

PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Chair Ken Clarkson
Vice Chair Eleanor Palis
Trustee Susan Carr
Trustee Kathie Ward
Trustee Stepan Vdovine
Trustee Mike Huber
Trustee Dave Rempel

STAFF:

Superintendent Jan Unwin
Deputy Superintendent Laurie Meston
Secretary Treasurer Wayne Jefferson
Communications Officer Seamus Nesling
Executive Assistant Tina Fuchs

OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6: 04 pm.

2. Correspondence

ORIGINAL - Motion P205 09/10

Member (Kathie Ward) Moved, Member (Dave Rempel) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board order the agenda as amended.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. December 9, 2009 Public Meeting Minutes

ORIGINAL - Motion P206 09/10

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Mike Huber) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board approve the December 9, 2009 Public Meeting Minutes as circulated.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Spirit of BC Presentation by Kyle McLellan & Cheryl Johnson

Kyle was a torch bearer in Ontario during December. The Spirit of BC has been working since 2003 when Vancouver was awarded the Olympics. They wanted to share some of the things that have happened so far and the things that will be happening in conjunction with the Olympics and Paralympics relays as well as opening ceremonies etc. They first explained the committee and how it works and then outlined some of the community legacy projects in MRPM, and then shared other ways to help celebrate in the community.

February 12 will be the Opening Ceremonies for the Olympics. At the ACT theatre, the Opening Ceremonies will be broadcasted live.

The torch relay celebration will be on Monday, February 8th, in the morning. The torch will be coming through Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows and it will be community celebration.

The Paralympic torch relay will also be coming through on Wednesday, March 10.

CHAIR REPORT

1. Election of BCSTA Representative

ORIGINAL - Motion P207 09/10

Member (Kathie Ward) Moved, Member (Eleanor Palis) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board elect a Trustee to be the BCSTA Representative for the term January 2010 to January 2011.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

DEPUTY

1. Registration Procedures

The Deputy Superintendent advised that they are asking the Board to approve the amended registration priority criteria

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(Aboriginal or Special Needs) have been allocated 32 seats. There are 494 full day kindergarten spots all together. If we were to offer 495 spots, we would have to pay for the additional half day as a district. The criteria was based on space availability, EDI data (vulnerability data), and relative information which is the presence of Daycare and Strongstart programs in the school. Blue Mountain, Eric Langton, Edith McDermott will all offer full day kindergarten in English only and they will only offer full day kindergarten, not half and full. Their understanding is that all kindergarten will be full day by 2011-2012.

Discussion ensued and Trustees raised some questions.

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history is disclosed to the recipients all the time. Trustee Rempel advised that he would talk to Doug Hoey about it.

- Trustee Ward *Twice in a Lifetime Grad Dress Sale* is a mother of former grads who saw an opportunity to make grad a bit better for less fortunate girls, so she works with a group of other ladies to re-sell grad dresses. One of the organizers was wondering if it is possible for them to contact school councilors and get their posters put up at the schools

6. BCSTA Provincial Council

- a. Trustee Ward advised that the Provincial Council Motion Deadline is the 22nd of January, which is prior to the next Board meeting on the 27th. She reminded that the motions have to be emergent in nature and that there are guidelines to these motions. If any of the Trustees have motions to submit, they are to send them to Trustee Ward and it can be discussed at the Board Work day on January 20th.
- b. Trustee Ward also wanted to remind about the BCSTA AGM and that if there are any changes to the BCSTA Bylaws, they have to be in by February 11 and the Substantive