

PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Chairperson – Mike Murray  
Vice-Chairperson – Eleanor Palis  
Trustee – Susan Carr  
Trustee – Ken Clarkson  
Trustee – Kathy Marshall  
Trustee – Sarah Nelson  
Trustee – Dave Rempel

STAFF:

Superintendent – Jan Unwin  
Secretary Treasurer – Wayne Jefferson  
Deputy Superintendent – Laurie Meston  
Mgr. of Communications/Community Relations – Irena Pochop  
Executive Assistant – Tracy Orobko

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Chair welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

1. Correspondence

Larry R. Hayes, Chairperson – School District No. 41 (Burnaby)  
Leah Bae, President – Vancouver District Students' Council  
The Vancouver District Students' Council  
George Serra, President – Maple Ridge Teachers' Association

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information

CARRIED

1. Ordering of Agenda

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

Additions/Amendments:

Ordering of Agenda: Item C - Presentations – move to the top of the Agenda

Correspondence Added: : H0r4 Ma65g

C. PRESENTATIONS

Deirdre Torrence, Chairperson of the Social Justice Committee of the Maple Ridge Teachers' Association  
Student Presentation Regarding Pink Day and Anti-Homophobia Policy

Ms. Torrence thanked District and Sponsor teachers for their rationale of the anti-homophobia topic and respectfully requested no photographs be taken of the students in attendance;  
Provided background on the history of "pink" day;  
15 School Districts in the Province have adopted anti-homophobia policies;  
The Social Justice committee would like to assist with the discreet language of such policy;  
Provided folder handouts containing policies of the 15 School Districts and provided a powerpoint presentation.

It was suggested and agreed to change the Public Board meeting Agendas to "pink" from "blue" and that the Board commit to begin the work around the development of a policy tapping into youth knowledge.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board receive the Social Justice

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. February 8, 2012 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Clarification regarding a request for the BCSTA Fraser Valley Branch be amended to include that the request was for an "Executive" position.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Minutes of the February 8, 2012 Public Board Meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

The Chair acknowledged the passing of David Adkins, a long serving member of School District staff and offered condolences to the family.

F. DEFERRED ITEMS

G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS

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K. TRUSTEE REPORTS