



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
School Board Office  
3143 Jacklin Road  
April 25, 2017 – 8:00 p.m.**

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**TRUSTEES:** Bob Phillips, Board Chair      Dianna Seaton, Board Vice-Chair  
Wendy Hobbs      Neil Poirier  
Denise Riley      Margot Swinburnson

**STAFF:** Jim Cambridge, Superintendent  
Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer  
Paul Block, Assistant Superintendent  
Dave Strange, Assistant Superintendent  
Dan Haley, Executive Director, Human Resources

**REGRETS:** Ravi Parmar

**SECRETARY:** Joanne Kimm

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There were 15 members of the public in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. Bob Phillips acknowledged the traditional territories of the First Nations.

**AGENDA**

Call for amendments and additional items

The agenda was accepted as amended:

- Item 9.1 – Student Trip to Cuba was removed
- Item 4.1 – Metchosin School Site was added
- Item 7.5 – Revenue and Expenditures Report was added

25. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Dianna Seaton  
That the Board of Education accept the agenda as amended.  
CARRIED

## MINUTES

### Call for amendments to minutes

The minutes from the April 14 Board meeting and April 11 ECOW meeting were accepted as presented.

26. MOVED Denise Riley/Dianna Seaton  
That the minutes of the March 14 Board meeting and April 11 ECOW meeting be adopted as presented.  
CARRIED

### Amendments to accepted February 28, 2017 minutes

The minutes of the February 28, 2017 Board meeting were accepted as presented. However, it was noted that after approval and signing, a change was required. Therefore, the minutes were re-submitted to the Board for approval.

27. MOVED Denise Riley/Margot Swinburnson  
That motion Number 23, approving the minutes from the March 14, 2017 Board meeting, be rescinded.  
CARRIED
28. MOVED Denise Riley/Dianna Seaton  
That the minutes of February 28, 2017, be accepted as amended.  
CARRIED

## DELEGATIONS (STA, CUPE, PVP, SPEAC, Students) – 5 minutes each

### STA – Ian Johnson

Ian acknowledged the unprecedented growth in the District. He indicated that he has put pressure on the BCTF to speak to the Ministry to ensure funding for portables is allocated to the District. His experience working with Sr. Management has been positive.

### Amber Leonard– CUPE

Amber indicated CUPE is happy to be included in the budget process. She is hopeful that CUPE staff will be increased to help with the additional classroom and portable space. April 28 is the National Day of Mourning. There will be an 8:00 a.m. ceremony at the two high schools' flagpoles.

### Brena Robinson – SPEAC

Brena reported that a meeting was held at John Muir last week, which included a tour of the school's garden. In addition, the Navy League of Sooke hosted a presentation. Brena acknowledged the additional \$500,000 funding to spend on supplies in District schools, provided by the Provincial Government, was well received. Brena announced some upcoming committee meetings, notably the "Let's Talk Drugs" meeting on May 9. Christine McGregor, District Principal, Student Support Services, will be the moderator. The next SPEAC meeting will be held at the Board Office on May 17.

### Karen Sjerven - PVP

Karen reported the PVP are preparing for staffing for the new school year. She also provided an overview of school activities and events taking place throughout the District.

### CPF (Canadian Parents for French) - Cendra Beaton

Cendra announced that the Concourse d'art oratoire competition took place on April 5. Twenty students from the district participated. Seven moved on to the provincial level. She provided an overview of Chapter events that took place in the District. She added that the BC CPF website lists all of the upcoming youth French summer camps. She noted that April is National Volunteer month.

### Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

## **FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

### 2017/18 Budget Series Update – Harold Cull

The budget timelines was presented to the public. The deadline to submit the budget to the Ministry is June 30, 2017. The Board will hold second and third readings of the budget bylaw on May 10 and May 23. The biggest change will be the “per pupil” funding model, which forms the majority of the budget. The funding was raised from \$7,218 to \$7,301 per pupil. Much of that increase was from the collective agreement. Based on the February estimate, the FTE count was estimated at 10,398. April estimates indicate that approximately 10,413 FTE’s will attend District schools.

Harold provided an overview of the non-enrolling teachers that will need to be hired. The District is required to submit Classroom Enhancement Fund requirements to the Ministry by April 28, 2017. The District will be also be identifying funding needed for the following: to convert labs to classrooms (6); convert rooms to classrooms (3); acquire and set up portables (22); and additional desks and chairs. Another budget update will be provided at the May 10 ECOW meeting.

### Disposition of Metchosin School Site – Harold Cull

Harold presented background information regarding the Board’s consideration to dispose of the Metchosin School site. Board policy F-223 requires public consultation when considering the disposal of school property. The Board must dispose of property through a bylaw. The Board has determined the site is not required for educational purposes. Utility costs alone are higher than rental revenue. The School District is one of the fastest growing districts in the Province; however, growth has not been in the Metchosin area. The sale of the site would help support capital funding to purchase land for future schools.

Bob Phillips opened up the floor to the public for comments regarding the disposal of the site:

Stephanie Longstaff – Stephanie experienced the first closure process when the NDP was in power. The school wasn’t closed due to the formula the government used at the time. She feels the sale is shortsighted and would like the government to use their money to buy land instead of using District money.

Bob Mitchell – Bob feels that the District should be able to get their money back from any sale. He mentioned the land was donated to the community of Metchosin back in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and is an integral part of Metchosin. At that time, the land was zoned community institutional, and the District would be reluctant to approve a rezoning as it would depress the cost should it ever sell. He doesn’t feel that the District has a great deal of investment in the property and there may be zoning problems in the future.

Shannon Carmen – Shannon mentioned that a consultation was hosted in Metchosin about the community. It was understood from the Gazette newspaper and public knowledge that there would be questions such as: could the property still be a school or community centre, or a centre of Metchosin somehow? People have such fond memories of it, and as technical centre. While people understand the need for the District to raise funds to build new schools, they feel there may be other options, mutually beneficial to both the community and the District.

Art Brendon – Metchosin Arts and Cultural Centre. He mentioned that they put together a business proposal which was put forth to Metchosin Council. They have rented the arts portion of the school over the last 7 years. Their purpose would be to use the facility as a community institutional zoning and repurpose it and retain its facilities, perhaps to use it as for performing/visual arts. He added that there have been some interested parties that would consider using the gym and other portions of the school. The school is a community resource and it should remain as such. There are no other public playing fields in Metchosin other than at the school. Their plan is not fully formed as yet.

Cendra Beaton – Cendra acknowledged that the District is the fastest growing district in the Province, so why is the District selling the site but looking for other land to build. Has the District looked at other property, and considered that leasing it would bring in more revenue, or re-build it and use it as a school again? With the court ruling, that means less students in classes, especially French Immersion. By not having to bus students out of the area to attend other schools, it could save costs. What else has the District considered that the community can consult on?

Alex Samagopolis – Alex said that there are some young, local entrepreneurs who are looking at building themselves in the community, and the school is the heart of the community. There are people already in the building, and it would be a real loss to lose these people. At the consultation, there were many options and ideas to use the property for younger and older generations. Finding areas in rural areas for small, local business is very difficult.

Joshua (no last name given) – grew up in Metchosin. He lives in Langford but runs a music program out of Metchosin School. He thinks the process is happening too quickly, and there should be options to look at using the property. The lack of growth in Metchosin was acknowledged. Growth in the Western Communities will continue to grow. Why sell off space that is so valuable in order to buy more property at higher prices? We need schools and we need cultural centres. He said that the District can raise the rental prices if needed.

Ann Richmond – She was concerned at the fast process and the lack of consultation. Just because the District has capital doesn't mean it has to spend it. She feels that the school can provide a revenue stream, to support arts programs in Metchosin. Other options need to be considered.

Bob Phillips indicated to the public that population growth in Metchosin will be nominal in the next 10 years. Jim Cambridge added that the District of Metchosin and School District staff have been in conversations to acquire the property since last fall. The District of Metchosin may not have the funds to purchase the property. The property also has specific zoning attached to it.

Harold Cull described the process to the public of what the Ministry requires of the District to dispose of the site. The Ministry has quite stringent rules regarding the disposal of property. Two appraisals were completed along with other requirements. In order to dispose of the property, the Minister of Finance would have to approve the purchase unless it was to another educational institution.

Margot Swinburnson mentioned that the school building is not suitable for students any more without spending a large amount of money fixing it up.

Denise Riley indicated that she would like to have second and third readings done at the May 23 public Board meeting, to allow more time for public input.

29. MOVED Denise Riley/Margot Swinburnson  
That the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings date of the bylaw be changed from  
May 10 to May 23, 2017  
CARRIED
30. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Neil Poirier  
That the *Disposal of Real Property Bylaw No. 2017-01*, specifying the Board of  
Education authorize the disposal of the Metchosin School Site located at 4495  
Happy Valley Road, be given first reading.  
CARRIED

#### 2017/18 School Fees – Paul Block

The draft 2017/18 school fees were presented to the Board for consideration. All of the fees were approved by school PAC's.

31. MOVED Dianna Seaton/Neil Poirier  
That the Board of Education approve the draft 2017/18 school fees as presented.  
CARRIED

#### Transportation Update – Harold Cull

An overview of transportation statistics was presented. In the 2016/17 school year, 3,210 students rode the bus. It is estimated that for the 2017/18 school year, there will be approximately 3,323 riders. This is an increase of 103 riders. The Ministry of Education has committed to fund \$358,000 to in-catchment riders.

Staff would like to open registration on May 1 and freeze it on May 30, so that routes can be established. There will be consideration given to new students entering into the District.

Trustees discussed allowing adequate notice to parents. Student Connect, email and website information will be sent out.

#### District Profile and Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures Report – Harold Cull

An overview of a report by Joan Axford, a previous Secretary-Treasurer, was presented. The report addresses the question of "why can't School District 62 get ahead?" Conversations and meetings took place with stakeholder groups. The report is now complete and will be posted up on the District website.

## **EDUCATION PROGRAM**

### Aboriginal Education Council Report – April 19, 2017 – Dianna Seaton

The Aboriginal Education Council report was presented. Of note was the successful implementation of the Enhancement Agreement. Also, 1,190 students self-identified as being Aboriginal.

### Report on the Education Standing Committee meeting of April 18, 2017 – Denise Riley

Denise Riley presented the report on the Education Standing Committee. Of note were three BAA courses recommended for Board approval.

32. MOVED Denise Riley/Dianna Seaton  
That the Board of Education approve the following BAA Courses:
- Event Entertainment 10A
  - Event Entertainment 10B
  - Event Entertainment 12

CARRIED

33. MOVED Denise Riley/Dianna Seaton  
That the draft revised Policy and Regulations C-432 “Maintenance of Order” be approved and included within the District Policy Manual.

CARRIED

### Assistant Superintendent Portfolio – Jim Cambridge

The portfolios for the Assistant Superintendents were presented to the public. They will be distributed this week.

## **STUDENTS**

### Student trip to Cuba – July 25-August 10, 2018 – Royal Bay Secondary – Stephanie Vink

This item was cancelled.

## **FOUNDATIONS & GOVERNANCE**

### Financial Health Document – Harold Cull

The document was presented to the Board for discussion. Staff will review the document and present a plan to the Board at a future meeting.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### Superintendent Report – Jim Cambridge

Jim provided an overview of meetings that took place over the last two weeks. Of note was a meeting with the architects for the Royal Bay expansion that took place today and the ongoing work on the budget.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 4 – Youth Mental Health Day at the Q Centre. Students from 61, 62, 63 and 64 will be attending.

May 1 - Music Monday at the Q Centre

## **QUESTION PERIOD**

Q: Will the Reading Recovery program for French Immersion continue next year? Will the staff be French?

R: Graham Arts, District Principal, Technology & Innovation, can assist with answering the question.

Q: How will the bus routes for French immersion students work?

R: Jim Cambridge said that routes are based on where riders live and which school they attend.

Q: How many international students do we have and are we still recruiting when there are space issues?

R: There are approximately 140 students. International students do not all come for a full year; some are only here for a semester.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Certified Correct:

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Chairperson of the Board

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Secretary-Treasurer