

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 78 (FRASER-CASCADE)**

Oct. 24, 2016

PRESENT:	Ms. L. Kerr	Chair	Hope
	Mr. J. Koopman	Vice-Chair	Hope
	Mr. T. Hendrickson	Trustee	Canyon
	Mr. R. Johnstone	Trustee	Agassiz-Harrison
	Ms. R. Tustian (<i>via phone</i>)	Trustee	Agassiz-Harrison
	Dr. K. Nelson	Superintendent of Schools	
	Ms. N. Lowe	Secretary-Treasurer	
	Mr. K. Bird	Asst. Superintendent	
	Ms. D. McKinney	Executive Secretary	
REGRETS:	Ms. C. Ferguson	Trustee	Agassiz-Harrison
	Mrs. H. Stewin	Trustee	Hope

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:00pm at the District Education Office, on Monday, Oct. 24, 2016. The Chair opened by acknowledging that the meeting was being held on the traditional territory of the Sto:lo people.

The chair read an announcement that the board resolved at its Oct. 3, 2016 in-camera meeting:

“Trustee Rose Tustian has been censured for making disparaging comments in public meetings regarding an employee of the Board, contrary to Board Policy #6215 (Respectful Workplace) and #1080 (Code of Ethics).”

1. Approval of Agenda

Hendrickson

THAT the agenda for the Oct. 24, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) be approved, as presented.

271/16-10-24
Approval of
agenda

CARRIED

B. EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (Special Education)

District Coordinator of Student Support Services **Donna Barner** reported that the SEA (Special Education Assistant) Manual will be ready to present to SEAs in January. The purpose of this document will be to welcome SEAs to the district and create a standard of practice.

The District Coordinator explained that Safer Schools Together (SST) can provide sonar to the district which can monitor open social media sites (ie: Snap Chat, Facebook, and Instagram) to detect risks and avoid serious incidents at schools. SST will provide monthly reports, but will contact us immediately should there be a critical concern.

Koopman

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) provide funding of \$2,500.00 per year for the use of sonar as a preventative measure of risks and incidents at schools throughout the district.

272/16-10-24
Approval of
funding for sonar

CARRIED

The District Coordinator stated that SST will also provide Erase Training. Level 4 Train the Trainer will also take place in January along with partner groups such as the RCMP and Youth Mental Health. SST will also provide training to schools and an in-service session for parents to provide awareness for social media.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

- In-camera summary: Oct. 3, 2016
- Regular minutes and in-camera summary: Oct. 4, 2016
- New Policy – *Early Learning* – 1st reading
- Policy #4033 – *No Smoking* – 1st reading
- Policy #4030 – *School Grounds, Buildings, & Equipment* – 1st reading
- Bylaw #1 – *Inaugural Meeting* – 1st reading
- Superintendent's Report
 - ProD Session
- Secretary-Treasurer's Report
 - CMAW PEBT (Public Education Benefits Trust) Report
- Technology meeting (Oct. 5)
- BCPSEA Symposium Report
- BCSTA FV Branch Report
- Telus Letter, Comment Form and Response
- Letter from Minister Bernier re: Vancouver School Board
- Field Trips Approved
 - SCE – Corn Maze – Oct. 17

Johnstone

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve the consent agenda as presented.

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Approve consent
agenda

CARRIED

D. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

Nil

E. TRUSTEE REPORTS

- **Trustee Koopman:**
 - AEC meeting
 - Technology committee meeting
 - Careers & Transitions committee meeting
 - Heavy Metal Rocks meeting
- **Trustee Johnstone:**
 - Technology committee meeting
- **Trustee Hendrickson:**
 - AEC meeting
 - Ops & Facilities committee meeting
- **Trustee Kerr:**
 - DPAC meeting
 - Coquihalla Choir practice
 - Policy committee meeting
 - BCPSEA symposium
 - FCTA meeting

- Ops & Facilities meeting
- CMAW meeting
- Careers & Transitions meeting
- Gifted Education committee meeting

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Careers & Transitions Committee

Hendrickson

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) provide approval to expand the development of MOUs with post-secondary institutions such as UFV and TRU to include all possible dual credit courses.

CARRIED

274/16-10-24
Motion to expand development of MOUs with post-sec. institutions to include all possible dual credit courses

Johnstone

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve a Memorandum of Understanding between School District 78 (Fraser-Cascade) and BCIT as presented.

CARRIED

275/16-10-24
Approve MOU w SD78 & BCIT

The superintendent stated that in order to reduce hardship, the criteria to attend includes that the student has family/friends to live with for the duration of their studies and that programs are not offered by UFV.

Professors from UFV and TRU presented information sessions on Oct. 11, 2016 to students and parents at AESS & HSS on trades opportunities. This overview was on the 13 trades/trade related programs which have a total of 40 reserved seats. The innovative programs are about accessibility and cost effectiveness for participating students in the district.

2. Letter to Minister re: Transportation Fund

Kerr

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) write a thank-you letter to Education Minister, Mike Bernier, regarding the Student Transportation Fund.

CARRIED

276/16-10-24
Write TY letter to Minister re: transportation fund

3. Capital Plan

Hendrickson

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve the Capital Plan, as presented.

CARRIED

277/16-10-24
Approve Capital Plan

The secretary-treasurer shared the new Capital Plan that is broken down into sections:

- School Enhancement Program (2016/17)
 - Flooring replacements for Kent & COQ
 - Electrical system upgrade for HSS
 - Mechanical upgrade for District
- School Enhancement Program (2017-2018)
 - Lighting upgrade for HSS, COQ, & AESS
 - Roof repairs/replacement for AESS
- School Replacement Program
 - AESS
 - HHS

- Expansion Projects
 - 2-4 classroom addition at Kent
- Carbon Neutral Capital Program
 - HVAC for AESS
 - Electric vehicle for Maintenance
- Bus Program
 - nothing scheduled for replacement (inventory list only)

4. Field Trips

a) AESS – Chem/Bio Amazing Race (Van/Vic) Nov. 7-8

Johnstone

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve the overnight AESS Field Trip for the Grade 11/12 Chem/Bio Class to participate in the Chem/Bio Amazing Race in Vancouver and Victoria from November 7-8, 2016 as presented.

278/16-10-24
Approve AESS
field trip to
Van/Vic

CARRIED

b) HSS – Experiences Canada (B.C.) May 24-30, 2017

Hendrickson

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve the overnight HSS Field Trip for the Grade 7 and Ontario exchange students with Experiences Canada to Yale, Vancouver, and Camp Squeah from May 24 - 30, 2017 as presented.

279/16-10-24
Approve HSS
Field Trip (BC) –
Experiences
Canada

CARRIED

c) HSS – Experiences Canada (Ont.) June 7-14, 2017

Koopman

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve in principle the overnight HSS Field Trip for the Grade 7-9 student exchange with Experiences Canada to Ontario from June 7 – 14, 2017 as presented.

280/16-10-24
Approve HSS
Field Trip (Ont) –
Experiences
Canada

CARRIED

The superintendent stated that this field trip will be brought back to the board for final approval once the itinerary is confirmed.

d) BBES, TREC, ACE, & AESS – Aboriginal Leadership Conference (Nov. 16-17)

Hendrickson

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve the BBES, TREC, ACE, and AESS Field Trip for Leadership students to the Aboriginal Youth Leadership Conference in Langley by private vehicle on November 16 and November 17, 2016 as presented.

281/16-10-24
Approve BBES,
TREC, ACE, &
AESS Field Trip
to Abor. Ldrshp
Conf.

CARRIED

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Meeting with MLA – Laurie Throness

Trustee Tustian brought this forward as suggested by the Minister of Education during his visit in June.

The board discussed the relationship that the district has with the MLA and is satisfied that lines of communication are open and that he currently attends many SD78 events.

It was mentioned that once the electoral boundaries are changed (after the next provincial election), the board will be working with two MLAs: 1) Chilliwack-Kent and 2) Fraser-Nicola.

2. Opening of Coquihalla School Addition

The chair reported that the official opening of the Coquihalla addition will take place on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 1:30pm. It will be an informal event which will include the Coquihalla Choir, a tour of the addition, and refreshments to follow.

H. INFORMATION

1. Community Education Forum

The assistant superintendent shared a report that was derived from recorded data points. The purpose of the report was to draw together overarching themes.

The summary concluded that the school board's vision has broad community support and is being translated, through leadership, to on the ground success at schools, as evidenced by strong relations, improved Aboriginal student success, substantial post-school opportunities and a significant collection of student opportunities. Specific tweaks to structures and ensuring a growth mindset with parental school concerns will further enhance the successful system. The current district direction, as demonstrated in both the growth plan and strategic plan with added teacher collaboration and instructional skill development, is in-line with the predicted future needs of students.

2. BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

Trustee Johnstone reported that there are four motions to Provincial Council on October 29th:

1. Funding of Exempt Staff Salary Increases
2. Excluding Rural School from Districts' Capacity Utilization Calculations
3. Funding
4. Impact of Homeless Issue on School Sites

The theme of the Issues Forum is: *Possible Changes in School District Financial Management and Implications for Boards of Education.*

I. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- New format of board consent agenda
- Community Education Forum
- Student exchange field trips

K. NEXT MEETING

DATE: **Nov. 15, 2016**
TIME: **7:00 p.m.**
PLACE: **Agassiz Elem-Secondary School**

ADJOURNMENT

Hendrickson

THAT there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned.

282/16-10-24
Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Original signed by
Board Chair

LINDA KERR
Chair

Original signed by
Secretary-Treasurer

NATALIE LOWE CPA,CA
Secretary-Treasurer