommended the committee set the remuneration structure but rather to make recommendations to the Board.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C – PRESENTATIONS

1) Using Technology to meet the diverse needs of students, Mrs. Laurie Smith, District Principal, Gabrielle Barrett-Lennard, and Betty Ann Waddington, Speech and Language Pathologists from Student Support Services

The presenters highlighted the varied ways in which technology has been used to assist students with such diverse needs, as speech and visual impairments, and motor challenges. The technology also helps students to improve in reading, writing, and organizational challenges. The presenters advised that only a small proportion of the District’s needs for technology can be met through provincial funding. Students generally are dependent upon funds provided through the District budget, fundraising, and their own families.

The Board thanked the student support team for their informative presentation and they left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

2) French Immersion Program Review – Dr. D. Osborne

The Board welcomed Dr. David Osborne to the meeting. Mr. Simpson, Superintendent advised that Dr. Osborne, a retired Superintendent, has an extensive background in French Immersion program analysis.

Dr. Osborne presented his detailed report on all current French Immersion programs in the District, and advised that the District has a strong FI program which attracts 9.2% of the student population. He recommends the Board consider establishing a program at the elementary level at a school in the East part of the District, and to determine the viability of the FI program at Riverside.

Board members asked questions for clarification and the Board Chair asked whether staff would be bringing forward specific recommendations as to how the District will balance the French Immersion programs and catchment areas. The Superintendent advised that he would bring a plan forward for discussion to the next Board meeting

Dr. Osborne outlined what he considered to be the next steps in the process, and the viability of continuing all of the current FI programs.

Chair Ashlie thanked Dr. Osborne for his presentation and he left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

D – DELEGATIONS

E - CHAIR REPORT

- a) Correspondence for Board Action
- b) Board Announcement
- c) Other Matters

Exempt Staff Notification

Chair Ashlie said that she had attached a recent BCPSEA announcement regarding Bill 33 and amendments to the Public Sector Employers Act, for Board information.

F - DEFERRED ITEMS

G - TRUSTEE MOTIONS

H - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

- 1. Decision Items
 - a) Superintendent of Schools

School District No. 42 Logo Re-design

P416-07/08 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Secoder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the Superintendent’s report on the new logo re-design for School District No. 42.”

Communications Officer Seamus Nesling, advised that attempts to involve students in the design of a new District logo has not been successful, with only eight submissions being sent in for consideration.

Superintendent Simpson said that the new logo is essential for the promotion of the District's new Vision, and Mission statements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P417-07/08 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

"That the Communications Officer contract with a professional graphic design service in order to develop a new logo to represent what we stand for and how we wish to be perceived in the community."

Trustee Aslie	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Vdovine	Negative

CARRIED

P418-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

"That in the absence of actual student design submissions, the project should be guided by input received from students during a brainstorming session on April 22nd."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P419-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Wartd

"That money previously approved to cover costs associated with logo design, and Vision, Mission and Core Values launch, and not yet spent be put towards the cost of Recommendation #2."

Trustee Aslie	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Vdovine	Negative

CARRIED

b) Assistant Superintendents

15 Seater Passenger Vans

P420-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board receive an update on the 15 seater passenger vans.”

Assistant Superintendent Jan Unwin advised that staff had investigated the dual rear wheel proposal and had determined that there were too many unknowns, including possible mechanical complications, vehicle warranties, and cost.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P421-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board reconsider the decision to have all 15 seater passenger vans refitted with dual rear wheels.”

Trustee Aslie	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Vdovine	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Negative

CARRIED

P422-07/08 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

“That the Board allow 15 seater passenger vans back on the road with the recommendations outlined in the original report.”

Trustee Aslie	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Vdovine	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Negative

CARRIED

c) Secretary Treasurer

Procedural Bylaw entitled Trustee Remuneration

P423-07/08 Mover: Trustee Butler
Second: Trustee Ward

“That pursuant to part E, Bylaws and Resolutions, Section 3.01 subsection d), the Board advance the Procedural Bylaw entitled Trustee Remuneration through to final stages in one meeting (April 30th).”

DEFEATED

P424-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
Second: Trustee Ward

“That the Board grant first reading to the Procedural Bylaw entitled Trustee

2. Information Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

District External Review Team Format

P425-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
Seconder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board of Education receive an update report from the Superintendent of Schools.”

Superintendent John Simpson updated the Board on the current format for District reviews. He said that a team of educators spend up to four days examining operations in four areas: organizing for improvement; setting directions; building learning communities, and achieving resup2mp.6(b SD42 will ondingueto)ocu

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Compliments to SD42 for its treatment of SFU student teachers;
 The creation of flower boxes at Riverside Elementary, as part of a successful anti-vandalism initiative;
 Congratulation to Trustees Ashlie, Ward, Marshall and Rempel who were presented with Certificates of Honour for their long years of service as a Trustee;
 The display at Maple Ridge Arts Centre of the student designed 2010 Spirit banners;
 Director Laurie Meston's excellent presentation at a recent Rotary luncheon.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Assistant Superintendents

Secondary Coordinated Timetables

P427-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

"That the Board receive the report on the coordinated timetables set by the secondary schools for the 2008-2009 school year."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cyberschool Achievement

P428-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Seconder: Trustee Butler

"That the Board receive information on the progress of Cyberschool students over the past three years."

Assistant Superintendent Unwin reported on the progress of students in the cyberschool program at Yennadon Elementary over the last three years. She said that students who completed grades 6 and 7 at Yennadon, and who are now in grades 8, 9, and 10, are doing extremely well in school. The data supports the request to expand the cyberschool program throughout the District.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

f) Aboriginal Education Committee

Chair Ashlie advised Board members about the invitation to attend the first Annual Aboriginal Achievement Awards Ceremony on May 29, 2008 at Thomas Haney Centre. Those planning to attend should advise the Aboriginal Education Department as soon as possible.

- g) French Immersion Advisory Committee
- h) Anti-Vandalism Advisory Committee
- i) District Student Advisory Committee

J - QUESTION PERIOD

1. Trustee Questions
2. Public Questions
3. DPAC Questions
4. Employee Group Questions

Mr. Serra, MRTA representative said that he did not consider the Districts outlined in the Trustee Remuneration bylaw are an appropriate comparable with our District.

Secretary Treasurer Don Woytowich advised that they are Districts which BCPSEA considers to be comparable with our District.

Mr. Serra referred to the Cyberschool program and said that more comparable data is needed from other schools to establish how well the District's students are doing.

The Secretary Treasurer reported that this data could be obtained through the data warehouse if required. Assistant Superintendent Jan Unwin said that the Board had asked how well the students who were part of the initial Cyberschool program were progressing in high school, and the results are as presented.

K- TRUSTEE REPORTS

1. External Representative Reports

Trustee Rempel attended the recent Maple Ridge Arts Council meeting and reported that the committee dealt with scholarships, the creation of a scholarship policy, and the use of the ACT by District students. He said there will be a five year Anniversary Celebration for the ACT on May 10th at 8:00 p.m. Anyone interested in attending may obtain a ticket from him at a cost of \$40.00.

