

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

May 31, 2016

PRESENT:	Ms. L. Kerr	Chair	Hope
	Mr. R. Johnstone	Vice-Chair	Agassiz-Harrison
	Mr. J. Koopman	Trustee	Hope
	Mrs. H. Stewin	Trustee	Hope
	Ms. C. Ferguson	Trustee	Agassiz-Harrison
	Mr. T. Hendrickson	Trustee	Canyon

Dr. K. Nelson	Superintendent of Schools
Ms. N. Lowe	Secretary-Treasurer
Mr. K. Bird	Asst. Superintendent
Ms. D. McKinney	Executive Secretary

REGRETS:	Ms. R. Tustian	Trustee	Agassiz-Harrison
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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00pm at the Kent Elementary School, on Tuesday, May 31, 2016.

1. Approval of Agenda

Addition:

1. Capital Bylaw No. 2015/16-CP-SD78-01 1st & 2nd reading: Item E.10

Correction:

1. Trustee Ferguson to speak to Item E.3: Budget Committee Report

Hendrickson

THAT the agenda for the May 31, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) be approved, as amended.

163/16-05-31
Approval of
agenda

CARRIED

2. Approval of Regular Minutes

Koopman

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting and In-Camera Summary of May 10, 2016 be approved, as presented.

164/16-05-31
Approval of
minutes

CARRIED

B. EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (Kent Elementary School)

Principal **Stan Watchorn** introduced Grade 6 students, Logan and Navi, who shared some of the highlights of Kent Elementary including: learned skills (respect, leadership, and environmental awareness); junior achievement; Terry Fox Run; Cups Day (Guinness Book of World Records); Intergenerational Day (walk and socialize with seniors); and numerous fundraising events (Jump Rope for Heart, Run for Water Day, car wash, and cookie sale).

Navi shared her career project of becoming a Horse Trainer, while Logan shared his passion of becoming a Lineman.

Mr. Watchorn concluded the presentation by sharing with the Board the leadership skills that the Grade 6 students have when it comes to assisting with different events such as intramurals and the First Nations Honouring ceremony.

C. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

Nil

D. TRUSTEE REPORTS

- **Trustee Johnstone:**
 - AEC meeting
 - AESS PAC meeting
 - Personnel meeting
 - Student Leadership Conference
 - AESS Open House / Grade 6/7 Transition meeting
 - HSS grad & banquet
 - Education Committee meeting

Trustee Koopman left the meeting at 7:31pm

- **Trustee Kerr:**
 - BCPSEA Regional meeting
 - CMAW meeting
 - Personnel meeting
 - Coquihalla Idol (judge)
 - Tour of Interior Heavy Equipment Site (Heavy Rocks Program)
 - ShineOn Student Leadership Conference
 - Careers & Transitions meeting
 - HSS graduation

Trustee Koopman returned to the meeting at 7:34pm

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Community Support for Canadian Welding Association (CWA) Grant

The Superintendent introduced the CWA grant proposal for upgrades of the welding shop at HSS which would allow for the hosting of welding camps for students throughout the district. CWA will consider grant requests exceeding \$10,000.00 if school can prove support of funds from local sources.

Hendrickson

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve the Community Support for Canadian Welding Association Grant to upgrade the welding shop at HSS for the purpose of hosting welding camps for students throughout the district.

165/16-05-31
Approve CWA
Grant to upgrade
welding shop at
HSS

CARRIED

2. Careers & Transitions Report

Koopman

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) receive for information the report from the Careers and Transitions meeting held on May 25, 2016 as presented.

166/16-05-31
Receive
Careers/Transiti
ons report

CARRIED

Koopman

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve assisting Grade 11 and 12 students so they can attend the three-day Heavy Metal Rocks opportunity during early March of 2017 at the Interior Heavy Equipment site in Mission, BC.

167/16-05-31
Assist grade
11/12 to attend 3
day heavy metal
rocks opportunity

CARRIED

Trustee Koopman reported that there will not be any cost for students to attend.

Koopman

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) provide for all Trustees and Senior Staff to attend the June 18th Open House at Interior Heavy Equipment in Mission, in preparation for promoting the Heavy Metal Rocks opportunity for students in March of 2017.

168/16-05-31
Provide for
Trustees &
Senior Staff to
attend IHE Open
House

CARRIED

The District VP of Careers & Transitions will arrange for transportation from Hope with pick-ups in Agassiz and Chilliwack.

Koopman

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve a letter to the Mobile Training Unit (MTU) Welding Program committee in which the District requested that the committee consider scheduling the MTU Welding Program to be delivered in School District 78 (Fraser-Cascade) August 2019, and August 2021.

169/16-05-31
Send letter to
MTU requesting
welding program
in 2019 and
2021.

CARRIED3. Budget Committee Report**Ferguson**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) receive for information the report from the Budget Advisory Committee meeting held on May 9, 2016 as presented.

170/16-05-31
Receive Budget
report

CARRIED4. Operations & Facilities Committee Report**Koopman**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) receive for information the report from the Operations & Facilities Committee meeting held on April 26, 2016 as presented.

171/16-05-31
Receive Ops &
Facilities report

CARRIED5. AEC Report**Johnstone**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) receive for information the report from the Aboriginal Education Council meeting held on May 11, 2016 as presented.

172/16-05-31
Receive AEC
report

CARRIED6. 2016/17 School Fees

The Superintendent reported that there will not be any increases to the School Fees for 2016/17. The only change is the removal of the SuperHost program.

Kerr

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve the 2016-2017 School Fees schedule, as presented.

173/16-05-31
Approve 2016/17
School Fees

CARRIED7. 2016/17 Board & Committee Meeting Schedule**Kerr**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve the 2016-2017 Board & Committee meeting schedule, as presented.

174/16-05-31
Approve 2016/17
Board & Comm
meeting sched

CARRIED

It was noted that the Dec. 6th Policy meeting is scheduled during the Learning Forward Conference.

8. 2016/17 School Growth Plans (ACE & TREC)

The Chair reminded the Board that the School Growth Plan presentations will take place on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 3:30pm AESS (library). Board approval for School Growth Plans is no longer a requirement of the Ministry.

9. Fort McMurray Fire Relief Fund

The Chair discussed the idea of donating to the Fort McMurray Fire Relief Fund. It was decided that since the deadline has passed for matching donations from the Government, other options will be explored.

10. Capital Bylaw No. 2015/16-CP-SD78-01

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that BBES is eligible for a \$300,000.00 mechanical upgrade and that the work would be completed during the summer.

Stewin

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve first reading of Capital Bylaw No. 2015/16-CP-SD78-01 for the enhancement of Boston Bar Elem-Secondary as presented.

175/16-05-31
Capital Bylaw
#2015/16-CP-
SD78-01 (BBES
mechanical
upgrade)
1st reading

CARRIED**Hendrickson**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve second reading of Capital Bylaw No. 2015/16-CP-SD78-01 for the enhancement of Boston Bar Elem-Secondary as presented.

176/16-05-31
Capital Bylaw
#2015/16-CP-
SD78-01 (BBES
mechanical
upgrade)
2nd reading

CARRIED**F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**1. Policy #6400 – Recruitment & Appointment of Administration Personnel**Koopman**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve second reading of Policy #6400 – *Recruitment and Appointment of Administrative Personnel*, as presented.

177/16-05-31
Policy 6400 –
Recruitment &
Appt. of Admin
Personnel
2nd reading

CARRIED

2. Hosting of FV Branch Meeting

The Chair reminded the Board that Fraser-Cascade has been approached to host the Branch meeting in the Fall. This will be discussed further at the June meeting.

3. Community Forum

The Assistant Superintendent reported that there is significant support from the Teacher Leadership Group. It has been challenging finding a date that works for all partner groups.

It was decided that a date should be secured for the Fall.

4. Annual Budget Bylaw

Hendrickson

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve second reading of the 2016/2017 Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$22,937,627.00 as presented.

178/16-05-31
2016/17 Annual
Budget Bylaw -
2nd reading

CARRIED

5. Special Education Committee

The Assistant Superintendent reported that there is a vacant Trustee position available on this new Admin Committee. Trustee Johnstone has volunteered to be the second Trustee rep.

The Assistant Superintendent reminded the Board of the three goals of the Special Education Committee:

- 1) Foster the District culture of inclusiveness
- 2) Discover and encourage best practice of education instruction
- 3) Support staff, students, parents, and guardians through awareness

G. REMARKS

1. Superintendent

a) BC Liquor Distribution Branch Dry Grad Fundraising

The Superintendent reported that \$1,775.00 has been assigned by the Liquor Distribution Branch (LDB) toward dry grad events for schools in the District.

It was suggested that a thank-you card be sent to the LDB.

b) Work-to-Wellness

The Superintendent reported that reps from each employee group throughout the District attended an all-day session on May 4th that focused on harassment and bullying in the workplace and mental health.

2. Secretary-Treasurer

a) Benefit Renewals (PEBT & BCPSEA)

The Secretary-Treasurer shared information on the renewal of the benefit programs, of which there is a slight increase in monthly costs.

3. Assistant Superintendent

a) Local Action Team (CYMHSA)

The Assistant Superintendent updated the Board on training and co-facilitation of experiences the Local Action Team is involved in. The legacy they wish to leave

behind once the funding is depleted is an area-wide protocol for service provision across the School District, community agencies, physician offices, first responders, and hospitals.

b) P/VP Meeting Highlights

The Assistant Superintendent reported that the meeting included a tour of BBES. Topics of discussion included: Community Forum; Special Education; management of TTOCs; District Challenges; and Psych Ed Assessments.

H. INFORMATION

1. BCASBO Conference

The Secretary-Treasurer stated that the theme of the conference was "Innovation". The Finance Minister announced that \$25 million in funding will be returned to School Districts (which had been taken away in the past) by way of not charging for certain fees ie: PLNet and a portion of the NGN costs.

2. MOE Announcement: Graduation Program & Assessment

The Superintendent reported that in the 2016/17 school year, changes to graduation and assessment will be more closely aligned with the new curriculum and personalized learning. Some highlights of the announcement include:

- Credit requirements for Graduation Years will remain the same while the Provincial Assessment now focuses on Literacy and Math Skills
- Classroom Assessments will replace provincial exams for Science 10 and Social Studies 11
- Career Education Courses will be required in 2017/18 replacing Planning 10 and Grad Transitions

The Superintendent advised the Board that letters from the Ministry will be forwarded to all parents from the Principals.

Discussion ensued regarding the lack of provincial examinations and the possible lowering of standards. There were also concerns raised about entrance exams to universities and the possibility of students having to upgrade.

3. Field Trips Approved

The Superintendent reported that the following field trips have already occurred:

- a) ACE – Art Class to Ranger Station Gallery
- b) ACE – Food & PE Class – Farm House Natural Cheese
- c) ACE – HELP Project Students to TREC

I. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Graduation Program & Assessment

K. NEXT MEETING

DATE: **June 21, 2016**
TIME: **7:00 p.m.**
PLACE: **District Education Office**

L. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.

Original signed by Board Chair

LINDA KERR
Chair

Original signed by Secretary-
Treasurer

NATALIE LOWE
Secretary-Treasurer