



Wednesday, March 28, 2012 (6:00 PM)
DEO Board Room

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Chairperson – Mike Murray

Vice Chairperson – Eleanor Bell

Trustee – Susan Carr

Trustee – Ken Clarkson

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Trustee – Kevin Marshall

STAFF:

Superintendent – Jan Unwin

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – Peter Bullard

Deputy Superintendent – Laurie Meston

Director of Communications/Community Relations – Irena Pochop

Executive Assistant – Tracy Crooks

ABSENT:

Secretary/Treasurer – Wayne Jefferson

Trustee Sarah Nelson

Trustee Dave Rempel

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

The Chair welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

1. Correspondence

George Abbott, Honourable Minister – Ministry of Education (March 9, 2012)

Subject: Shared Services

• George Abbott, Honourable Minister – Ministry of Education (March 13, 2012)

Subject: BC Education Plan and Foundation Skills Assessment

George Abbott, Honourable Minister – Ministry of Education (March 16, 2012)

Subject: Bill C-58 – Education, Ministry of Education

Art Erasmus, Chair – School District No. 93 (Coast Mountain) (March 14, 2012)

Subject: – Savings from Teachers' Strike

Moved: Trustee Clarkson

That the Board receive all correspondence for information

2. Ordering of Agenda

Additions/Amendments:

Trustee Motions: Trustee Carr

Moved: Trustee Marshall

Moved: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

CARRIED

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

1. March 7, 2012 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Minutes of the March 7, 2012 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

Pat Atkins, Registered Social Worker – Education Awareness & Change
Re: Responsible & Problem Gambling Program

Mr. Atkins handed out information packages and began his presentation indicating that gambling is a global problem that is increasing in popularity and has become a major source of revenue for governments. He provided a power point on responsible gambling highlighting the signs and sources of same.

Mr. Atkins attends schools, PAC groups and is interested in meeting with teachers to provide further assistance in bringing awareness to the matter through professional development. One of the programs offered at the secondary level includes use of an iPad called, "Gam_iQ" – Gambling Awareness for Secondary Schools. www.hereasonablegambling.ca

The Chair opened the floor to questions and comments.

The Superintendent offered to provide a package to the Chair of the District Parent Advisory Council.

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive the presentation for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

2012 Graduation Schedule

Discussion regarding the graduation schedule ensued agreeing to provide reasonable opportunity for all Trustees to attend and/or provide a special in the ceremony.

F. DEFERRED ITEMS

G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS

Moved: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board direct the Board Chair to send a letter to the Minister of Education indicating the Board's commitment to the process of mediation and to the mediator's selection. The Board's request is that the mediator be selected that is acceptable to all parties.

have success it was our request in a letter dated March 8, 2012 that a mediator be selected that is acceptable to all parties.

CARRIED

H. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

1. Decision Items

- a) Superintendent of Schools
- b) Deputy Superintendent
- c) Secretary Treasurer

2. Information Items

- a) Superintendent of Schools

Safe Schools Policy

The Superintendent provided a broad overview of safe schools policies. School District will receive information from the Ministry of Education regarding Government initiatives in the process.

Moved: Trustee Patis

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board receive the Timeline and Process for addressing a Safe Schools policy that includes but is not limited to language on Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity for information.

CARRIED

- b) Deputy Superintendent
- c) Secretary Treasurer

2012-2013 Operating Budget Funding Announcement Overview

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of the funding announcement. Staff expect to be providing information to the Board regarding the funding announcement. Staff will be meeting with the Ministry of Education concerning the administrative processes around administering of the newly identified funding categories: Learning Improvement Fund, Vulnerable Students, and Education Plan Supplement. Staff anticipates receiving answers which will be presented to the Budget Committee of the Whole on April 4, 2012.

Moved: Trustee Clarkson

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive the Secretary Treasurer's report on the 2012-2013 Operating Budget funding announcement for information.

CARRIED

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

J. QUESTION PERIOD

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BC School Trustees' Association: Trustee Clarkson confirmed a e-mail will be sent regarding motions for the upcoming Annual General Meeting requesting the Board to review and provide nominations for candidates.

Joint Parks and Leisure Services: Chair Murray reviewed park designs and reported on new sites in Silver Valley. Also passed on the School District's appropriation for the organization of programs during the teachers' job action and during Spring Break.

Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council: Chair Murray commented on the return of certain programming.

Good News Items.

Trustee Palis commented on an upcoming Alouette Addictions presentation for parents at Pitt Meadows Secondary School on Wednesday, April 4, 2012.

Trustees Carr, Palis and Chair Murray attended Maple Ridge Secondary School's Commemorative Civilization's EPIC Project citing the powerful messages behind the student artwork. A special thank you to the staff for their great work.

Trustee Carr reported on the Spring Break RCMP Youth Academy where her daughter attended offering a note of thanks to all of those involved with the program benefiting students. One of the largest contingencies of students was from School District No. 42.

Grade 10 Planning session job interviews are now in progress. The Board wished to thank all the staff who coordinate these events for the students.

Chair Murray congratulated the Pitt Meadows Secondary School boys on their success at a recent tournament paying tribute to those working with the basketball program.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Clarkson

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

MINUTES

M. D. Clarkson

M. Carr

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