

Board of Education Meeting (Public)

Agenda



Board of Education Public Meeting

October 17, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Fraserview Learning Centre, 32444 7th Avenue, Mission, BC

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13. ADJOURNMENT

ITEM 4.1 Action

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Trustee Taylor
SUBJECT: Possible Future Expansion of Riverside College

Recommendation:

That the board consider amending the motion approved at the September Board meeting as follows:

ORIGINAL MOTION

THAT a sub-committee of the Committee of the Whole be struck to make recommendations regarding the possible future expansion of Riverside College. The scope of the committee's work will include discussion and recommendations of potential new course offerings and discussion and recommendations regarding both short and long-term options for increasing shop space. The initial subcommittee meeting will be held prior to October 21, 2017.

AMENDMENT

At the October 3, 2017 Committee of the whole meeting, the committee discussed bringing the above motion back to the Board at the October 17th regular meeting, to amend the motion as follows:

- Change the motion to be a special meeting of the Committee of the Whole rather a Sub-committee of the Whole; and
- Change the date to hold the meeting prior to November 30th, 2017 rather than October 21, 2017.

REVISED MOTION

That a special Committee of the Whole meeting be scheduled to make recommendations regarding the possible future expansion of Riverside College. The scope of the meeting will include discussion and recommendations of potential new course offerings and discussion and recommendations regarding both short and long-term options for increasing shop space. The initial meeting will be held prior to November 30, 2017.

ITEM 4.2 Action

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Trustee Taylor
SUBJECT: Riverside College changes

Recommendation:

THAT pending the conclusion of the Special COTW Meeting discussing future expansion of Riverside College and a final report from the Committee of the Whole, all proposals for substantive and long term structural changes to Riverside College be brought to the Board for approval.

Rationale:

The Board has expressed strong support for continued and expanded Trades and Technical Training in Mission. The special COTW Meetings and the suggested Advisory Committee are intended as vehicles to refine the Boards vision as to what a fully developed Trades College will entail. Any substantive changes to facilities prior to the conclusion of this process needs to be vetted by the Board to ensure that the changes do not unduly restrict future expansion.

ITEM 5.1 Action

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: International Travel Application to France and Spain
 Jacquie Blaschek, Community Recreation, École Mission Secondary School

Recommendation:

THAT Mission Secondary School's international field trip for up to thirty-five (35) students in Grades 11 and 12 to travel to France and Spain March 16, 2018 until March 26, 2018 for a total of ten (10) days, be approved.

Background:

The field trip was presented to the Board last year in the spring. Due to insufficient information, the Board requested that the field trip coordinator(s) present information at the Public meeting sometime in the fall. Note that the trip will happen during Spring Break and no instructional days will be used.

Attachment(s):

A. International Travel Application Form

**Extended or International Travel
Application Form**

Date Submitted: May 2017

- 1. Sponsoring School:** École Mission Secondary School
- 2. Destination:** France and Spain
- 3. Departure and arrival times:** Depart Vancouver Friday March 16, 2018
Arrive Vancouver Monday March 26, 2018

(exact time to be confirmed summer of 2017)

4. Dates of Excursion and Number of Instructional Days Used (if any):

Friday March 16 (evening) until Monday March 26, 2018 (Spring Break)
No instructional days used.

5. Description of Activity (name of event if known; program/team involved; etc):

Day 1 Friday, March 16 Depart from Vancouver, BC.

Day 2 Saturday, March 17 Arrive Paris, France.

Day 3 Sunday, March 18 Full day in Paris.

Day 4 Monday March 19 Full day in Versailles.

Day 5 Tuesday March 20 Full day in the Loire Valley

Day 6 Wednesday, March 21 Full day in Paris.

Day 7 Thursday, March 22 Fly to Madrid.

Day 8 Friday, March 23 Full day in Madrid.

Day 9 Saturday, March 24 Full day in Segovia.

Day 10 Sunday March 25 Full day in Madrid.

Day 11 Monday March 26 Depart for home

6. Number and Grade Level of Students: 35 grade 11 and 12 students

7. Plans for curricular/instruction/assignment make-up:

No instructional time will be missed.

8. Names of Supervisors:

Alison Fyles	(French/English/Yearbook Teacher MSS)
Jacque Blaschek	(French/Comm Rec Teacher MSS)
Suzette Izbicki	(SpanishTeacher MSS)
Danny Jakobs	(PE/French Teacher MSS)

9. Outline past experiences of supervisors(s):

This is Ms Blaschek's fourth trip with Mission Secondary. She took students to France and Amsterdam in 2008, France and Spain in 2010 and France and Spain again in 2014. She speaks French and has traveled in France and Spain, specifically to the proposed sites to be visited. Ms Blaschek also regularly organizes field trips in her position as Community Recreation teacher. This involves taking 40-60 students hiking, backpacking for several days, snowboarding, river rafting and rock climbing.

Mrs Izbicki has taken students to Europe on two separate occasions (France and Spain), and she speaks French and Spanish.

This is Ms Fyles first time taking students to France and Spain, however she is an avid traveler, she lived and worked in France for two years (specifically the Loire Valley which is a part of the trip). She speaks French fluently and this is her 4th trip to France. She will be participating in the Global Education trip with MSS to Fiji this summer as well.

Mr Jakobs has 25 years of experience chaperoning high school students on sports trips. He has also participated on two school trips to Europe and organized 4 athletic trips to San Diego, CA. He studied in France for a year, speaks French and is an avid traveler in his personal time.

10. Method of Travel and Name of Carrier(s):

Air (Carrier TBA)
Arrangements to be made by STS Tours, Surrey, BC (604) 538-2853

11. APPROPRIATE FUNDRAISING PRACTICES

- a) **Total cost per pupil for the package excursion, based on 40 students and 4 staff:** \$3800 maximum

Package costs includes:

- airfare
- accommodation
- in-country travel
- breakfasts and some suppers
- entry fees
- tips
- insurance

Trip does not include:

- lunch and some suppers
- personal expenses

- b) **Pupil required to pay:** 100% less that which is fundraised
- c) **Source of funds when there is a difference between a & b:** fundraising to be coordinated by parent committee.
- d) **Total supervising staff is required to pay:** Supervising staff will have their trips financed by the students at a 10 to 1 ratio through the tour company, however they may also fund raise to decrease the overall cost to the students.
- e) **Total cost of the excursion:** 35 X \$3800 = \$133 000
- f) **Name of travel agency and contact:**

Barry or Gail Wilson, STS Tours
#204 –1736 152nd Street, Surrey, BC V4A 4M4
Phone: (604) 538-2853
Email: ststours@telus.net

- g) **Other agencies:** N/A

12. APPROPRIATE LIABILITY COVERAGE

a) Arrangements will be made through travel agent for:

- i) accident insurance – YES**
- ii) health insurance – YES**
- iii) cancellation insurance – YES**

13. Emergency Response Plans/First Aid arrangements in place:

Travel agent to provide additional in-country emergency contacts and information. Medical forms to be filled in by students with allergy information and special needs. Parents will provide emergency contact information for us, as well as be provided with a contact number to get a hold of us.

All four supervisions will have cell phones with them, including a European cell phone and local contact number. Students will be provided with the names and phone numbers of all hotels, as well as the local emergency contact numbers.

14. APPROPRIATE ACCOMADATION ARRANGEMENTS

Description of the accommodation arrangements:

Hotels

15. APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION ARRANGEMENTS

a) Supervisor to student ratio: 1 to 9

b) Strategies planned to assure the safety and appropriate supervision of the students:

No unsupervised travel will be permitted. All shopping and tours are booked and supervised. We will have in-country cell phones and phone cards for the supervisors. We will hold regular group meetings throughout the day and participate in shared meals for the purposes of debriefing and updating. Evenings will have a strictly enforced curfew, and we will follow the Mission Secondary School Field Study Guidelines and Regulations. These include the prohibition of drinking, drugs and smoking. Partaking in such activities will mean the automatic termination of the students' participation in the trip at his or her own cost.

16. Provisions regarding proof of citizenship or immigration status:

Students will be required to obtain a valid Canadian passport, if they do not already have one.

17. APPROPRIATE PARENT INPUT

a) Parents surveyed regarding their support for the trip – Yes

A letter will be sent home with interested students, to be returned indicating that the student had parental support before the application process can be started.

b) Parents will be asked to contribute their time or funds – Yes

Parents will be asked to help with fundraising, as a parent fund raising committee will be formed.

18. APPROPRIATE STUDENT ACCESS

a) Qualifying factors required of participating students:

- FSL student in grade 11 or 12, Spanish 11 or 12, French Immersion 11 or 12 at the time of the trip
- Student of Mission Secondary School
- Current academic achievement is at an acceptable level (No F/C-)
- Attitude, effort and work habits are at an acceptable level (No Ns)
- No unexcused absences (No classes skipped)
- No suspensions or withdrawals from school events due to disciplinary reasons
- Parental permission
- Completed application form

b) Students excluded because of inability to pay – No

Sufficient time has been allotted to allow students the opportunity to fund raise.

c) Arrangements made for students who require financial assistance:

A fundraising campaign has been planned for the students to participate in. However, the amount of funds raised is determined by the students' willingness to take advantage of fundraising strategies.

19. ALL STUDENTS MUST FOLLOW THE SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT ON THE TRIP.

20. SIGNATURES FOR THE APPLICATION

Principal: _____

Teacher Sponsor(s): _____

Board / Approval : _____ **Date:** _____

ITEM 5.2 Action

TO: Board of Education
 FROM: Secretary Treasurer
 SUBJECT: District Enrolment Summary – *Form 1701*

The following table summarizes the enrolment information as of September 30, 2017. The details are attached.

Enrolment Summary of Changes		International	Ministry Funded	Total Students
Jun-17		142.0	5903.375	6045.375
Budgeted		154.0	6006.0	6160.000
Sep-17		149.2	6061.375	6210.575
Sept 1701 Actual	Change from June	7.2	158.0	165.2
Sept 1701 Actual	Change from Budget	(4.8)	55.4	50.6



School Information			Enrolment Summary						
	Ministry approved Classrooms	Operational Capacity	June 2017 Enrolment FTE	2017/2018 Prelim Projected Student FTE	Sept 2017 Student 1701 FTE	Growth (decrease) from June 2017	Growth (decrease) from projections	% of School Capacity Used	Int'l FTE
Elementary									
Albert McMahon	16	360	397	380	375.0	(22)	(5)	104.2%	
Cherry Hill **	16	360	248	258	268.7	21	11	74.6%	3.7
Christine Morrison	16	360	429	416	426.0	(3)	10	118.3%	
Regular				170	182.0				
French Immersion				246	244.0				
Deroche **	6	134	72	74	81.0	9	7	60.4%	
Dewdney	8	180	131	152	155.0	24	3	86.1%	
ESR	15	337	376	376	370.5	(6)	(6)	109.9%	2.5
Hatzic	11	249	295	287	301.0	6	14	120.9%	
Hillside	13	295	356	400	403.3	47	3	136.7%	4.3
Mission Central **	17	383	236	246	249.5	14	4	65.1%	3.5
Regular				144	153.5				
French Immersion				102	96.0				
Silverdale **	8	180	110	102	112.0	2	10	62.2%	1.0
West Heights **	13	291	226	235	240.5	15	6	82.6%	2.5
Windebank **	17	383	318	341	367.3	49	26	95.9%	2.3
	156	3512	3194	3267	3349.8	156	83	95.4%	19.8
Middle									
Hatzic	40	1000	647	684	681.7	35	(2)	68.2%	10.7
Heritage Park	32	800	635	613	627.0	(8)	14	78.4%	3.0
Regular			546	432	527.0				
French			89	181	100.0				
	72	1800	1282	1297	1308.7	27	12	72.7%	13.7
Secondary									
Mission	50	1250	1223	1334	1356.825	134	23	108.5%	115.7
Regular			1174	1276	1300.825				
French			49	58	56				
	50	1250	1223	1334	1356.825	134	23	108.5%	115.7
Subtotal	278	6562	5699	5898	6015.325	316	117	91.7%	149.2
Other									
Fraserview			102.0	105.0	87.0	(15.0)	(18.0)		
Riverside			89.1	52.0	15.875	(73.3)	(36.1)		
Summit			155.3	105.0	92.375	(62.9)	(12.6)		
	0	0	346.4	262.0	195.3	(151.1)	(66.8)	0.00	-
Totals	278	6562	6045.375	6160.0	6210.575	165.2	50.6		149.2

** Strong Start Classroom excluded from room count

ITEM 6.1 Action

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Trustee Taylor
SUBJECT: Preliminary Student Registration

Recommendation:

THAT a preliminary registration for a potentially reopened Stave Falls School will take place between November 20, 2017 to December 15, 2017;

AND THAT the registration will be available for both on-line and paper submissions;

AND THAT registration will be open to all children eligible for public education in British Columbia who fall within the acceptable age ranks for kindergarten to grade 7 in the school years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21;

AND THAT registration forms will be patterned from the registration form currently used by the District but, if necessary, modified to provide information on anticipated home address and current school attended.

Rationale:

Trustees and staff have stated publicly on several occasions that hard enrollment data is required for deliberations on whether a full or partial reopening of Stave Falls School is financially feasible and has educational merit. Previous experience of the Board has shown that demographic predictions and general population growth indicators are often unreliable. In a circumstance involving a small community and a possible student population that is unlikely to exceed 150, specific individual commitments will be readily obtained and prove to be a very solid foundation for future deliberations.

ITEM 6.2 Action

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Trustee Cairns
SUBJECT: Staff Report re: Potential Portable Construction at Riverside

Recommendation:

THAT Staff provide the Board with a report at the November 7, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting,

1. Advising whether the Riverside Trades programs would have the capability of constructing a school portable, for use in the School District, that would meet Ministry requirements, School District requirements and the current BC Building Code.
2. Advising whether this could be accomplished for less than the cost to the School District of the current market costs to purchase a portable.

Rationale:

School Districts are currently purchasing portables and will be in the future, as will our district. Is there an opportunity for our Riverside College to build one and integrate it into the trades' curriculum of the various programs such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical, etc. They may even be able to include some green technology. I have heard some say we would not have the capability to accomplish such a project. A report to the board would be helpful; to see if such an opportunity is feasible.

ITEM 6.3 Action

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Trustee Cairns
SUBJECT: Deterioration of Road Markings

Recommendation:

THAT School District Staff contact the District of Mission to discuss the deterioration of road markings in the Mission District and the reduced safety of routes for students to get to schools, parks and playgrounds.

Rationale:

In some areas on Mission roads, the lines for walking/ biking and road shoulder indicators are barely visible or worn off entirely. With winter driving conditions, rain, low level lighting, etc. this makes it dangerous for pedestrians or cyclists and includes students going to or returning from school.

This discussion is to ensure the District of Mission understands our concerns regarding the lack of driver awareness of the walking/ biking indicator lines and our concern for student safety.

Board of Education Meeting (Public)

Minutes



**Board of Education Public Meeting
September 19, 2017 – 6:30 PM
Cherry Hill Elementary – 32557 Best Avenue, Mission BC**

Members Present:

Board Chair Rick McKamey
Acting Chair Trustee Tracy Loffler
Trustee Randy Cairns
Trustee Shelley Carter
Trustee Jim Taylor

Staff Present:

Superintendent Angus Wilson
Secretary Treasurer Corien Becker
Assistant Superintendent Larry Jepsen
District Principal of IT Colleen Hannah
Executive Assistant Aleksandra Zwierzchowska

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 pm by the Acting Chairperson. The Chair acknowledged the meeting was being held Sto:lo Territory. There are four First Nation Bands within the boundaries of the Mission School District: Leq:a'mel First Nation, Sq'èwlets First Nation, Kwantlen First Nation, and Matsqui First Nation.

2. Adoption of Agenda

One additional item:

6.3 Motion regarding By-Election

**MOVED and seconded that the Agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED**

3. Delegations/Presentations

Shane Sliziak, Principal of Cherry Hill Elementary, introduced Ms. Schaufert and a group of music students, who spent two short weeks rehearsing for this evening's performance. Ms. Schaufert played the piano while the students sang Oh Ancient Times, followed by On the Back of an Eagle.

4. Unfinished Business

4.1 Solar Array

MAIN MOTION

MOVED and Seconded that the Board places a high priority on the immediate purchase and construction of a min. 24,000 w solar array on Dewdney Elementary School. To facilitate this, project staff will:

1. Prior to September 25, 2017, contract We Go Solar of Chemanis, B.C. to complete technical specifications for the array. The specifications will include, among other details:
 - a) optimal location for solar panels
 - b) specific grid-tie configurations, wire and equipment sizes to accommodate the proposed 24,000 w system and reduce costs when future expansions takes place
 - c) Display capabilities to allow the school and the community to monitor electrical consumption and production both in real time and over extended periods.

- d) Format the specifications in a manner to facilitate SD 75's purchasing department converting the document into a call for tender.

The technical specifications report will be finished prior to October 24, 2017

2. Within two weeks following receipt of the technical specifications, the School District will put the project out to tender with a closing date for bids two weeks following posting of the bid.
3. Awarding the bid will include factors such as price and demonstrated expertise but will place equal value on the ability to start the project within a one-month time period.

AMENDMENT

That the motion be amended with the following four (4) changes;

- On the first line of the motion replace 24,000w with 15,000w;
- Replace the contractor's name from *We Go Solar of Chemanis* to *TerraTek*;
- For the proposed kilowatt size, change *24,000 w system* to read *appropriate kilowatt system*.
- Change the bid closing date from two (2) weeks to read three to four weeks.

AMENDED MOTION

That the Board places a high priority on the immediate purchase and construction of a minimum 15,000 w solar array on Dewdney Elementary School. To facilitate this, project staff will:

1. **Prior to September 25, 2017, contract Terratek, B.C. to complete technical specifications for the array. The specifications will include, among other details:**
 - a) **optimal location for solar panels**
 - b) **specific grid-tie configurations, wire and equipment sizes to accommodate the proposed appropriate w system and reduce costs when future expansions takes place**
 - c) **Display capabilities to allow the school and the community to monitor electrical consumption and production both in real time and over extended periods.**
 - d) **Format the specifications in a manner to facilitate SD 75's purchasing department converting the document into a call for tender.**

The technical specifications report will be finished prior to October 24, 2017

2. **Within two weeks following receipt of the technical specifications, the School District will put the project out to tender with a closing date for bids three to four weeks following posting of the bid.**
3. **Awarding the bid will include factors such as price and demonstrated expertise but will place equal value on the ability to start the project within a one-month time period.**

CARRIED (Opposed: Trustee Loffler)

The Superintendent mentioned that following the Committee of the Whole meeting, Principal Hannah met TerraTek at Dewdney Elementary to assist with the preliminary site inspection for the installation of the solar array.

Principal Hannah reported that the school's electrical room is situated in an ideal location; as a result, this could minimize some of the work related to wiring the solar array. TerraTek recommended a 15,000 kw photovoltaic system considering the funds available, and requested that an electrician from the district be onsite during installation to ensure the electrical panel can handle the electric load. The system can be connected to an iPad which can be utilized as an educational tool to display energy consumption to students.

Concerns were raised about the timing for the solar array project especially since the entire province is dealing with specific issues related to the Supreme Court ruling.

Q: Will the timeline outlined for the Solar Array project delay other work?

R: Yes, our focus is to get laptops and computers into the hands of teachers and students, and this project will delay this task to a later date. It won't compromise other projects from being completed, however, electricians who are working on other tasks will be pulled away to work on the solar arrays.

5. Staff Reports

5.1 Banking Resolution- Borrowing

MOVED and seconded that the Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer be authorized to borrow on behalf of Mission Public School District (School District #75) from the Scotia Bank for the 2017 / 2018 operating year:

- a) \$1,500,000 for an Operating Line of Credit
- b) \$750,000 for a revolving term / Scotia leasing

AND THAT Banking Resolution between the Bank of Nova Scotia for general banking purposes approved September 20, 2016 be amended to include the following paragraph:

4. ***We may exercise every power to borrow money and otherwise obtain services from you and to receive repayment thereof and to secure our obligations to you arising out of our acquisition of services from you which is conferred upon us by our governing legislation. The persons and the required combination of those persons we verify, are the persons authorized and the combination of those persons required, to borrow money from you on our credit from time to time in the amounts and on the terms that those persons determine, and to grant security to you over any of our property from time to time. We will provide this verification by a certificate in writing given to you by any TWO of the officers set out below. The most recent certificate given to you will be the current certificate in effect:***

***Superintendent
Secretary Treasurer***

***Assistant Superintendent
Assistant Secretary Treasurer***

CARRIED

5.2 Financial Statement

MOVED and seconded that the draft 2016 / 2017 Financial Statements be accepted;

AND THAT the final 2016 / 2017 Financial Statements including the audit report be submitted to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

KMPG assisted the district with the annual audit and presented this information to the Board at a meeting earlier in September. The School District is required to submit the financial statements to the Ministry of Education by September 30, 2017. The Secretary Treasurer noted that the finalized financial statements, the auditor's report, and the SOFI reports need to be published by December 31, 2017.

5.3 Tree Canada

Principal Hannah shared information about a \$5,000 grant that was received from Trees Canada to plant trees in Mission's community. SD No.75 has partnered with the District of Mission and Kwantlen First Nation to plant trees in the wetlands.

MOVED and seconded that the Board match the current funding of \$5000, with a maximum of \$5000.

CARRIED

Q: How does voting on such an item affect the budget?

R: At this time, we would approve funding and add this item in the amended budget.

Q: Would it be wise of the Board to have a plan set out for future funding requests?

R: Yes, it would prudent to set out some parameters on how groups and organizations can approach the Board for funding.

5.4 Reporting Out from Closed Board Meeting

The Superintendent reported that personnel matters were discussed.

On behalf of the Board of Education, the Superintendent made a special announcement about the passing of Ms. Clemo who was a long-standing member of the Mission School District.

6. New Business

6.1 Future Expansion of Riverside College

MAIN MOTION

THAT a sub-committee of the Committee of the Whole be struck to make recommendations regarding the future expansion of Riverside College. The scope of the committee's work will include discussion and recommendations of potential new course offerings and discussion and recommendations regarding both short and long-term options for increasing shop space. The initial subcommittee meeting will be held prior to October 21, 2017.

AMENDMENT

That the main motion be amended by adding the word *possible* in front of *future expansion*.

AMENDED MOTION

THAT a sub-committee of the Committee of the Whole be struck to make recommendations regarding the possible future expansion of Riverside College. The scope of the committee's work will include discussion and recommendations of potential new course offerings and discussion and recommendations regarding both short and long-term options for increasing shop space. The initial subcommittee meeting will be held prior to October 21, 2017.

CARRIED

Riverside College provides a valuable service to youth in our community giving easy and less expensive access to initial trades training. This service aligns well with the objectives of past and present Provincial Governments and is fully supported by the Mission Municipal Council. Additionally, Riverside College offers an individualized route to high school graduation which could relieve enrolment pressure on Mission Secondary School. During the last four years improved management of the college has shown that it can operate at a profit and is well worth additional financial investment on the part of the School District.

The Sub-Committee would be a group of members that have no authority to make decisions. The purpose of this committee would be to refine ideas and deliver these ideas to the Committee of the Whole.

The Board is supportive of this motion and the ideas surrounding the possible growth of Riverside. The Secretary Treasurer noted that she has a few templates on forming committees and noted it would be valuable to have a mix of members especially ones who bring technical expertise.

6.2 Submission of Motions to BCSTA's Provincial Council

A motion was brought to the floor and recommended to be submitted to the British Columbia School Trustee Association for further discussion. See item 6.3.

6.3 By-Election Motion

MOVED and Seconded that BCSTA demand the provincial government change the School Act to state in the event of the firing of a locally elected Board of Education or Trustee, and this firing creates a vacancy of more than a year in length, a By-Election must be held within six months of said firing.

CARRIED

There has been more than one Board of Education that has been fired by the Ministry of Education. While it can be argued there are other options available to the Ministry; at times they have taken this drastic action. In the past and currently, the Ministry has appointed a person to run the School District until the next election period, which has run at times for several years.

The Board is satisfied that this motion has been brought forward, it was brought forward in the past; however due to timing restraints, it was not submitted on time. The Board requested that the motion go forward to Provincial Council, then return to the Board, and back to the AGM.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOVED and seconded that the Board of Education meeting minutes of June 20, 2017, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. COMMITTEE MINUTES/ LIASON REPORTS

Trustees reported on:

- Pricilla Wells was elected as Vice Chair of Siwal Si'wes
- A respected elder, Neil Phillips, passed away unexpectedly;
- Silverdale has a new curriculum with a focus on environmental and outdoor education;
- Working on emails and planning for upcoming BCSTA Fraser Valley meeting held on Monday October 16, 2017;
- Attended the BCSTA Canadian School Boards Association Conference which highlighted Aboriginal Education. It provided very insightful information; a report was emailed to Trustees and Staff;
- A key topic that was discussed at the Canadian School Board Association Conference was reconciliation. Mission is very ahead of other districts and we can thank our elders for this progression.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. Questions

No questions were asked.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:11 pm.

CARRIED

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer



October 3, 2017

The Honourable Rob Fleming

Minister of Education

PO Box 9045, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Fleming,

RE: Request that 2017 school FSA results not be published

I am reaching out to you in advance of fall's scheduled Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) testing to encourage a process that prevents the ranking of individual schools based on student outcomes. Boards of Education have been encouraged by your comments regarding the unfairness of ranking schools and the negative implications this has for the K-12 education system. Like you, we recognize the need for appropriate measures of student achievement to help ensure the most effective instructional practices and school district processes are maintained, but this should not result in the current pattern of unintended negative consequences.

Knowing that FSA testing will proceed this fall as scheduled, I would ask that individual school results not be publically released. Any public circulation of school results inevitably leads to the public ranking of schools by outside groups. This ongoing practice is certainly harmful and unfortunate. Perhaps the only solution is not to create consolidated school-based results in the first place.

The BC School Trustees Association would like to work with you and the other education partner groups to find a solution to this ongoing problem. The unnecessary and unwarranted damage to schools must be stopped as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration of our request and the need for a permanent solution to this problem.

Sincerely,

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Gordon Swan

President

BC School Trustees Association

cc: Scott MacDonald, Deputy Minister of Education
BCSTA Member Boards of Education



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October 3, 2017

The Honourable Selina Robinson
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
PO Box 9056 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Roberson,

Re: Municipal cooperation in support of school construction projects

It was a pleasure to meet you at the recent Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) convention and at least touch base on the opportunities that greater cooperation between school districts and area municipalities across the province might bring in support of accelerated school construction and greater community use. I certainly see a number of possibilities where we might work together along with the Ministry of Education to ensure that the much-needed new schools or school improvement projects are completed as soon as possible.

On behalf of the BC School Trustees Association, I would like to request a meeting of representatives from your ministry and the Ministry of Education to meet with members of our board of directors to discuss how current local impediments to school construction might be alleviated. While we appreciate the desire of local municipalities to see schools built or refurbished within their boundaries, many school districts are experiencing significant delays in seeing such construction projects approved at that level. In some cases, unrealistic planning or construction expectations are also placed on school districts impeding their ability to effectively and efficiently bring projects to completion.

Beyond addressing better local cooperation to facilitate school construction projects, I believe there is a missed opportunity to do more in the way of joint venture projects with municipalities. While we can all point to a number of individual success stories around the province, a great deal more could be done in terms of allowing school sites to serve as broad-based community assets serving a range of age groups and programs.

Building more schools, or improving the safety of those that are already in place, is certainly worthwhile, but I believe we could make better overall use of these buildings if we viewed and invested in them as the hub of a community or neighbourhood.



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Thank you once again for taking the time to talk with me during the UBCM convention. I look forward to meeting with you and your ministry representatives to explore how these two important goals might be addressed in the near future.

Sincerely,

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Gordon Swan

President

BC School Trustees Association

cc: The Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Education



October 5, 2017

The Honourable Carole James

Minister of Finance

PO Box 9048, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister James,

RE: Request for meeting to discuss funding for K-12 public education

It was a pleasure to speak with you at the recent Union of BC Municipalities convention and to begin a dialogue on funding for K-12 education in our province. I believe there are a number of areas of common interest where we might focus our joint efforts in order to achieve some significant advances toward ensuring all children in BC have access to high-quality education programs and facilities.

I would like to request to the opportunity to meet with you for the purpose of identifying areas where additional resourcing would make a significant difference within our schools and school districts. There are also a number of policy change options that might also be considered that can improve both the effectiveness and efficiency of current funding. Certainly, many of the objectives you have previously identified align with those of our association.

The BCSTA has been able to establish a strong working relationship with the Ministry of Education, and we would like to establish a similar positive connection with you and the Ministry of Finance. Your personal commitment to K-12 education has long been recognized and see you as a champion for the goals we share.

There are also many high priority initiatives set by the government that deserve careful consideration from organizations, such as ours, as they offer opportunities for collaboration. Many of these objectives match up with motions passed by BCSTA's member boards of education, and I would welcome the opportunity to establish some short and long-term plans based on these shared goals with you.

This planning structure would be open to other Ministries in related areas as well so that we may create the change needed to benefit BC's students. Planning for the future in such a fashion will allow us to work collaboratively with multiple groups who have a direct or indirect influence on BC's public education system, such as yours. By building these working relationships early, we can actively avoid misalignment and setbacks.

I look forward to meeting with you and beginning a dialogue on how we might better support BC's public education system and all of our province's children and youth.

Sincerely,



Gordon Swan

President

BC School Trustees Association

cc: The Honourable Rob Fleming, *Minister of Education*
Scott MacDonald, *Deputy Minister of Education*
Lori Wanamaker, *Deputy Minister of Finance*
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