# 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

#### <u>STAFF:</u>

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. <u>Correspondence</u>

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. <u>Spirit of BC Presentation by Kyle McLellan & Cheryl Johnson</u>

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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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. <u>Election of BCSTA Representative</u>

#### 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. <u>Registration Procedures</u>

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

# ORIGINAL - Motion P212 09/10

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Kathie Ward) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That in accordance with the provisions of Section 139 of the School Act and Regulation 10, the Board of School Trustees of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) authorize the Secretary Treasurer to request the approval of the Minister of Education for the borrowing of an amount not to exceed \$6,500,000. These funds would be in the form of a \$3,000,000 line of credit and additional funds of \$3,500,000 if required to meet current operating and debt services expenditures, but all money so borrowed shall be repaid not later than the 30th day of June, 2010.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

# SUPERINTENDENT

# 1. Greybrook Academy

The Superintendent advised that this was the final impact statement in terms of where all the kids went. The District has applied for a special grant for funding because 41 new students coming into the District has an impact. It is a very special and very unusual case. u the only district who took on some of the students though, so everyone will be asking the same question as to if the funding can follow the students. The new students were able to fit into spots that had already existed. Edith McDermott Elementary had the biggest impact with taking in 15 new students. The District will come up with creative ways to give extra support as needed but they do funding will be available or not. Bill 33 is also not an issue with the changes. Parents needs are being met and this will be monitored going forward.

## ORIGINAL - Motion P213 09/10

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Kathie Ward) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion ' u Greybrook Academy for information.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## 2. FSA Update

The Superintendent explained that every year, particularly in last few years, the FSAs have caused angst in all the school districts. The District has tried hard to come up with solutions to the ongoing problem but there will still be glitches that they are working diligently to resolve.

She also advised that the numbers are low due to the students who did not write, getting zeros. This brings down the average when the results are reported out.

Discussion ensued and the Superintendent addressed some questions from the Trustees.

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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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Public Board Meeting Minutes January 13, 2010 Page 8 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* o 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 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, which is prior to the next Board meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - 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