



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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Location: School District Office

Members Present:

Chair	David Swankey
Vice Chair	Margaret Reid
Trustee	Carin Bondar
Trustee	Richard Procee
Trustee	Willow Reichelt

Regrets: Trustee Teri Westerby

Staff Present:

Superintendent	Rohan Arul-pragasam
Secretary Treasurer	Simone Sangster
Assistant Superintendent	Paula Jordan
Assistant Superintendent	Kirk Savage
Director of Facilities and Transportation	Allan Van Tassel
Executive Assistant	Talana McInally

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

The Chair opened the meeting with a welcome, an acknowledgment of Traditional Territory, and the Board's Diversity Statement.

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

60.26 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

61.26 Moved by: Trustee Bondar

Seconded by: Trustee Reid

THAT the minutes of the April 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA

- Consultation process length, impact for parents
- Phased implementation in transitions
- Well-being and transitions for students
- CUPE staff support in transitions

3. ACTION ITEMS

3.1. Enrollment and Facilities Review

The Superintendent provided an overview on the consultation process, enrolment trends, long-term planning considerations, and a high-level summary of the recommendations to balance Facilities and Enrollment, with implementation proposed for the 2027-2028 school year.

3.1.1. South Side Middle School Late French Immersion Program

62.26 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve the recommendation to maintain the District's Late French Immersion program at Vedder Middle School, rather than relocate it to Mount Slesse Middle School, recognizing that District programs remain subject to future Board review and decision.

CARRIED

3.1.2. Yarrow and Greendale Middle School Transitions

63.26 Moved by: Trustee Reid
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the Board of Education approve the recommendation that students residing in the Yarrow and Greendale catchments continue to attend Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:It and transition to Sardis Secondary School, except as otherwise determined through the District's administrative procedures, and recognizing that future pathway reviews may be required based on enrolment, capacity, and other District considerations.

CARRIED

3.1.3. Watson Elementary Catchment

64.26 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to undertake a comprehensive review of the school catchment areas for Watson Elementary School, Unsworth Elementary School, Tyson Elementary School, and Stitós Lá:lém Totí:It during the 2026-2027 school year, and to bring forward any recommended catchment adjustments to the Board, aligned with all other recommendations effective the 2027-2028 school year.

CARRIED

3.1.4. Cheam Elementary Catchment

Trustee Reid acknowledged her conflict of interest on this recommendation and recused herself from the discussion and vote.

65.26 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve the recommendation to reallocate the existing regular program Cheam Elementary catchment by redesignating its catchment areas to Little Mountain Elementary, Strathcona Elementary, and the new East Side Elementary school, effective 2027-28, as presented;

AND

THAT, in implementing the approved North Side changes, staff consider currently enrolled students through the District's administrative procedures, including sibling continuity, subject to available space and resource allocations, to minimize disruption for students and families.

CARRIED

3.1.5. North Side Early and Late Middle School French Immersion Program

Trustee Reid acknowledged her conflict of interest on this recommendation and recused herself from the discussion and vote.

66.26 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve the recommendation to relocate the District's North Side Early and Late French Immersion program from Chilliwack Middle School to Rosedale Traditional Middle School, recognizing that District programs remain subject to future Board review and decision,

AND

THAT the Board directs staff, in implementing the approved North Side changes, to address transportation, equitable access, and the continuity and stability of the French Immersion program, to support a successful transition for students and families.

CARRIED

3.1.6. District Early French Immersion Program

Trustee Reid acknowledged her conflict of interest on this recommendation and recused herself from the discussion and vote.

67.26 Moved by: Trustee Bondar

Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the Board of Education approve the recommendation to relocate the Early French Immersion program from École Cheam Elementary School to the new East Side Elementary School, recognizing that District programs remain subject to future Board review and decision,

AND

THAT the Board direct staff, in implementing the approved North Side changes, to address transportation, childcare, and the continuity and stability of the French Immersion program, to support a successful transition for students and families.

CARRIED

3.1.7. Integrated Arts and Technology Program Grade 6-12 Reconfiguration

68.26 Moved by: Trustee Reid
Seconded by: Trustee Reichelt

THAT the Board of Education approve the recommendation to reconfigure Imagine High Integrated Arts and Technology Secondary School to a Grade 6-12 school.

CARRIED

3.1.8. Rosedale Traditional School Reconfiguration

Trustee Reid acknowledged her conflict of interest on this recommendation and recused herself from the discussion and vote.

69.26 Moved by: Trustee Reichelt
Seconded by: Trustee Bondar

THAT the Board of Education approve the recommendation to reconfigure Rosedale Traditional Community School from a K-8 Elementary/Middle school to a 6-8 Middle School, effective 2027-28.

CARRIED

5. MEETING SUMMARIES

Meeting summaries were provided listing In-Camera items since the last Regular Public Board Meeting.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS/QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

- Playground and equipment moves
- Alternate Education site
- Traffic and walkability around the new eastside elementary school
- Transition processes and parent involvement
- Before and after school care at the new eastside elementary
- Little Mountain community catchments
- School Trustee Liaison(s)
- French Immersion program

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

7.3. **Next Board of Education Meeting Date**

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2026
5:30 p.m.
School District Office**

Board Chair

Secretary Treasurer