#### IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS: STAFF:

Board Chairperson Mike Murray Superintendent Jan Unwin

Vice-Chairperson Beanor Palis Secretary Treasurer Wayne Jefferson

Trustee Susan Carr Acting Deputy Superintendent Laurie Meston

Trustee Ken Clarkson Mgr. of Communications/ Community Relations Irena Pochop

Trustee Kathy Marshall Executive Assistant Tracy Orobko

Trustee Sarah Nelson Trustee Dave Rempel

#### 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

Frank Lento, Chairperson School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) George Abbott, Honourable Minister Ministry of Education

Moved: Trustee Rempel Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information

**CARRIED** 

# 2. Ordering of Agenda

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Carkson

Additions:

Moved to th Catchment Review: Eastern Schools

Catchment Changes.

Moved: Trustee Rempel Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

**CARRIED** 

The Chair opened the floor to others wanting to speak to the Agenda.

Lorie Firth, parent at Alexander Robinson Bementary, provided her comments on the direct impact of displaced siblings and further spoke to concerns by handing out a photograph of her children requesting consideration to prioritizing children.

# Recommendation no. 3:

Moved:

Director Sonne commended the passion of School District staff and teams who have conducted interventions based on data and followed up with all Aboriginal Education students. Staff have created strategies to help overall grad rates and commended Alan Miller, Principal, Aboriginal Education, and his team who have followed up with those students.

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congratulate the entire teaching staff on behalf of the School District.

In summary, Director Sonne promoted the caring for kids in the School District; understanding what a child knows; where they want to go; and encouragement to dig deep into that learning.

Discussion ensued regarding non-graduating students, stress levels of students with anxiety, depression and substance abuse.

Director Sonne reassured the Board students are not allowed to withdraw until they have followed due process and are matched with staff enabled to intervene and assist.

Chair Murray t

# Catchment Review: French Immersion Catchment Changes

## Recommendation #1:

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board approve the realignment of the Laity View and Eric Langton Bementary French catchment areas so that the Laity View Bementary catchment increases and the Eric Langton Bementary catchment decreases.

**CARRIED** 

### Recommendation #2:

Moved: Trustee Rempel Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board, approve the same grandfathering option as presented in the East Side Schools package for siblings of students who previously lived in the Eric Langton Bementary catchment and now live in the Laity View Bementary catchment.

**CARRIED** 

c) Secretary Treasurer

## **Sgning Authority**

Moved: Trustee Rempel Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board approve the signing authorities for 2011/2012 in the form attached. CARRIED

- 2. Information Items
  - a) Superintendent of Schools
  - b) Acting Deputy Superintendent
  - c) Secretary Treasurer
- I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Acting Deputy Superintendent exited the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

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#### K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

<u>Tzu Chi Foundation</u>. Trustee Rempel reported on the attendance by Chair Murray, Superintendent Unwin and himself who attended a celebration in Richmond. Additional funds will soon be distributed in the School District.

<u>Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council.</u> Trustee Rempel reported on his recent attendance at a meeting. Items discussed included the new Communications Manager; bursary program, and Artist in Residence extension of another year.

<u>BC School T</u> Association. Trustee Clarkson reminded the Board of the February 25<sup>th</sup> deadline for Boards to submit motions of emergent nature. The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for April 26 29. Any extraordinary resolutions to change bylaws are due and requested Board feedback.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation. The next meeting is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on January 19, 2012 at Sunwood Senior Living Community on 224<sup>th</sup> Street.

## Good News Items

Trustee Palis attended a pep rally at Pitt Meadows Secondary School. Rich Goulet is back coaching and ran the pep rally. The Grade 12 Senior Basketball boys team presented him with a watch commemorating his 1000<sup>th</sup> win.

<u>Community Literacy program.</u> Trustee Palis reported on the partnering with Vancity who will be providing financial literacy programs. January 27, 2012 is Family Literacy Day. There will be two free workshops which will be posted on the School District website.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation. Trustee Rempel reported Whonnock Bementary had requested funding for recorders