

# Minutes

## Board of Education Meeting

May 17, 2016 6:30 pm

Fraserview Learning Centre, 32444 Seventh Avenue, Mission, BC

### Members Present:

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

### Absent:

Superintendent Angus Wilson  
Secretary Treasurer Corien Becker  
Director of Instruction Larry Jepsen

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by the Board Chairperson. The Chair thanked Matsqui First Nations for the use of their traditional territory for the meeting and recognized that we are on Sto:lo Traditional Territory. The Chair further acknowledged that Kwantlen, Leq'a:mel and Scowitz First Nations also hold territory within the School District boundaries.

### 2. Adoption of Agenda

#### MOTION (SC/JT)

**THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

### 3. Presentations

#### Ava Ries – Grade 6 Student – Mission Central Elementary

Donna Gresham, District Teacher for the Blind and Visually Impaired, together with Julie Baker, Ava's Education Assistant, highlighted Ava's accomplishments in qualifying for the North American Championships in Los Angeles. 10 students in Ava's age group qualified from over 50 regional competitions in North America. She will be joining two other visually impaired students from BC as they head to California in June.

#### Secondary School Apprenticeship ("SSA") Awards

Doug McNeill, Work Experience/Secondary School Apprenticeship Programs, Riverside College/Mission Secondary, and Wade Peary, Principal, Riverside College, made presentations to Mikail Loewen (Auto Refinishing), and Jake Chalifoux (Heavy Equipment Mechanic). Both recipients have recorded a minimum of 900 hours to the Industry Training Authority and are receiving \$1,000 SSA Scholarships.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION (JT/SC)**

**THAT the Board of Education meeting minutes of April 19, 2016, be approved as presented.**  
**CARRIED**

#### 5. Chair Report

Chair McKamey announced the appointment of the new Secretary Treasurer, Corien Becker, who will commence the role on June 20, 2016.

#### 6. Correspondence – Information Item

BC School Trustees' Association – Integrated Resource Package for Indigenous Languages. Correspondence addressed to BCSTA President, Teresa Rezansoff, from Dave Byng, Deputy Minister, is attached to the Agenda.

#### 7. Reporting Out From In-Camera Meeting

- Capital Project Bylaw No. 127111 (Annual Facility Grant) – Third Reading

**MOTION (SC/TL)**

**THAT the Board of Education give third reading of the Capital Project Bylaw 127111 (Annual Facility Grant Expenditure) as presented. The Board will adhere to Ministry requirements as set out in the Bylaw. The maximum expenditure of the Capital Project Bylaw is \$1,152,174.**

**CARRIED**

The Capital Project Bylaw No. 127111 information will be posted to the website with the Regular Agenda.

#### 8. Education Committee

Trustee Loffler reported on the May 3, 2016, Education Committee meeting: Presentation from Kevin Watrin, Principal, Fraserview Learning Centre - Intergenerational Lifetime Learning and Fraserview's recognition by MLA, Marc Dalton, at the Legislative Assembly in Victoria; Acting District Principal, Aboriginal Education, Joe Heslip, reported West Heights Elementary was recognized in the Aboriginal Enhancement School's newsletter; District Dogwood Scholarship programs – applications still being accepted until May 25<sup>th</sup>; curriculum update (GEAC/NID day updates); and a report was provided by the District Parent Advisory Council.

**MOTION (JT/RC)**

**THAT the Board of Education receive Trustee Loffler's Education Committee Report for information.**

**CARRIED**

#### 2016-2017 School Growth Plans

Trustee Loffler spoke to the purpose and value of growth plans. This year, Principals were provided with options on format including traditional and Spiral of Inquiry methods.

**MOTION (JT/SC)**

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

2016-2017 School Fees Schedule

**MOTION (SC/TL)**

**THAT the Board of Education approve the 2016-2017 School Fees Schedule as presented.  
CARRIED**

Policy #41: Protection of Confidential Information

**MOTION (JT/RC)**

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

The new Secretary Treasurer will be tasked to develop Administrative Procedures.

Potential Disposal of Property Update

The matter was brought as an information item primarily to report that the School District remains in phase one. The deadline for receiving expressions of interest has been extended to June.

District Parent Advisory Council Update

A report from the April 25, 2016 meeting was provided with the Agenda.

## **9. Business Committee**

Trustee Carter reported on the May 3, 2016 Business Committee meeting: BCSTA correspondence, Capital Project Bylaw, Staffing and Human Resources updates and long service awards discussion.

**MOTION (JT/SC)**

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

Mission Secondary School's 50<sup>th</sup> Graduation Reunion

Trustee Carter provided an update on a request from an outside group regarding a reunion in the Fall. For further information on the event, contact Trustee Carter.

Long Service Awards

Trustee Carter provided background on the history of awards. Discussions are ongoing with the partner groups on effective ways to acknowledge staff successes.

## Exempt/Principals' and Vice-Principals' Staff Compensation Advisory Committee

Trustees Carter/Loffler attended a regional meeting in Abbotsford. Staff and Trustees attended from the Fraser Valley region: Fraser Cascade, Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Langley, Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows. Topics included: Attendance, support and wellness, Make a Future's website and overall support provided by BCPSEA.

## Budget Committee Update

Board Chair McKamey provided an update. The School District is experiencing more growth; the Assistant Secretary Treasurer was recognized for his ongoing diligence in moving the Board through the budget season. Chair McKamey passed the meeting over to Assistant Secretary Treasurer who reported on meetings held with stakeholder groups: MTU, CUPE, DPAC, PVPA and reminded everyone it is a 'preliminary' budget.

## BC School Trustees' Association ("BCSTA") – Withdrawal

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

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

Trustee Cairns read a statement. BCSTA's purpose is to be a voice for School Boards for quality education however, feels it is lacking; displeased with their lack of transparency and "cherry picking" motions for Government; lacks advocacy for students and education operating in a climate of fear.

Trustees expressed concerns on the timing of the motion given the School District is undergoing management change.

### **MOTION (JT/TL)**

**THAT the Board of Education defer the motion to the October Public Board meeting.  
CARRIED (Opposed: Trustee Cairns)**

## **10. Committee/Trustee Reports**

Trustees reported on Secretary Treasurer interviews; St. Mary's tours; DPAC meeting and their presentation at Clarke Theatre; Acting District Principal, Aboriginal Education, Joe Heslip, made a presentation to the Parks Advisory Board requesting new signs for Heritage Park; Board meeting with the District of Mission; District Elementary Track Meet; Mission Secondary's Prom; Family of Schools Dinner; First Salmon ceremony; Mission Foundation Awards, G.W. Cooke Awards, BCPSEA advisory meeting and thanked staff for maintain the Board Office in the absence of a Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer.

## **11. 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 attendance management programs and if it is part of shared services to which the Assistant Secretary Treasurer responded that funds received are special purpose funds.

A question was asked if the Board would write a letter to BCPSEA indicating the School District is not interested in an attendance management program further stating that CUPE already has a program in conjunction with collective agreement language. Discussion ensued and references were made to recent meetings with BCPSEA.

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A question was asked regarding the proposed disposal of properties and if the process will proceed to BC Bid to which it was responded reminding everyone that should they decide to proceed with sale(s), a plan would be developed ensuring full transparency with the assistance of the incoming Secretary Treasurer.

A question was asked if Trustees have read the shared services book in particular, the section pertaining to attendance management and proposed the Board write a letter addressing concerns on a duplicate system and use of funds.

A question was asked about the status of Administrative Procedures resulting from approved policies. Policies/Procedures are worked "off the corners of desks". The Board Policy Development Committee continues to set philosophies. The Board is confident that the incoming Secretary Treasurer will assist with the process.

A question was asked about BCSTA and the recent AGM conference that Trustees attended where the choice of a keynote speaker was from a Charter School in the U.S. The Board acknowledged and confirmed the decision to bring in the speakers is that of BCSTA and Trustees would not discount ideas based on where they comes from. It was also noted that Trustees provided feedback forms at the conference to BCSTA regarding the matter.

A question was asked regarding the status of Fraserview Learning Centre's growth plan in addition to measuring progress of the plans, and follow-up reports. Senior staff indicated that up until two years ago, a team went through the goals however Ministry has changed processes including the ending of Achievement Contract submissions. The Director of Instruction has undertaken the role of growth plans and Framework for Learning and has provided Principals with a choice to develop their own inquiry based approach or traditional report format.

## 12. Adjournment

### MOTION (JT/RC)

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:42 pm.

CARRIED

  
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Chairperson

  
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Secretary Treasurer