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4. Invitation for Public Input to Matters on the Agenda

Clarification was requested on the amended 2014-2015 school calendar. The Board Chair reminded members of the public that questions would be allowed under Question Period.

Input was received from a parent in the School District on proposed Policy 9601 Anaphylaxis and proposed Procedure 9601. Anaphylaxis requesting that the School District adopt a district wide blanket approach of being parent aware.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. October 2014 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Kempe
Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Minutes of the October 8, 2014 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning – Emily Mieccko

Moved: Trustee Kempe
Seconded: Trustee Nelson

Emily Mieccko of the Early Childhood Educators of BC presented a broad overview of the proposal for a Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning. It was reported that with the increased focus on early learning more vulnerable children are attending school at a younger age. Many have been invested in the area of early learning but not in providing accessible and affordable childcare in quality licensed facilities.

The Made in BC plan would provide affordable daycare in quality licensed facilities at \$10 per day for full time daycare, \$7 per day for part time daycare and no fee for those families whose annual income is under \$40,000. The plan would improve the wages of Early Childhood Educators, include all children on a voluntary basis meet the demonstrated need in the community, and be consistent with the Early Learning Framework. There are seven key highlights of the plan: Early Care and Learning Act, Move Home in the Ministry of Education, Expanded Role for Boards of Education, Early Years Network, Enhance Kindergarten and Grade 1, Strengthen Family and School Age Care and Investment in the Early Childhood Educators Workforce. It was reported that other provinces and territories in Canada have already incorporated childcare in the education system, that an implementation plan had been created for The Made in BC Plan and that the Made in BC Plan had received endorsement from many noteworthy supporters.

THAT the Board receive the Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning presented by Emily Mieccko of the Early Childhood Educators of BC, for information.

And further

THAT the Board endorse the Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning proposed by the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC and Early Childhood Educators of BC.

CARRIED

2. Achievement Contract – Laurie Mestrich

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Marshall

The Acting Superintendent presented the Achievement Contract and reported on Early Indicators for Student Success, including what actions have been taken to address this area and what the next steps are. The Acting Superintendent also reported on the Learning Initiative and what data is used to monitor the impact of actions, what was learned and what the next steps are.

THAT the Board approve the Achievement Contract Presentation for information.

CARRIED

- D. DELEGATION
- E. DEFERRED ITEMS
- F. DECISION ITEMS

- 1. Chairperson of Board of Schools
- 2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Amend 2014-2015 School Calendar

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Carr

The Acting Superintendent reported that the Board approved postponing the September 23, 2014 non-instructional day to occur later in the school year due to the late return of students and 2014 growth planning.

The Acting Superintendent reported that after consultation with the partnership and the Growth Planning District, it was proposed to place the Non-Instructional day on May 27, 2015 and that the date will be placed on May 23, 2015.

The Acting Superintendent clarified that approval was being requested for the dates identified as school or district based days after further consultation.

THAT the Board approve the attached amended District School Calendar, Kanaka District Distributed Learning Calendar for 2014-2015.

CARRIED

b) Learning Improvement Fund

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

The Acting Superintendent reported that as indicated in the Learning Improvement Fund Bill 2014, the Board requesting, in a fiscal year, a grant under section 1.5.2 of the Education Improvement Act, must submit a pending plan to the Minister of Education by October 31, 2014.

The Acting Superintendent presented the Learning Improvement Plan Summary. The Acting Superintendent reported that the Learning Improvement Committee had followed the same process as previous years but the Learning Improvement Fund will be used for the Learning Improvement Fund by October 31, 2014.

concerns at the secondary level had resulted in monies being used to address class size rather than class composition.

Discussion ensued on the numbers of secondary classes over 30, using the Learning Improvement Fund to increase seating due to class size, increased enrolment from projections and secondary timetables.

THAT the Board approve the Learning Improvement Fund Spending Plan Summary for information.

And further;

THAT the Board approve the Learning Improvement Fund Approval form for submission to the Minister of Education by October 31, 2014.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

a) Emergency Management Program

Moved: Trustee Michel
Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

The Secretary Treasurer reported that as part of the Board's Strategic Plan one of the key strategic directions for the School District identified was the effective, efficient and sustainable management of resources.

In 2014, the School District engaged the services of two contractors to complete a high level review of all district facilities. The review identified savings of over 4 million kilowatt hours in energy alone and reported that upgrades would be required in all school district facilities. The Secretary Treasurer explained that once a project is undertaken it is evaluated by Energy Hydro for potential savings and a grant based upon those potential savings and a mitigation plan.

The Secretary Treasurer further explained that in order to manage projects and further funding applications, a staff resource would be required. BC Hydro had recommended the creation of an Energy Manager position that would assist the School District in establishing strategic energy management in partnership with BC Hydro. BC Hydro had committed to co-fund the greater of 50% or \$50,000 of the Energy Manager's salary and benefits. Bonus funding of \$25,000 could be received if standard funding deliverables as well as bonus funding deliverables were achieved. The position would require specific training and would initially be for 12 months with an option to continue for a further 5 years. The total compensation for the position will be \$100,000 and the Board's maximum contribution would be \$50,000.

Discussion ensued on carbon offsets, local capital funding and use of the contingency reserves.

THAT the Board approve the creation of a full time Energy Manager position jointly funded by BC Hydro (up to \$50,000 annually) and the Board from annual utilities savings resulting from the implementation of an energy management program for the school district.

AND FURTHER;

THAT the Board approve the use of up to \$200,000 from the local capital fund for utility conservation projects.

AND FURTHER;

THAT the Board directs the Secretary Treasurer to prepare a comprehensive Energy Management Plan as part of the Strategic Facilities Plan.

CARRIED

1. Energy Management Committees

2. Facilities Policy Development

3. Facilities Related Policies

Motioned: Trustee Tempel
Seconded: Trustee Carr

The Board confirmed that the Facilities Related Policies had been updated to reflect current practice.

THAT the Board rescind the School Size policy (dated November 25, 2008); the School Closure policy; and the Student Attendance Areas policy;

AND FURTHER

THAT the Board approve Policy 9200: School Closures; and Policy 9200: School Closure Areas & Student Placement

AND FURTHER

THAT the Board receive Procedure 9200.1: Student Placement for information.

CARRIED

4. Policy 9601: Anaphylaxis

Motioned: Trustee Tempel
Seconded: Trustee Carr

The Acting Superintendent reported that Policy 9601: Anaphylaxis and Procedure 9601.1 Anaphylaxis were very comprehensive, provided lots of direction and focused on the care of students. The School District has been advised by Public Health that adopting a district wide blanket approach to being prepared would be challenging.

The Director of Construction, Student Support Services reported that the Policy and Procedure were guided by the documents: the Ministerial Order on Anaphylaxis and the Ministry of Education's Anaphylaxis and Child Safety Framework and had been drafted in consultation with Public Health.

Discussion on awareness in schools.

THAT the Board approve Policy 9601: Anaphylaxis and the Procedure: 9601.1 Anaphylaxis be received for implementation.

CARRIED

G. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a) Operational Plan

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Carr

The Board Chair reported that the Operational Plan captured broad principles with the intent to bring alignment to all aspects of the Education Operational Plan, Business Operational Plan and the Human Resources Operational Plan. The Board also received the Education Operational Plan, Information Technology Division Operational Plan and the Department Operational Plan were presented with key

THAT the Board receive the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows school district operational plan for information.

CARRIED

b) Mike Murray, Chair, School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows)

The Board Chair reported on the letter to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services and the recommendation to establish an education financing task force.

2. Superintendent of Schools
3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees & Advisory & Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Finance
- b) Budget
- c) Board Policy Development
- d) Education
- e) Aboriginal Education
- f) Inclusive Education
- g) French Immersion Advisory
- h) District Student Advisory
- i) Round Table with Partners

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NON-MOTIONS

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

- BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council
Trustee Clarkson reported on the meeting and speakers at the recent BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council.
- Ridge Meadows Education Foundation
Trustee Rempel reported that the foundation will have a Christmas tree sale and that a letter of thanks will be sent to the family who donated \$2,000 to the Ridge Meadows Education Foundation.
- Youth Centre Society
Trustee Carr reported that she is involved with the Youth Centre Society and that she will ensure involvement of youths in the society.
- Good News
Trustee Rempel reported on government discussions with a class of Grade 11 West Vancouver Secondary School students. Trustee Nelson reported that the Pitt Meadows Centennial Committee had erected Remembrance Day banners. The chair reported that there will be an information night for Grade 10 and Grade 11 students and that they will be an information night for students wishing to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange.

Program. The Board Chair acknowledged Scott Ormiston for recipient of Achievement Award.

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J. QUESTION PERIOD

Clarification was requested on the potential monetary savings from Program and whether the Energy Management Position would be

Energy Management Position

Clarification was requested on the implementation plan for Policy Procedure 9601.1 Anaphylaxis and if the School District would consider a blanket approach to being peanut aware.

Anaphylaxis Policy Procedure

Clerical employees questioned the cuts to clerical time in schools

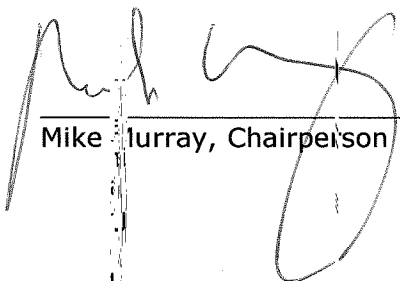
OTHER BUSINESS

K. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

CARRIED


Mike Murray, Chairperson

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