



MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING School Board Office 3143 Jacklin Road April 24, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES: Ravi Parmar, Board Chair Bob Phillips, Vice-Chair
 Neil Poirier Denise Riley
 Dianna Seaton Margot Swinburnson

STAFF: Jim Cambridge, Superintendent
 Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer
 Paul Block, Associate Superintendent
 Stephanie Hedley-Smith, Associate Superintendent
 Dave Strange, Associate Superintendent
 Dan Haley, Executive Director, Human Resources

REGRETS: Wendy Hobbs, Trustee

SECRETARY: Joanne Kimm

There were 15 members of the public in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Ravi Parmar acknowledged the traditional territories of the First Nations.

AGENDA

Call for amendments and additional items

The agenda was accepted as presented.

31. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Neil Poirier
 That the Board of Education adopt the April 24, 2018 Board agenda as presented.
 CARRIED

MINUTES

Call for amendments to minutes

The minutes of the March 13, 2018 Board meeting and April 10, 2018 ECOW meeting were presented to the Board for approval.

32. MOVED Denise Riley/Margot Swinburnson
That the minutes of the March 13, 2018 Board meeting and April 10, 2018 ECOW meeting be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

Sanix World Youth Rugby Tournament 2018 – Paul Block

Paul provided information regarding various students from Belmont Secondary School who will be travelling May 1-7, 2018, to Japan, representing Canada in the Sanix World Youth Rugby Tournament.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Student Support Services – Christine McGregor, Principal, Student Support Services

Christine introduced Janine Brooks, District Vice-Principal, and staff from Student Support Services. It was noted there are over 1,390 students with various mental or physical disabilities (or a combination of both) who are supported by the department. Staff have been looking at finding new tools to assist students with their learning.

Suzanne Harwood, an Inclusion Coach for Assisted Technology, gave an overview of a training package called CIPP (Creating Inclusive Plans with Purpose). The training focuses on self-regulation and inclusion.

Deb Woodland, a Speech and Language Pathologist and Angie Leeson, Communication and Adaptive Technology Assistant, explained some of the different equipment geared to assist students, such as iPads. It was mentioned there are some students who cannot verbalize, who use a point-system or push a big button to communicate. A pre-made bucket (called an iBucket: implementation bucket) of materials, coupled with vocabulary sets, were given to some teachers to use in classrooms, to encourage students to use and strengthen their communication skills. Each bucket is themed to different activities.

Board members invited the department to return to a future Board meeting to provide demographics of students requiring support services.

Belmont Bytes Robotics Team Competition – Alex Samousevitch

Alex Samousevitch, Construction and Planning Supervisor, showed a video of an international robotics competition that involved Belmont Secondary Robotics Club members. Belmont placed sixth in the Pacific Northwest group. Alex indicated that he joined the robotics club to provide assistance to students in the creation of robots. He continues to be involved with the group.

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

CUPE – Amber Leonard and Tim Hamblin

Amber reported that the National Day of Mourning (April 28) will be held on April 27, 2018, to remember those who lost their lives in the workplace. Some of the schools will be raising the National Day of Mourning flag to commemorate the day. CUPE will also be offering scholarships, contests, and other events to show support for their membership. It was reported that the next CUPE Pro-d day will be held on May 4, 2018.

STA

There was no report.

PVP – Shannon Miller, John Muir Elementary Principal

Shannon reported on various events taking place in schools throughout the District. Of note was mention of a celebration on Tuesday, May 15 for the Na'tsa'maht agreement. Invitations will be sent out for the event.

SPEAC – Brena Robinson

Amber Leonard, CUPE President, speaking on behalf of Brena, reported that the SPEAC AGM is on May 23, 2018, and that Harold Cull will be providing a transportation update at that meeting. SPEAC is also requesting the District create a communications app, to provide information to parents on a timely basis in the case of school closure, inclement weather, etc.

CPF (Canadian Parents for French)

There was no report.

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

2018/19 Public Budget Series – Harold Cull

Harold provided an update on the budget cycle process. In April, there will be budget-building (to develop options to address pressures and relief). Staff are still working on details on the 2018/19 "base" budget and remaining funds in the 2017/18 budget year, taking into consideration stakeholders' input. A draft will be ready for the Budget management Team meeting on May 1, 2018, then will be submitted to the Board on May 8 for 1st reading, then again on May 22 for 2nd and 3rd readings and approval. Budget submissions are then due to the Ministry of Education in June.

Capital Plan Bylaw 2018/19-CPSD62-01 – Harold Cull

Harold provided an overview of the Capital Plan Bylaw. As per Ministry requirements, only one bylaw for multiple projects is required (instead of one bylaw for each project). An approval letter was received from the Ministry in March, approving projects under the school enhancement program, dust collector work at Dunsmuire, Spencer and EMCS and envelope repair at Ruth King. The Ministry also approved an additional three buses to the fleet (one accessible bus and two standard buses).

33. MOVED Bob Phillips/Denise Riley
 That Capital Bylaw 2018/19-CPSD62-01, be given first reading.
 CARRIED

EDUCATION PROGRAM

Aboriginal Education Council Report – April 18, 2018

Dianna provided an update on the Aboriginal Education Council meeting. Of note was the Aboriginal graduation ceremony which will be held at Bear Mountain on May 23, 2018.

Report from the French Advisory Committee – No Report

No report.

Report on the Education Standing Committee – Meeting of April 16, 2018

Denise provided an update on the Ed Standing Committee meeting of April 16, 2018.

34. MOVED Denise Riley/Margot Swinburnson
That the Board of Education approve the following BAA Course:
- Golf Skills 10B
- CARRIED

Draft Policy and Regulations Approvals

The following draft policies and regulations were presented for Board consideration and approval:

35. MOVED Bob Phillips/Denise Riley
That draft revised Policy and Regulations A-340 “School Board Committees” be amended to include “student” to the “delegates” portion.
CARRIED
36. MOVED Denise Riley/Margot Swinburnson
That draft revised Policy and Regulations A-340 “School Board Committees” be approved and included within the District Policy Manual.
CARRIED
37. MOVED Bob Phillips/Margot Swinburnson
That draft revised Policy and Regulations C-340 “Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Gender Expression” approved and included within the District Policy Manual.
CARRIED
38. MOVED Denise Riley/Dianna Seaton
That draft Policy and Regulations F-333 “Financial Reserve” approved and included within the District Policy Manual.
CARRIED
39. MOVED Denise Riley/Bob Phillips
That draft Policy and Regulations F-335 “Internal Audit Committee” be given Notice of Motion.
CARRIED
40. MOVED Margot Swinburnson/Dianna Seaton
That draft Policy and Regulations F-336 “Internal Audit” be given Notice of Motion.
CARRIED

National Daycare Strategy – Dianna Seaton

Dianna reported that she attended a meeting, hosted by the YMCA, concerning the National Daycare strategy. A Member of Parliament (MP), Karen Vecchio, is on a tour across Canada to collect information regarding general family dynamics. Karen indicated that a “one-size-fits-all” daycare strategy does not work due to the different situations between rural and urban areas and the shortage of ECE’s, and the inconsistency in daycares. Karen is not representing the Conservative party in this matter; rather, she is part of a Committee to gain information and input from all communities.

The Board deferred this item to the fall, for further discussion.

2018/19 School Calendar- Dave Strange

At the ECOW meeting of April 10, 2018, it was noted that changes would be made to the upcoming 2018/19 school calendar. Due to the change of Family Day moving from the second Monday to the third Monday in February, the arranged non-instructional day with the other districts will be moved to the Friday prior to the Family Day long weekend, creating two 4-day long weekends. This change coupled with changes in a few non-instructional days prompted the calendar to be brought forward for Board approval.

41. MOVED Denise Riley/Neil Poirier
That the Board of Education approve the updated 2018/19 School Calendar.
CARRIED

STUDENTS

Student Trip to Sisters, Oregon – May 4-7, 2018 – Royal Bay Secondary School Girls’ Lacrosse Team – Dave Sundher
Dave provided an overview of the proposed student trip to Sisters, Oregon.

42. MOVED Neil Poirier/Bob Phillips
That the Board of Education conditionally approve the Royal Bay Secondary School Girls’ Lacrosse Team field trip to Sisters, Oregon, subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent’s office.
CARRIED

Student Trip to Sisters, Oregon – May 4-7, 2018 – Royal Bay Secondary School Boys’ Lacrosse Team – Lucas MacNeil
Lucas provided an overview of the proposed student trip to Sisters, Oregon.

43. MOVED Bob Phillips/Neil Poirier
That the Board of Education conditionally approve the Royal Bay Secondary School Boys’ Lacrosse Team field trip to Sisters, Oregon, subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent’s office.

Student Trip to Seattle, Washington – June 26-28, 2018 – Belmont Secondary Football Team – Alexis Sanschagrín
Alexis provided an overview of the proposed student trip to Seattle, Washington.

44. MOVED Bob Phillips/Neil Poirier
That the Board of Education conditionally approve the Belmont Secondary Football Team field trip to Seattle, Washington, subject to the oversight and direction of the Superintendent’s office.
CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent's Report – Jim Cambridge

Jim reported on various meetings over the last two weeks. Of note was the Royal Bay Secondary School expansion planning and a meeting with Island Health regarding having a full wellness centre at Belmont Secondary. Jim mentioned that Scott Stinson has been meeting with staff to assist in his transition to the Superintendent position in August. Scott will also be attending the BCSTA AGM on April 26-29, 2018.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BCSTA AGM

The BCSTA AGM will be taking place April 26-29, 2018.

QUESTION PERIOD

Q: Can you clarify the “full-blown health clinic” and whether it will be at both high schools?

A: The clinic is already in place at Royal Bay and EMCS, but not in the capacity like at Belmont Secondary. The clinic is run by Island Health. Evaluators from Island Health will be reviewing the program to see if it is a viable enough model to run in other schools across the province.

Q: What is the pilot project regarding daycare?

A: It is the addition of an additional ECE in each kindergarten class within the District. Ruchi McArthur is running the program. It will be funded by the District.

Q: Would there be any interest in increasing usage of electric vans in the District?

A: Yes, the District will look into whether it meets the functional needs of the District and we will do a functional analysis.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer