

REGULAR AGENDA
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 63 (SAANICH)



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education of School District No. 63 (Saanich) will meet at the Saanich School Board Office, 2125 Keating Cross Road, Saanichton, B.C., on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Call to Order

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- (i) Consideration of Late Items
- (ii) Adoption of Agenda
- (iii) Report on "In Camera" Meeting

3. ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- (i) Adoption of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2011
- (ii) Adoption of Special Committee of the Whole Minutes of November 7, 2011

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. PRESENTATIONS, DELEGATIONS & QUESTIONS

- (i) Presentation by Audrey Waugh and Dianne Cross on behalf of the Community Arts Council
- (ii) Presentation of Bursaries by Ken Pinder representing Marilyn Pinder

6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- (i) Annual Report

7. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- (i) Report attached
- (ii) Strategic Directions – background material to be provided at the meeting

8. SCHOOL SUCCESSES

- (i) List attached

AGENDA FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 16, 2011

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. Education Directions
- International Program
10. Finance and Facilities
- 2012/13 Budget Timelines
- Capital Project Bylaw 126345 (North Saanich Playground Equipment)
11. Human Resources (No Report)
12. Policy Development (No Report)

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

14. **QUESTION PERIOD**

15. **OTHER BUSINESS AS SUBMITTED**

16. **FOR INFORMATION**

No items.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

For background materials please refer to
Board Committee Reports on the District Website
<http://www.sd63.bc.ca/ourboard/board-committee-meetings>

**Public Board Meeting
November 16, 2011**

Thanks to the Outgoing Board

It is my pleasure to offer thanks and congratulations, on behalf of the entire school district, to our outgoing board. As a community we have been the beneficiaries of three years of collaborative and collegial energy from seven trustees whose interests have clearly been the welfare of children and the quality of the public education system. Our heartfelt thanks go to our four "retiring" trustees as they move on to other adventures: Allan Collier, Edith Loring-Kuhanga, Elsie McMurphy and MaryLynne Rimer. As well, our best wishes go to incumbents Helen Parker and Jim Standen and new candidates Wayne Hunter, Kerry Steinemann, Monica Copeland and Barb Menzies as they seek election for a three year term. Finally, congratulations go to incumbent Jane Husband and new trustees Nick Claxton and Tim Dunford for their acclamations to the board.

We look forward to having all trustees attend the BCSTA academy in Vancouver in December, and will plan to organize a day-long orientation/planning session for the new board in December, tentatively December 13, 2011. As described in the Finance and Facilities report of November 16 we also look forward to having the board provide leadership and guidance as early as January in regard to the 2012/13 budget.

A Focus on Strategic Directions

I am pleased to bring to the board a final draft of the document that we have been working on in the community throughout 2011: *School District 63 Strategic Directions 2012-2016: Commitments to a Five-Year Vision in Twelve Key Areas of District Programs and Services*. This document is the culmination of work done by a committee of twenty district and community partners.

Final vetting was done at the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board on November 7, 2011 and the Policy 1100 Parent Involvement meeting of parents and administrators from all schools on November 9, 2011. I am providing the report at the November public board meeting in order to provide the current board with the opportunity to receive and endorse the report for publication or alternatively to refer the matter to the next board.

BC Education Plan

As discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 7, the provincial government has released its new BC Education Plan that provides a framework and action steps for five key areas going forward:

1. Personalized learning for every student
2. Quality teaching and learning
3. Flexibility and choice
4. High standards
5. Learning empowered by technology

The commitments made in the BC Ed Plan are consistent with directions that have been espoused by government and the Ministry of Education for a few years, and much of what is in the plan is also consistent with directions we are pursuing in Saanich (for example personalized learning and learning empowered by technology). I would encourage trustees and anyone reading this report to take the time to review the BC Ed Plan on the Ministry website at www.bcedplan.ca/ and submit responses to the online forum found behind the "engage" button.

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School Successes for the Board Meeting
November 16, 2011

1. Keating

- On November 7th at the Fairmont Empress in a celebration recognizing National Philanthropy Day, Keating was recognized for its contributions. The Youth in Philanthropy Award (for ages 5-10) presented by the United Way of Victoria was presented to Keating School and specifically Madame Pike's students who organized a number of unique and successful fundraisers throughout last year. This energetic group of students has been responsible for teaching younger students the value of giving and supporting people in need.

2. KELSET

- Raised over \$5200 in the Terry Fox campaign. A grade four student raised over \$600 and a grade three student raised over \$8500, having his head shaved to support "Locks for Love" and the Tour de Rock Cops for Cancer campaign!

3. Brentwood

- Held a very successful Elder's luncheon at the school on October 24th with a great turnout and excellent food!

4. Bayside

- The administrative staff put on a staff breakfast and invited everyone to break bread and gobble bacon together. It was a fun way to start a Friday and it put everyone into a good mood.
- With help from the info tech staff from the Board Office, Bayside grade 8 students were able to enjoy a live webcast featuring David Suzuki with many middle and secondary school classes from across the country. This was exciting for students and staff alike as Dr. Suzuki urged our students to be "bio centric" persons. He answered live questions from students across the country and let our students know how and why he is very connected to BC and the First Nations culture here.
- SENCOTEN students will travel to North Saanich School for the second time to share their knowledge and teach other students phrases and words that they have learned. This is a proud occasion for our students and they take it very seriously.

5. Sidney

- Sidney participated in the Great BC Shakeout on Oct. 20th. We walked through our emergency roles and responsibilities once the students had evacuated the school to the field. This was a great exercise to help us be more prepared in case of an earthquake.
- Sidney has started a Friday lunch time choir. This choir is led by Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Braithwaite and Ms. Mackay. It is great to hear the sound of music coming from the multi-purpose room. We currently have approximately 30 students participating in choir in grades 3-5.

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**EDUCATION DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE
REPORT FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2011**

Chairperson: Trustee MaryLynne Rimer

Committee members:

Trustee Edith Loring Kuhanga

Trustee Allan Collier

Tom Vickers (SAA) – elementary

Carly Hunter - (SAA) – middle (regrets)

Karen Ffello (SAA) – secondary (regrets)

Sean Hayes (STA) (regrets)

Administration: Nancy Macdonald

Marlene Dergousoff

Committee Meeting: Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Other Attendees: Helen Parker, Chair, Board of Education
Mark Fraser, Principal, Parkland Secondary School
Stu Rhodes, Career Counselor, Stelly's
Wendy Walker, Career Counselor, ILC
Debbie Nikkel, acting SAA Representative (secondary)
Monica Copeland, parent

A. PRESENTATIONS AND QUESTIONS**1. Overview of Trades Awareness, Skills and Knowledge (TASK) Program**

Teachers Stu Rhodes and Wendy Walker from Stelly's and ILC made a presentation on a new program being offered to students interested in exploring the trades. The program entitled "Trades Awareness, Skill and Knowledge (TASK) Program will be offered at a Pauquachin site. Students will explore carpentry, joinery, tile setting, plumbing and other trades. The course will be offered through Camosun College and students will receive dual credit.

2. Parkland Update

Mark Fraser, Principal of Parkland gave a verbal update on discussions that are occurring at the school about personalized learning. He described opportunities that could be explored in relation to marine trades and sciences and outlined renovations that will be made to the Parkland library with a "Learning Commons" design in mind.

B. ITEMS DISCUSSED**1. Education Directions Overview Calendar Review**

Nancy Macdonald reviewed the Education Directions overview calendar and changes that will occur this year due to job action.

2. Six Year Completion and Grade 12 Graduation Rates 2010-2011

Nancy Macdonald provided documents on the district/schools' graduation rates recently provided by the Ministry of Education. She was pleased to note the overall improvement in the district six year completion rates and the significantly improved aboriginal completion rate.

C. ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION

1. International Program

Based on a number of presentations on the Saanich International Student Program, discussion at committee focused on the enrolment caps in policy and ways to address a high demand for Parkland Secondary.

Motion:

The committee recommends and I Trustee Rimer move,
That the Board approve an increase (through policy variance) in the International cap number at Parkland Secondary from the current cap of 80 students, to 100 which would represent approximately 17% of the student population

D. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Research Proposal "S, OXHELI LE LTE E T IÁ ÁNEC (Our Sacred Teaching of the Past Today", submitted by Melissa Austin
2. Research Proposal "The Way I See It: Theatre Students' Perception on a Performance Based Class" submitted by Laura Angrove

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Academy proposals (deferred to January 10, 2012)
2. BAA courses (deferred to January 10, 2012)
3. SIDES update (deferred to January 10, 2012)
4. Superintendent's Report on Achievement (January 10, 2012)
5. FSA letter to parents (January 10, 2012)
6. Green Team update (January 10, 2012)
7. Student Advocate update (deferred due to job action – future date to be determined)
8. Curriculum presentation (deferred due to job action – future date to be determined)
9. Enhancement Agreement update (deferred due to job action – future date to be determined)

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FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Report to the Board Meeting of November 16, 2011

Committee Members: Trustee Standen, Chairperson

Trustee Husband
Trustee McMurphyMonica Schulte, Secretary-Treasurer
Keven Elder, Superintendent of Schools
Kim Milburn, Director of Facilities**Committee Meeting:**

November 8, 2011

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 am, Boardroom

Other Attendees: Chair Parker, Trustee Collier and Barb Schultz – COPACS**A. PRESENTATIONS AND QUESTIONS**

No items.

B. ITEMS DISCUSSED

No items.

C. ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION1. 2012/13 Budget Timelines

The Committee recommends and I Trustee Standen recommend

That the Board approve the timelines for the 2012/13 budget as presented at this meeting.

2. Capital Project Bylaw 126345 (North Saanich Playground Equipment)(i) First Reading of Capital Project Bylaw 126345

The Committee recommends and I Trustee Standen recommend

That the Board approve the first reading of Capital Project Bylaw 126345 in the total amount of \$50,000.00.

(ii) Second Reading of Capital Project Bylaw 126345

The Committee recommends and I Trustee Standen recommend

That the Board approve the second reading of Capital Project Bylaw 126345 in the total amount of \$50,000.00.

2. Capital Project Bylaw 126345 (North Saanich Playground Equipment) Continued

(ii) Motion to Read for a Third Time

The Committee recommends and I Trustee Standen recommend

That the Board approve the third reading of Capital Project Bylaw 126345 in the total amount of \$50,000.00 at this Board Meeting for a third time.

(iv) Third and Final Reading of Capital Project Bylaw 126345

The Committee recommends and I Trustee Standen recommend

That the Board approve the third reading, pass and adopt Capital Project Bylaw 126345 in the total amount of \$50,000.00.

D. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) for the year ended June 30, 2011 – verbal report
2. Briefing Note on Status of North Saanich Middle School Project

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No items.