



Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 63 (Saanich)

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 63 (Saanich) was held at the Saanich School Board Office, 2125 Keating Cross Road, Saanichton, B.C., on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES

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| Chair:..... Wayne Hunter | Superintendent of Schools:..... Keven Elder |
| Vice Chair:..... Jim Standen (<i>regrets</i>) | Secretary-Treasurer: Monica Schulte |
| Trustee:..... Nick Claxton | Assistant Superintendent:..... Nancy Macdonald |
| Trustee:..... Timothy Dunford | Assistant Superintendent:..... Marlene Dergousoff (<i>regrets</i>) |
| Trustee:..... Jane Husband | Representative, COPACS Cathy Fountas |
| Trustee:..... Barbara Menzies | Representative, CUPE..... Dean Coates |
| Trustee:..... Helen Parker | Representative, STA Sean Hayes |
| | Representative, SAA..... Heather Burkett |

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chair Hunter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Introduction

Chair Hunter welcomed members of the management team and partner group representatives to the regular board meeting and acknowledged the territory of the WSANEC people. Representing COPACS – Cathy Fountas; representing CUPE – Dean Coates; representing STA – Sean Hayes and representing School Administration – Heather Burkett, District Principal.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

(i) Consideration of Late Items

- #5(i) – Presentation on the Institute for Global Solutions by Bruce Frith and Mark Neufeld
- #10A – Updated 2012/13 Budget Timelines/Process

(ii) Adoption of Agenda

Moved by TRUSTEE PARKER

Seconded by TRUSTEE MENZIES

That the agenda be adopted with the addition of Late Items #5(i) – Presentation by Bruce Frith and Mark Neufeld regarding Institute for Global Solutions and #10A – Updated 2012/13 Budget Timelines/Process.

CARRIED.

(iii) Report on In-Camera Meeting

Chair Hunter reported that prior to the Regular Meeting; the Board held an “In Camera” Meeting and discussed personnel issues.

3. ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

(i) Adoption of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2011

Chair Hunter asked if there were any errors and omissions to the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 16, 2011. Hearing none, the Chair declared the minutes be adopted as circulated.

(ii) Adoption of Inaugural Board Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2011

Chair Hunter asked if there were any errors and omissions to the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 5, 2011. Hearing none, the Chair declared the minutes be adopted as circulated.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

No items.

5. PRESENTATIONS, DELEGATIONS & QUESTIONS

(i) Late Item - Presentation on the Institute for Global Solutions by Bruce Frith and Mark Neufeld

6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Hunter expressed thanks to Trustee Parker for her service and leadership to School District No. 63. Trustee Parker was Board Chair in 2011, 2010 and 2005. Trustee Parker led the Board during a time of transition to open structures and decision-making processes and a major overhaul of the Board's policy framework, as well and the difficult work that the Board did with the community in response to dramatic budget pressures brought about by declining enrolment and a funding system that favours increasing district enrolment. Trustee Parker also led the Board during a multi-year process of defining values, beliefs, commitments and vision in partnership with schools and community and eventually the creation of declared strategic directions for the Board. Trustee Parker is a strong voice from the board, district and community in advocating for public education and a fair funding formula and adequate funding.

Trustee Husband also expressed her gratitude and presented Trustee Parker with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the current board.

7. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- (i) Superintendent Elder reported on:

Celebrating 2011/12

As we move into 2012 we do so with appreciation and anticipation. First, I want to express again, on behalf of the district, my appreciation to trustees for stepping up during a time of intrigue, challenge and opportunity to serve society, communities, families and children. Second, I want to express my appreciation to everyone who works and volunteers in School District 63 for making our schools truly “great places to learn and safe places to be.” The consistently high quality of care and education that we provide to our students comes from staff who demonstrate capacity and will every day in every way. Finally, thank you to our students, families and communities for caring about public education and making neighbourhood and specialty schools alive with energy and optimism.

Looking Toward 2012/13

Our district leadership team, including your executive, district management staff, principals, vice-principals and leaders of all description across the system, are committed to maintaining and enhancing our programs and services as we move toward 2012/13. As always, that will take hard work. We didn’t get to a tradition of excellence by accident, and we won’t stay there if we have any degree of complacency. We look forward to supporting the Board through budget deliberations, program decisions and all manner of public discourse in the coming months. That includes working in whatever ways we can to ensuring the best possible budget planning for 2012/13 and to supporting harmony during the current labour dispute between the BCTF and BCPSEA.

Job Action: Recess, Exam Schedules, FSA and More

Trustees will find in the January board package two memos in relation to job action. The first, from the Superintendent, speaks to a proposal for an adjustment to the school day, specifically moving elementary and middle school recess to the end of the day. The second, from Assistant Superintendent Macdonald, provides a comprehensive overview of plans in relation to administration and marking of Foundation Skills Assessments and provincial and school-based exams.

Superintendent’s Annual Report on Student Achievement

Trustees will also find in the board package my annual report on student achievement, along with a cover memo that asks that the Board either receive and endorse the report for publication and submission to the Ministry of Education or direct me to take the report away for amendments in time to submit the report by the end of January.

- (ii) Superintendent’s Report on Student Achievement

Moved by TRUSTEE MENZIES

Seconded by TRUSTEE HUSBAND

That the Board receive and approve the report for publication and submission to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED.

7. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CONTINUED

(iii) Update on Teacher Job Action

(a) Proposal to Move Recess

Moved by TRUSTEE PARKER

Seconded by TRUSTEE HUSBAND

That the Board defer the decision around recess until the February 15th meeting to allow the Superintendent to provide a report on options around calendar changes for Grades 6-12.

DEFEATED.

Moved by TRUSTEE MENZIES

Seconded by TRUSTEE DUNFORD

That effective February 15, 2012 the Board move elementary recess to end of the day with consideration being given to safety issues and that parents be provided the choice to pick students up at the end of the instructional day.

Amendment

Moved by TRUSTEE DUNFORD

Seconded by TRUSTEE PARKER

That the motion be amended to read "effective April 2nd, 2012".

CARRIED.

Amended Motion

That effective April 2nd, 2012 the Board move elementary recess to end of the day with consideration being given to safety issues and that parents be provided the choice to pick students up at the end of the instructional day.

Question was called on the motion as amended and declared

CARRIED.

(b) FSA, Secondary Exam Schedule and Provincial Exams

No recommendations.

8. SCHOOL SUCCESSES

Superintendent Elder outlined the following school successes:

- (i) **KELSET** had an open house on November 29, to celebrate achievements with "naturescape," including the planting of many indigenous plants, shrubs and trees last spring and this fall, funded by a \$3000 Tree Canada Grant. A team of parents, students and staff, with the support of the PAC, HAT (Habitat Acquisition Trust), the Life Cycles organization and a variety of local nurseries and farmers, have had numerous work parties and created five raised gardens and developed a wonderful stream play area, in addition to planting over 200 plants, shrubs and trees. The project demonstrates a commitment to our environment and the importance of "natural play. Students love the opportunities to learn and play afforded by this natural playground!

8. SCHOOL SUCCESSES CONTINUED

- (ii) **Lochside** hosted two winter concerts on December 5 and 6 to celebrate their work with the Artist-In-Residence Gill Chater. During the two concerts the students enjoyed singing and sharing the songs that they had learned with Mrs. Chater.
- (iii) **SIDES** received digital media devices from Sony Canada, thanks to an early registration in Science World British Columbia's BC Green Games. These schools will now be better prepared to document their environmental action stories for submission on the BC Green Games website in February 2012. The SIDES Distance Conservation Team is working with Energy Educators Network to explore ocean energy conversion technologies that will in the future become a big part of filling Canada's electricity demands. BC Green Games is a province-wide competition for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12, designed to motivate action, enable sharing, and reward and celebrate the green efforts of schools in BC. In March 2012, the public will be asked to vote for their favourite submission at bcgreengames.ca.
- (iv) **Sidney**
- (i) The school choir performed with rave reviews to parents and students on December 16. Lisa Alexander, Wendy Braithwaite, Mary MacKay, Victoria Munday and Sabrina Losie have been holding choir practice every Friday at lunch and it was fantastic to listen to them sing in front of an audience. The choir has 28 students and their performance brought a festive feel to the school on our last day of school before the Winter Break.
 - On the afternoon of December 14 all the classes went caroling at various senior homes in the community. This was a great way for the children to share their holiday spirit with their neighbours.
 - Our floor hockey league which runs from the beginning of November to the Winter Break has just wound up. More than 55% of our intermediate students participated in this lunch time league. The enthusiasm and passion that the students play with is amazing.
- (v) The **North Saanich** Youth in Action group is very active with a number of projects. This group has replaced the more traditional student council and spends time doing valuable service projects. The "Vow of Silence Day" was highly subscribed to by students who were silent for the day in solidarity with people around the world who do not have a voice. This event raised over \$1100. The Youth in Action also hosted a "Writing for Rights" activity. Six hundred letters were written in support of improved human rights in Zimbabwe. Both these events were "firsts" for NSMS and demonstrate how NSMS students care about what is going on in the world around them and are prepared to take action.
- (vi) **Bayside**
- Ivy Seaward, Shauna White, Kristy Charlie and Shirley Elm took a group of First Nations students to North Saanich for a special day of information sharing, teaching and learning. Our students were specifically selected to share their projects and teach some of the SENCOTEN language they have been learning. In turn, all of us along with some First Nations VIPs were treated to some wonderful research projects with a First Nations focus done by members of the

8. SCHOOL SUCCESSES CONTINUED

(vi) **Bayside Continued**

- Grade 8 Humanities' classes, along with a look at the special museum the student and staff have put together. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring two communities together with a very special and important focus and we are hoping to do more of the same.
- The students' talents were shared through the Annual Winter Band concert and the Evening of Drama. The second annual craft fair was run the same afternoon and evening as the band concert which was a huge success as far as fundraising, but more importantly as a way to bring our community into the school in an enjoyable and collegial way.

(vii) **Cordova Bay** grade 4 students spent an hour on the beach at Mt. Doug in small groups, learning about First Nations transportation (canoes), food (a variety of shellfish) and tools (braided fishing line) before moving back to the park. In the park students learned about the medicinal uses of a variety of plants, as well as things like using tree sap in an oyster shell as a lamp. The students learned about hunting and how the park was used as a type of shared space, where First Nations people from many local areas hunted and fished. The next day students went to a program at Goldstream Park and amazed the leader with their knowledge!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. EDUCATION DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE

(i) Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) Letter to Parents/Guardians

Moved by TRUSTEE PARKER

Seconded by TRUSTEE DUNFORD

That the Superintendent direct principals to ensure direct communication with parents who request that their child be exempt from participating in FSA.

CARRIED.

(ii) Institute for Global Solutions

Moved by TRUSTEE PARKER

Seconded by TRUSTEE MENZIES

That the Board approve the proposal to establish the Institute for Global Solutions.

CARRIED.

(iii) Parkland Judo Academy

Moved by TRUSTEE PARKER

Seconded by TRUSTEE MENZIES

That the Board approve the proposal to establish the Parkland Judo Academy.

CARRIED.

9. EDUCATION DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE CONTINUED

(iv) Board Authority Authorized Courses – Parkland Secondary School

Moved by TRUSTEE PARKER

Seconded by TRUSTEE MENZIES

That the Board approve the following Board Authority Authorized courses submitted by Parkland Secondary School:

- Judo – grade level 10
- Judo – grade level 11
- Judo – grade level 12(a)
- Judo – grade level 12(b)
- Yoga – grade level 12

CARRIED.

10. FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

(i) Capital Project Amendment Bylaw 126345-A (Playground Equipment)

1. First Reading of Capital Project Amendment Bylaw 126345-A

Moved by TRUSTEE HUSBAND

Seconded by TRUSTEE DUNFORD

That the Board approve the first reading of Capital Project Amendment Bylaw 126345-A in the total amount of \$96,220.00.

CARRIED.

2. Second Reading of Capital Project Amendment Bylaw 126345-A

Moved by TRUSTEE HUSBAND

Seconded by TRUSTEE DUNFORD

That the Board approve the second reading of Capital Project Amendment Bylaw 126345-A in the total amount of \$96,220.00.

CARRIED.

3. Motion to Read for a Third Time

Moved by TRUSTEE HUSBAND

Seconded by TRUSTEE DUNFORD

That the Board approve the third reading of the Capital Project Amendment Bylaw 126345-A in the total amount of \$96,220.00 at this Board Meeting for a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Third and Final Reading of Capital Project Amendment Bylaw 126345-A

Moved by TRUSTEE HUSBAND

Seconded by TRUSTEE DUNFORD

That the Board approve the third reading, pass and adopt Capital Project Amendment Bylaw 126345-A in the total amount of \$96,220.00.

CARRIED.

10A. FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE – LATE ITEM

- (i) Updated 2012/13 Budget Timelines/Process

Moved by TRUSTEE HUSBAND

Seconded by TRUSTEE PARKER

That the Board approve the updated 2012/13 Budget Timelines/Process.

CARRIED.

11. HUMAN RESOURCES

No report.

12. POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- (i) Policy 1210 (Collection Retention and Security of Student Records under Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act)

Moved by TRUSTEE DUNFORD

Seconded by TRUSTEE PARKER

That revisions to Policy 1210 (Collection Retention and Security of Student Records under Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act) be approved.

CARRIED.

- (ii) LGBT Diversity

Moved by TRUSTEE DUNFORD

Seconded by TRUSTEE PARKER

That the Superintendent be directed to engage with staff, partner groups and the superintendent leadership group on the matters outlined in his January 10, 2012 briefing note to the policy committee, and that he bring a report with draft policy language to the Board in February 2012.

Amendment

Moved by TRUSTEE PARKER

Seconded by TRUSTEE MENZIES

That the motion be amended to add “school LGBT clubs” following “partner groups”; to delete the words “to the policy committee”; to add “on LGBT Diversity” following briefing note and change February to “March”.

CARRIED.

Amended Motion

That the Superintendent be directed to engage with staff, partner groups, school LGBT clubs and the superintendent leadership group on the matters outlined in his January 10, 2012 briefing note on LGBT diversity and that he bring a report with draft policy language to the Board in March 2012.

Question was called on the motion as amended and declared

CARRIED.

12. POLICY DEVELOPMENT CONTINUED

(iii) Policy 1330 (School & District Planning for Student Achievement)

Trustee Dunford gave notice that at the March 14, 2012 public meeting of the Board of Education he will move or cause to be moved the following motion:

That revisions to Policy 1330 (School & District Planning for Student Achievement) be approved.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Reply from Minister of Education Re: Report on Class Organization

No recommendations.

14. QUESTION PERIOD

No items.

15. OTHER BUSINESS AS SUBMITTED

Motions to BCSTA Provincial Council

Trustee Menzies asked trustees to forward any motions for the BCSTA Provincial Council to her.

16. FOR INFORMATION

No items.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by TRUSTEE PARKER

Seconded by TRUSTEE MENZIES

That the Regular Meeting be adjourned – 9:05 p.m.

CARRIED.

Wayne Hunter

Monica Schulte

Chair of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer