

## Board of Education Meeting (open to the public)

# Agenda



### Board of Education Meeting

May 17, 2016, 6:30 pm

Fraserview Learning Centre, 32444 Seventh Avenue, Mission, BC

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*The Board Chair will acknowledge that this meeting is being held on Traditional Territory.*
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**ITEM 3.1      Presentation**

TO:                Board of Education  
FROM:            Assistant Superintendent  
SUBJECT:        Ava Ries – Grade 6 Student - Mission Central Elementary

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**Braille Challenge 2016 – North American Championships**

Ava Ries is a very talented and gifted blind student in Grade 6 at Mission Central Elementary.

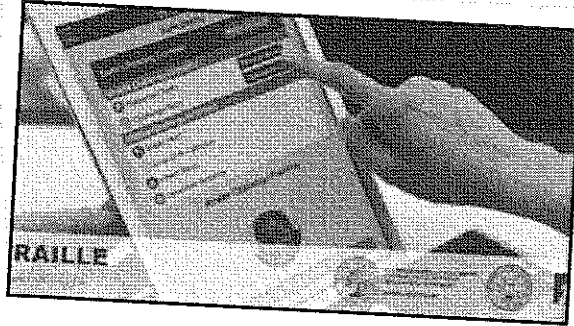
This year at the Regional Braille Challenge at UBC, Ava qualified for the North American Championships in Los Angeles, California, that will take place in June, 2016.


Ten students in Ava's age group qualified from over 50 regional competitions. To qualify for the championships is a tremendous accomplishment. Donna Gresham, our teacher for the blind and visually impaired, is in the process of helping the family raise money so Ava and her mother can attend the competition. Ava, together with Donna Gresham and Education Assistant, Julie Baker, will provide more information on the Braille Challenge competition at the Board Meeting.

Further information regarding the 2016 Braille Challenge is attached to the Agenda.



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# BRAILLE CHALLENGE



Screen Reader

## THE 2016 BRAILLE CHALLENGE IS HERE!

It has been an exciting 2016 Braille Challenge Season! The top 50 (10 in each grade category) scoring finalists will be announced on our website and Facebook page on May 1st. If you would like to catch up on all the latest news, check out our [News Room](#). We also invite you to visit our [Facebook page](#) to get updates, engage with other contestants and their families, and share your #BrailleChallenge2016 experience!

Congratulations to all of our contestants, their families and all the regional coordinators and volunteers that make this program a success. We appreciate your support in promoting braille literacy!

## UEB FOR 2016

As of January 2016, Unified English Braille (UEB) will be the official braille code for United States. Based on a review of state implementation plans and feedback from our Regional Coordinators, teachers and National Advisory Committee, most younger students transitioned to UEB in September 2015, but the transition from EBAE to UEB is less defined and not as consistent for older students.

The goal of The Braille Challenge is to support the timely transition to UEB, but also to be as fair as possible to all students by providing contests in the code most will be using. Learn about [UEB updates for 2016](#).

## WHAT IS BRAILLE CHALLENGE?

The Braille Challenge® is an academic competition unlike any other. This two-stage contest is designed to motivate blind students to emphasize their study of braille, while rewarding their success with fun-filled, but challenging, local and national events. Any visually impaired student who reads braille is eligible to participate in the preliminary Challenge contest events, which were held from January through the end of March throughout the U.S. and Canada. Contests are proctored by volunteer teachers for visually impaired students and scored locally according to our national guidelines by volunteer transcribers. Each contestant receives a brailled certificate of appreciation and general feedback on their performance, which will be sent to families and educators in May.


This year The Braille Challenge will be held at 46 different sites and will be proctored by up to 80 individual teachers of visually impaired students from throughout the United States and Canada. The preliminary round is open to students of all skills levels, but the top-scoring 50 contestants nationally will be invited to Los Angeles in June for a Final Round—two days of competition, camaraderie and fun! Braille Challenge contest categories include reading comprehension, braille speed and accuracy, proofreading, spelling and reading tactile charts and graphs.

## RESOURCES FOR LEARNING UEB

[Hadley School for the Blind](#): UEB Transition Course: Available from Hadley for \$99.00 this fall.

[UEB Online](#): Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children's Renwick Centre (a training program for sighted people to learn UEB).

[The ABCs of UEB](#): authored by Constance Risjord (a program for those who already know EBAE to quickly build on their knowledge of braille to understand UEB).

[CNIB Transcriber's UEB Course](#): "Update to UEB" file types: Word  .pdf, .brf, and .dxb.

**ITEM 3.2      Presentation**

TO:                Board of Education  
FROM:            Riverside College – Wade Peary, Principal  
SUBJECT:        Secondary School Apprenticeship (“SSA”)

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The Secondary School Apprenticeship provides skill development through practical, hands-on work experience.

Students enrolled in these courses go to work and attend high school at the same time. That means they have found an employer who is willing to take them on (and pay them) as an apprentice – at least until their high school graduation.

Students that are 15 or older can enroll in this program. They must also formally register with the Industry Training Authority as Youth Apprentices. Successful completion of the program earns students 16 credits towards graduation. Some may also qualify for the SSA Scholarship – a \$1,000 award given to students for sustained and exceptional work as an apprentice.

To be eligible, an Industry Training Authority – registered youth apprentice must have:

- Been registered in a School District Secondary School Apprenticeship Program prior to graduation
- Graduated with a Grade 12 Dogwood Diploma or Adult Dogwood
- Successfully completed SSA 11A, SSA 11B, SSA 12A and SSA 12B
- Maintained a C+ average or better on Grade 12 numbered courses
- Reported a total of at least 900 hours to the ITA within six months of graduation

We are pleased to present the following two students each with a \$1,000 Scholarship acknowledging their outstanding achievements:

**MIKAIL LOEWEN**

**JAKE CHALIFOUX**

# Minutes



**Board of Education Meeting**  
**April 19, 2016 6:30 pm**  
**Edwin S. Richards Elementary, 33419 Cherry Avenue, Mission, BC**

**Members Present:**

Chair Rick McKamey	Assistant Superintendent Randy Huth
Vice-Chair Tracy Loffler	Director of Instruction Larry Jepsen
Trustee Randy Cairns	Assistant Secretary Treasurer Derek Welsh
Trustee Shelley Carter	Executive Assistant Tracy Orobko (Recorder)
Trustee Jim Taylor	

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by the Board Chairperson. The Chair declared on behalf of the Board, appreciation to the Matsqui First Nations for the use of traditional territory. It was also recognized the meeting is also being held on Sto:lo Traditional Territory. The Chair further acknowledged that Kwantlen, Leq'a:mel, Scowlitz and Matsqui First Nations also hold territory within the School District boundaries.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION (SC/TL)**  
**THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.**  
**CARRIED**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION (JT/RC)**  
**THAT the Board of Education meeting minutes of March 8, 2016, be approved as presented.**  
**CARRIED**

**4. Reporting Out From In-Camera Meeting**

- **Administrative Appointment - Brian Tucker 0.5 District Principal**
- **Riverside College - \$50K Startup Grant Received from MLA Simon Gibson**

**5. Education Committee**

Trustee Loffler reported on the April 5<sup>th</sup>, Education Committee meeting: BCSTA correspondence regarding School Preservation Program, Budget process update, Superintendent announcement; progress with the recruitment of the Secretary Treasurer; Syrian and Congo Refugees update, curriculum update.

**MOTION (JT/SC)**  
**THAT the Board of Education receive Trustee Loffler's Education Committee Report for information.**  
**CARRIED**

Correspondence: School Preservation Program

Correspondence is attached to the Agenda. The Assistant Secretary Treasurer provided a brief update on proposals submitted to the Ministry regarding funding of projects.

## Budget Process Update

Budget conversations continue to occur. The next meeting is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> and is open to all Trustees. A plan of action on “next steps” will be discussed.

## District Parent Advisory Council Update

Due to Spring Break, the March meeting was postponed. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Hatzic Middle School.

## **6. Business Committee**

Trustee Carter reported on the April 5<sup>th</sup>, Business Committee meeting: BCSTA correspondence regarding an audit committee guide, potential disposal of properties update, District of Mission/SD75 Ad Hoc Committee update, Busing matters, retirement dinner/years of service and French immersion enrolment update.

### **MOTION (JT/RC)**

**THAT the Board of Education receive the Business Committee report for information.**

**CARRIED**

## District of Mission and School District No. 75 (Mission) Ad Hoc Committee

Trustees Carter/Loffler reported on the meeting with Mayor Hawes, Councilors Plecas, Hamilton and Alexis. Discussions commenced regarding shared goals and vision. Both elected bodies will be meeting on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and will be working collaboratively on the Terms of Reference framework.

## Annual School District Retirement Dinner

The School District’s annual retirement dinner will occur on June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western. All retirees who have submitted notice effective up to June 30<sup>th</sup> will receive invitations.

## **7. Board Chairperson**

### Proposed Disposal of Property Update

Chair McKamey reported legal advertisements have been disseminated and the School District continues to receive expressions of interest. At the April 5<sup>th</sup> Business Committee meeting, the Board agreed to postpone the deadline for receiving expressions to June 1<sup>st</sup>. A reminder was issued stating the School District is still in early stages.

### Recruitment of Secretary Treasurer

Interviews for short-listed candidates commence April 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Appointment of Superintendent of Schools

The Board Chair introduced the new Superintendent of Schools, Angus Wilson who was in attendance and joined the head table at 7:33 pm. As Superintendent, he will assist with the next steps in the recruitment of a Secretary Treasurer.

## 8. Committee/Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on:

- MLA Simon Gibson's donation of funds for Ipads at Mission Central Elementary;
- Retirement Dinner for former Superintendent, Bill Fletcher;
- Columbia Institute - April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> (workshops: greening projects, child poverty) attended by Trustees Carter/Cairns;
- Siwal Si'wes: Acting Principal, Aboriginal Education, Joe Heslip and elders - reconciliation commission - opportunity for education of real history of the residential school;
- Recruitment of Secretary Treasurer and Superintendent;
- Riverside College - Open House celebration of 15 years;
- BCSTA AGM – Passed resolutions regarding social license; engaging the public with respect to the roles of Trustees, budget practices and the impact of new curriculum on Gr. 12 students. Minister of Education, Mike Bernier, will be making a visit to Mission;
- Upcoming DPAC events: *Discipline without Damage* and *Online Safety for Kids*;
- Track and Field - May 5 and 6, 2016;
- Reading Challenge: ESR will be attending the next level of competition at Kwantlen Polytechnic to advance. Students had to read six books and answer questions as a team;
- Gr. 7 and 8 course selections; and preparing Gr. 9 students for Gr. 10;
- Mission Central Elementary School's Community Gardens;
- Community/leadership awards for District of Mission;
- Aboriginal Education and the "Canoe" Magazine;
- Harrison Hot Spring Conference - Mindfulness Initiative; deconstruction of a school in Alert Bay;
- Appointment of Trustee Carter as President of the Fraser Valley BCSTA Branch which includes Mission, Fraser Cascade, Chilliwack, Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows, Langley;
- Dewdney Elementary School's outdoor classroom award from Staples - \$25K;
- Hatzic Middle School - Pop musical;
- Salmon enhancement/Communities in Bloom – mill lumber used for planter boxes; Dewdney Elementary school;
- Fraserview Learning Centre's Principal, Kevin Watrin's presentation from the Legislative Assembly in Victoria where MLA Marc Dalton spoke to the successes of the Lifetime Learning program and intergenerational relationships;
- West Heights Elementary – Teachers Ms. Coulthard and Mr. Dahaliwal are recipients of the JUMP Math National Book Award and will receive teacher and student resources and SMART Board lessons for their next year classes;
- Trustees met with Sumas, Matsqui and Kwantlen First Nations to further discussions on the direction and support for and by the School District's direction with aboriginal education.



# Minutes



## 9. Question Period

*Questions asked must be related to items discussed on the Agenda and related to the Agenda. Personnel, land and legal issues will not be discussed.*

A question was asked regarding long service pins and certificates to which Trustees responded that the matter will be added to the next Business Committee Agenda.

## 10. Adjournment

**MOTION (SC/RC)**

**THAT the meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.**

**CARRIED**

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Chairperson

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Secretary Treasurer

### ITEM 5.1 Information

TO: Board of Education  
FROM: Chair Report  
SUBJECT: Appointment of Secretary Treasurer

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After lengthy interviews, broad consultation with partner groups, Board deliberations with the Superintendent, and a unanimous vote, the Board of Education is pleased and excited to announce the appointment of the new Secretary Treasurer, **CORIEN BECKER**.

Corien is a former Kootenay resident originally from the Creston Valley who currently resides in Vancouver. She holds a CPA, CGA accounting designation, with a certificate and diploma in Local Government Administration and a Bachelor of Commerce degree (public sector).

Corien began her career in local government in 1991 with the City of Cranbrook and has held Chief Finance and Administrative Officer roles with the municipalities of Prince Rupert, Elkford, Squamish and Powell River, BC. She is passionate about the service side of public administration and strives to make a difference in the communities and organizations where she works.

With an eye on service, Corien has held numerous volunteer positions on many boards and committees and is the current Past President of the Local Government Management Association of BC. Corien's passion has also led or inspired many initiatives, including an award winning marketing and branding campaign that has been modeled by communities in BC and Alberta, an award winning customer service program recognized by the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators, and a project that was documented in a United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change publication.

With a work hard, play harder motto, Corien enjoys mountain biking, hiking, and golf as well as attending concerts and sporting events in the lower mainland and beyond. With two adults sons and other family members scattered across BC and Alberta, Corien and her partner Marc take to the road when time permits, exploring BC, Alberta, and ball fields to cheer on the NY Yankees.

Corien will be in the office a few days in May and June, and will be in the role full-time commencing June 20<sup>th</sup>.



# Board of Education Meeting (Regular)

## May 17, 2016



### ITEM 6.1 Information

TO: Board of Education  
FROM: Business Committee  
SUBJECT: Correspondence: BCSTA – Integrated Resource Package (IRP) for Indigenous Languages

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Correspondence has been received from Mike Roberts of BCSTA. A copy of a letter from Deputy Minister, Dave Byng to Teresa Rezansoff, President, BCSTA, is attached to the Agenda.



April 14, 2016

Ref: 186642

Teresa Rezanoff, President  
BC School Trustees Association  
Email: [teresa.rezanoff@sd51.bc.ca](mailto:teresa.rezanoff@sd51.bc.ca)

Dear Ms. Rezanoff:

Thank you for your letter of March 9, 2016, requesting an expedited process for the approval of the Integrated Resource Packages (IRP) for Indigenous languages.

The Ministry of Education is continuing to focus on ways to improve the success of Aboriginal students and contribute to the provincial efforts on Indigenous language revitalization. We recognize the academic success of Aboriginal students is directly linked to the inclusion of Aboriginal languages and cultures in our school system.

Furthermore, the Ministry has approved 16 Indigenous language IRPs and is working closely with a number of school districts and First Nations communities as they develop their IRP submissions. We have also undertaken a joint research project with the First Nations Education Steering Committee that will help us better understand the supports and challenges that exist with the current IRP development process.

We believe this research project and our on-going policy work around Indigenous languages will provide us with a solid, well understood and effective, co-developed process in the very near future.

Please accept my thanks for your continued support of the efforts to change our education system to better support Aboriginal students.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Ted Cadwallader, Provincial Director, Aboriginal Education, via email at [Ted.Cadwallader@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ted.Cadwallader@gov.bc.ca), or by phone at (250) 888-7739.

Sincerely,

Dave Byng  
Deputy Minister

**ITEM 8.1      Information**

TO:                Board of Education  
FROM:            Education Committee  
SUBJECT:        Report – Trustee Loffler

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**Recommendation**

**THAT the Board of Education receive Trustee Loffler’s verbal Education Committee report for information.**

**ITEM 8.2      Action**

TO:                Board of Education  
FROM:            Education Committee  
SUBJECT:        2016-2017 School Growth Plans

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**Recommendation**

**THAT the Board of Education approve the 2016-2017 School Growth Plans.**

**Background**

Under *Section 8.3 (1) of the School Act*, “*In each school year, a board must approve a school plan for every school in the school district*”.

In order to save on printing multiple copies of large documents for the meeting, the School Growth Plans have been made into one binder that will be accessible to view at any time.

Trustee has been provided with an electronic copy of their liaison school's growth plan and they will also be posted to the School District website.

**ITEM 8.3      Action**

TO:                Board of Education  
FROM:            Education Committee  
SUBJECT:        2016-2017 School Fees Schedule

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**Recommendation**

**THAT the Board of Education approve the 2016-2017 Fees Schedule in accordance with the attached.**

**Background Information**

Changes for this year's fee schedule include the removal of graduation fees for the two middle schools and an increase to the Grade 8 football program.

### 2016-17 Fee Schedule

	HMS	HPMS	MSS
Athletic Contract (members of athletic teams only) Grade 7 Grade 8 Grade 9-12	\$35.00 \$75.00 \$125.00	\$35.00 \$75.00 \$125.00	\$125.00
Band Rental (outside agency)	-	-	-
Cafeteria Uniform Rental (refundable deposit upon return)	-	-	\$50.00
Coaching (optional) Level 1 manuals and certification	-	\$50.00	-
Football Fee	Grade 8 \$250.00	Grade 8 \$250.00	Sr. Varsity \$300.00 Jr. Varsity \$250.00
Graduation Fee (Grade 12's only attending Commencement Ceremony)	-	-	\$60.00
Hockey Academy Fee (monthly)	\$60.00	-	-
Package (optional) Student Planner \$10.00 Locker Rental \$10.00 Student ID Card \$5.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Textbook Deposit (refundable at withdrawal upon return of textbooks)	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Tourism Certificates (Grade 11 and 12 optional) Super Host: Fundamental Super Host: Customers with disabilities Super Host: Service across cultures Serving It Right Food Safe	-	-	\$20.00 - - - - -
Yearbook (optional)	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00



**ITEM 8.4**

**Action**

TO: Board of Education  
FROM: Education Committee  
SUBJECT: Policy #41: Protection of Confidential Information

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**Recommendation**

**THAT the Board of Education approve Policy #41 *Protection of Confidential Information* for adoption and implementation.**

The attached draft policy was first viewed and discussed at the November 24, 2015 Board Policy Development Committee and was then brought to the Education Committee on January 5, 2016.

At the January 19<sup>th</sup> Regular Board meeting, approval was provided to post the policy to the website for a 30 day feedback period and was brought to the May 3, 2016 Education Committee for preview of approval at the May 17<sup>th</sup> Regular Board meeting.

\*Draft Policy #41 is attached.

## **PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

### **Belief Statement**

The Board recognizes the need to protect personal and sensitive information of individuals in Mission Public Schools. All employees dealing with such matter shall adhere to guidelines and protections of information under the jurisdiction of the *Personal Information Protection Act*,

The responsibilities will be to ensure this information is known only to those authorized to have access and processes are in place to prevent loss or public exposure.

**Date of Board Approval:**

**Date Amended:**

**ITEM 8.5      Information**

TO:                Board of Education  
FROM:            Education Committee  
SUBJECT:        Potential Disposal of Property Update

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As reported at earlier meetings, letters were sent to potential parties of interest on February 26, 2016. In addition, letters have also now been sent to the Band offices of Leq:a'mel, Scowlitz, Matsqui, Kwantlen and Sumas First Nations.

Expressions of interest continue to be received and are being accepted by the Director of Facilities, Ray Seifert as the School District remains in the first phase of consultation.

The new deadline is set for early June whereby the information will be gathered and brought to the June 7<sup>th</sup> Business Committee meeting for review and further discussion on the 'next steps'.

**ITEM 8.6      Information**

TO:                Board of Education  
FROM:            District Parent Advisory Council  
SUBJECT:        District Parent Advisory Council Update

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A Report is attached to the Agenda.

## DPAC Report April 25, 2016 (Held at Hatzic Middle School)

**Representation:** 13 parents from 8 schools were present (far bottom for details), as well as trustees Carter and Cairns, Ms. Shirley Gibson, Mr. Larry Jepsen, Mr. Wayne Chow, and Mr. Joeseeph Heslip.

### **Presentations:**

DPAC received presentations from Joeseeph Heslip (Principal of Aboriginal Department) and Shirley Gibson (Principal Hatzic Middle) and Wayne Chow (Vice Principal Hatzic Middle).

**Mr. Heslip** presented an overview of Siwal Si'wes Aboriginal Department and shared some of the exciting opportunities available to all students. The program offers: advocacy, education, support, and empowerment. A 2014/2015 report revealed there are 1034 students of Aboriginal ancestry within Mission school district and that the graduation rate for this group has been improving.

**Ms. Gibson and Mr. Chow** reported that the transition to Middle School has been quite smooth and the students are very energetic. A review of school events was provided and a tour of the Aboriginal garden (created by teachers and students) was given to DPAC attendees.

### **Reports:**

**School District Report:** Larry Jepsen (Director of Instruction) provided an update on behalf of the Superintendent. He began by thanking all staff for their work with the transition to middle schools. He then announced the hiring of Angus Wilson as Superintendent and explained a new Secretary Treasurer will also be hired very soon. Regarding 2016/2017 school year the Board is estimating an increase of 110 students which will bring more funding to the District.

**Chair's Report:** Nikki discussed DPAC's role as a partner group in being part of the interviews for the new Superintendent. She expressed excitement about the new hire, Angus Wilson, and the knowledge he brings to the District. A retirement party for Bill Fletcher, former Superintendent, was well attended and a good opportunity to provide appreciation for all his dedicated work. Nikki also encouraged middle school PACs to explore grants for funding of playground equipment.

Upcoming DPAC elections in May! Nikki encouraged members to let their local PAC's know to come out and vote, as well as considering volunteering for an executive position.

**Education Committee Report:** School preservation program ensures that repairs to schools are made in a timely manner. The hiring of the new Superintendent and interviewing for Secretary Treasurer were discussed. Reminder that the May 5<sup>th</sup> education night for parents has free child minding.

**Next DPAC meeting:** AGM with elections May 16 at 6:30pm held at School Board office

**Attendance:** Nikki Hawes (Co-Chair DPAC), Jessica Weismiller (Treasurer DPAC, HTA), Marisa Kerr (Secretary DPAC, HTA), Cyndi Polovina (Co-Chair DPAC, HTA), Laura Wilson (Communications DPAC, MSS), Tisha Hansen-Bell (Ecole Mission Central), Jennifer Cherry (Cherry Hill), Dionne Hairsine (Hatzic Middle), Patty Ernest (West Heights), Randy Cairns (School Board Trustee), Shelley Carter (School Board Trustee), Emma Johnston (HPMS, MSS), Lori McComish (ESR, MSS), Sheneal Anothony (ESR), Erin Osterberg (HTA), Shirley Gibson (Principal Hatzic Middle), Wayne Chow (Vice-Principal Hatzic Middle), Joe Heslip (Principal Aboriginal Department), Larry Jepsen (Director of Instruction MPS) **Regrets:** Raymond Kwong (Vice Chair DPAC, ESR)

**ITEM 9.1      Information**

TO:                Board of Education  
FROM:            Business Committee  
SUBJECT:        Report – Trustee Carter

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**Recommendation**

**THAT the Board of Education receive Trustee Carter’s verbal Education Committee report for information.**

# Board of Education Meeting (Regular)

## May 17, 2016



### **ITEM 9.2      Information**

TO:                Board of Education  
FROM:            Business Committee  
SUBJECT:        Mission Secondary School's 50<sup>th</sup> Grad Reunion

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Discussions commenced with interested parties regarding a potential 50<sup>th</sup> school reunion. An update will be provided at the meeting.

**ITEM 9.3      Information**

TO:                Board of Education  
FROM:            Business Committee  
SUBJECT:        Long Service Awards

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Options for alternate recognition have been an ongoing discussion. A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.



**ITEM 9.4      Information**

TO:                Board of Education  
FROM:            Business Committee  
SUBJECT:        Exempt/Principals' and Vice-Principals' Staff compensation Advisory Committee

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A meeting was held on May 11, 2016, whereby the committee reviewed ongoing correspondence from the BC Public Sector Employers' Association ("BCPSEA").

A verbal report will be provided at the meeting.

**ITEM 10.1      Information**

TO:                Board of Education  
FROM:            Committee Chair McKamey  
SUBJECT:        Budget Committee Update

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Meetings have been held between management and partner groups individually reviewing the budget.

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting regarding the ongoing committee work conducted with the Finance team.

**ITEM 11.1      Action**

TO:                Board of Education  
FROM:            Trustee Cairns  
SUBJECT:        BC School Trustees' Association ("BCSTA") - Withdrawal

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**Recommendation**

**THAT the Board of Education approve the immediate withdrawal from membership in the British Columbia School Trustees' Association ("BCSTA").**

**Background Information**

While BCSTA is a resource for Trustees, it is also a vehicle for advocating for public education. It has shown to have serious shortcomings in its advocacy role. Boards have other means of resources and this membership money can be utilized in a more meaningful way within the School District.