

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING The Board of Education School District #33 (Chilliwack)

<u>Date of Meeting:</u> Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Location: Zoom Webinar

Members Present: Chair Mr. J. Mumford

Vice-Chair Ms. W. Reichelt
Trustee Dr. C. Bondar
Trustee Dr. D. Furgason
Trustee Mrs. H. Maahs
Trustee Mr. B. Neufeld
Trustee Mr. D. Swankey

Staff Present: Superintendent Mr. R. Arul-pragasam

Mr. G. Slykhuis Secretary Treasurer Assistant Superintendent Mr. K. Savage **Assistant Superintendent** Ms. P. Jordan Mr. D. Manuel Director of Instruction **Executive Assistant** Ms. T. McInally Audio-Video/Desktop Foreman Mr. M. Bakker Principal Mr. B. Fehlauer Teacher Ms. L. Earle

# 1. CALL TO ORDER – Zoom Webinar

# 1.1. Call to Order

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. – **Welcome, Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory** 

## 1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

**62.22** Moved by: Trustee Reichelt

Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

**NO VOTE** 

**63.22** Moved by: Trustee Swankey

Seconded by: Trustee Maahs

THAT the agenda be amended to move action item 4.4 – BAA Course Proposal to item

4.1.

**CARRIED** 

**64.22** Moved by: Trustee Reichelt

Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

**NO VOTE** 

# 1.3. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: Trustee Maahs

Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the minutes of the February 8, 2022 Regular Board Meeting be approved as

circulated.

**CARRIED** 

# 2. PRESENTATION

## 2.1. Strategic Plan Update

Director of Instruction David Manuel led a presentation regarding progress made on the four-goal areas of our Strategic Plan.

## 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

No comments or questions were received

## 4. ACTION ITEMS

# 4.1. BAA Course Proposal – Introduction to Careers in Teaching 12

**66.22** Moved by: Trustee Swankey

Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized Course:

Introduction to Careers in Teaching 12.

**CARRIED** 

# 4.2. Education Policy Advisory Committee Report / Policy Renovation Project

#### 4.2.1. Policy 231 – Advertising in Schools by Commercial Enterprises

67.22 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt

Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 231 Advertising in Schools by Commercial Enterprises - (910 Advertising in Schools) as presented. This policy was presented to the Education Policy Advisory Committee in draft form at its February 7, 2022 meeting.

NO VOTE

**68.22** Moved by: Trustee Maahs

Seconded by: Trustee Furgason

THAT the policy be referred back to the EPAC committee to soften the last sentence and be more explicit about who Commercial Enterprises are.

**DEFEATED** 

For: Furgason, Maahs, Neufeld Opposed: Bondar, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey

69.22 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt

Seconded by: Trustee Swankey

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 231 Advertising in Schools by Commercial Enterprises - (910 Advertising in Schools) as presented. This policy was presented to the Education Policy Advisory Committee in draft form at its February 7, 2022 meeting.

**CARRIED** 

For: Bondar, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey Opposed: Furgason, Maahs, Neufeld

#### 4.2.2. Policy 370 - District Programs and Unique Learning Opportunities

**70.22** Moved by: Trustee Reichelt Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 370 District Programs and Unique Learning Opportunities - (611 District Programs and Schools of Choice) as presented. This policy was presented to the Education Policy Advisory Committee in draft form at its February 28, 2022 meeting.

**NO VOTE** 

71.22 Moved by: Trustee Maahs

Seconded by: Trustee Furgason

THAT the policy be amended to switch paragraph 1 and 3 and FURTHER to omit "and appropriate" from the first sentence and all of the words following the last comma in the first paragraph as follows:

"Choice for students, parents and staff is offered, where feasible and appropriate, in the form of district programs and/or schools that offer unique opportunities. These schools provide a program with a specific educational focus (e.g. Integrated Arts & Technology). while prioritizing attendance from the existing school catchment area in accordance with board policy.

The Board's Mission – "to ensure deep learning that engages our heart, head and hands to develop competencies vital for the success of all learners" – is supported by offering district programs and unique learning opportunities.

Catchment area schools are important neighbourhood assets and are central in meeting the educational needs of students within the district.

District Programs (e.g. French Immersion) provide a specific education program and will normally have the entire District as a catchment area."

#### **DEFEATED**

For: Furgason, Maahs, Neufeld Opposed: Bondar, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey

72.22 Moved by: Trustee Seconded by: Trustee

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 370 District Programs and Unique Learning Opportunities - (611 District Programs and Schools of Choice) as presented. This policy was presented to the Education Policy Advisory Committee in draft form at its February 28, 2022 meeting.

#### **CARRIED**

For: Bondar, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey Opposed: Furgason, Maahs, Neufeld

# 4.2.3. Policy 371 - French Immersion Program

**73.22** Moved by: Trustee Swankey Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education reaffirm Policy 371 French Immersion Program - (628 French Immersion) as presented. This policy was presented to the Education Policy Advisory Committee in draft form at its February 28, 2022 meeting.

**NO VOTE** 

74.22 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Neufeld

THAT the policy be amended to omit the last sentence.

**DEFEATED** 

For: Furgason, Maahs Opposed: Bondar, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey

Abstained: Neufeld

**75.22** Moved by: Trustee Swankey Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the policy be referred back to the EPAC committee.

CARRIED

For: Furgason, Maahs, Mumford, Neufeld, Swankey Opposed: Bondar, Reichelt

#### 4.3. Policy Renovation Project: Policy 130 - Code of Conduct

**76.22** Moved by: Trustee Reichelt Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 130 – Code of Conduct as attached. Further, THAT the Board abandon existing Policy 205 – Code of Ethics for Trustees (found HERE) as it is made redundant by the new policy.

**NO VOTE** 

77.22 Moved by: Trustee Maahs
Seconded by: Trustee Furgason

THAT the second bullet point under "Procedures to Address Alleged Code of Conduct Breaches" be amended to read:

"Bringing the alleged breach (Complaint) in writing to the attention of the Board and the Secretary Treasurer within 30 days of the alleged breach occurring. There may be exceptional circumstances which allow for and extension of the 30-day timeline."

and FURTHER, THAT items under the last bullet point be amended to read:

"Complaint resolution options, including:

- A recommendation not to proceed on the complaint.
- Agreement that an informal resolution is appropriate,
- Initiation of an investigation process, conducted with procedural fairness, concluding
  with the preparation and presentation of a report of the investigation's findings in a
  timely manner for the board's consideration.
- Decision by the Board (excluding the subject of the complaint) for appropriate action to resolve the complaint."

**DEFEATED** 

For: Furgason, Maahs, Neufeld Opposed: Bondar, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey

**78.22** Moved by: Trustee Reichelt Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 130 – Code of Conduct as attached. Further, THAT the Board abandon existing Policy 205 – Code of Ethics for Trustees (found HERE) as it is made redundant by the new policy.

**CARRIED** 

For: Bondar, Mumford, Reichelt, Swankey Opposed: Furgason, Maahs, Neufeld

Meeting break called at 7:15 p.m. Meeting called to order at 7:27 p.m.

# 4.4. Long Range Facilities Plan - Final Approval

**79.22** Moved by: Trustee Swankey Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve the final draft of the <u>Long-Range Facilities Plan</u> as presented.

**CARRIED** 

# 5. INFORMATION ITEMS

# 5.1. COVID-19 Update

Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam provided that there is no current update on COVID-19 as it relates to the Chilliwack School District.

# 5.2. BCSTA Report

Matters related to the British Columbia School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) were discussed.

## 5.3. Trustee Written Reports

Trustees submitted written reports listing key activities they've attended since the last board meeting as well as upcoming events.

## 5.4. Meeting Summaries

## February 8, 2022 In-Camera Meeting Summary

Trustees: Willow Reichelt, Jared Mumford, Carin Bondar, Darrell Furgason,

Heather Maahs, Barry Neufeld, David Swankey

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Gerry Slykhuis, Tamara Ilersich, Talana McInally,

Lisa Champagne

1. HR Report

- 2. BCPSEA Report
- 3. Legal Correspondence
- 4. 2022/2023 Local School Calendar
- 5. Sardis Elementary

### February 22, 2022 Learning Session

Trustees: Jared Mumford, Willow Reichelt, Carin Bondar, Darrell Furgason,

Heather Maahs, David Swankey

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Gerry Slykhuis, Kirk Savage, Paula Jordan, Mark

Friesen, David Manuel,

1. Aligned Leadership

2. Policy 130 Review

# March 2, 2022 Learning Session

Trustees: Jared Mumford, Willow Reichelt, Carin Bondar, Darrell Furgason,

Heather Maahs, David Swankey

Staff: Rohan Arul-pragasam, Gerry Slykhuis, Kirk Savage, Paula Jordan, Mark

Friesen, David Manuel

# 1. LFI Program

# 5.5. Next Board of Education Meeting Date

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 5:30 p.m. Zoom Webinar

# 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

- EPAC Policies
- Trustee Technology

# 6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.