



PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

STAFF:

Superintendent – Jan Unwin
Secretary Treasurer – Wayne Jefferson
Deputy Superintendent – David Vandergugten
Communications Officer – Seamus Nesling
Executive Assistant – Tracy Smith

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Correspondence

CUPE BC
BC Coalition for School Libraries

3. Ordering of Agenda

Additions:

- Chair Report - Board Work Day
- Chair Report - Secretary Treasurer Contract
- Trustee Motion – Trustee Vdovine: Co-governance model - Vancouver School Board
- Member of the Public - Questions re Budget.

Gladys Hewson, Executive of CUPE, thanked the Board for all of their hard work on the budget and for including the partner groups as part of the process. “Although it is sad to lose support staff, it could have been much worse”.

George Serra, Executive of MRTA, thanked the Board for the partner group inclusion to which the MRTA feels it has played a larger part of the process than ever before. Mr. Serra thanked the Board for continuing to head into the right direction.

ORIGINAL - Motion P334 09/10

Member (Trustee Rempel) Moved, Member (Trustee Carr) 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. May 26, 2010 Public Meeting Minutes

ORIGINAL - Motion P335 09/10

Member (Trustee Rempel) Moved, Member (Trustee Palis) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'THAT the minutes of the May 26, 2010 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. PRESENTATIONS

SmART Kits: Lindy Sisson, Executive Director - Presentation

Guests: Lindy Sisson, Executive Director
Roger Welch, President, Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Arts Council
Kjaer Pedersen, Artist in Residence

The Board welcomed Lindy Sisson, Roger Welch and Kjaer Petersen who provided an overview of the School District No. 42 exhibit ~~of the~~

Local School Calendar 2010/11

The calendars will be posted on the website to allow parents to have access to all school schedules and Professional Development days.

ORIGINAL - Motion P338 09/10

Member (Trustee Rempel) Moved, Member (Trustee Carr) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'THAT the Board receive the Elementary School Calendars and Secondary School Calendars for 2010 - 2011, for information.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

c) Secretary Treasurer

Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers)

The Board Chair read the Budget Balancing Challenges report and opened the floor to questions.

Trustee Vdovine commented on how overall, the budget and process has changed from past years and acknowledges there have been defects in the public opinion and the responsibility lies with the Board not staff.

Despite former discussions at meetings and presentations, Trustee Ward seeks further clarification as to whether or not the Board has contravened its own Budget Process Policy. As such, will not be voting on the first readings as she needs more time and clarity.

Discussion ensued regarding Reading Racers. The Board is supportive of the program and seeks to find a way to continue with the program. French is funded completely different. Deputy Superintendent Vandergugten reported that due to the lack of Ministry funding, (literacy grants have disappeared), the

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Chair Clarkson and Trustee Huber joined the meeting 7:02 pm. Vice-Chair Palis returned the gavel to Chair Clarkson.

Trustee Vdovine questioned fellow Trustees Ward and Rempel on the vague nature of their abstinence

Employee Group Question:

MRTA Executive, George Serra, asked if partner groups will be part of the process regarding calendar to which the Superintendent confirmed that the partner groups will be part of the process and much of the fall will be spent reviewing the calendar ensuring SD42 is heading into a 21st century – educational perspective.

J. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Maple Ridge Arts Council. Trustee Rempel reported on the meeting held Monday. Executive Director, Lindy Sisson, gave a visual presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

ORIGINAL - Motion P342 09/10

Member (Trustee Rempel) Moved, Member (Trustee Ward) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer