

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

Oct. 3, 2017

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:05 pm at the Agassiz Elem-Secondary School, on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2017. The chair opened by acknowledging that the meeting was being held on the traditional territory of the Sto:lo people.

1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda Revision:

1. Add "We Day" to Superintendent's Report, item G.1.a.

Stewin

THAT the agenda for the Oct. 3, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) be approved as amended.

229/17-10-03
Approval of
agenda

CARRIED

2. Approval of Reg Minutes & *In Camera* Summary: Sept. 12, 2017

Ferguson

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting and *in camera* summary of Sept. 12, 2017 be approved as presented.

230/17-10-03
Approval of
minutes

CARRIED

B. EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

1. Agassiz Elem-Secondary School

Principal **Patsy Graham** along with the president and vice-president of student council, shared highlights of the programs and opportunities available for students this year which included:

- Back to School BBQ
- Focus on grade 7 transition (with Leadership group)
- Exposure to opportunities such as: health, travel, careers, ACE electives, academics, etc.
- Free breakfast every day for all students (and staff)
- Food room upgrade over summer
- 100% completion rates for the last 6 years

The principal addressed concerns around perceptions from the past that the school's reputation needed improvement. She spoke about the staff and student support and the many ways the school continues to provide a welcoming culture. Principal Graham wanted to ensure she was addressing any trustee concerns.

RECESS

At 7:45pm the chair called for a recess.

The meeting reconvened at 7:51pm.

C. PUBLIC DELEGATION

Nil

D. TRUSTEE REPORTS

- **Trustee Stewin:**
 - ProD meeting
 - Union of BC Municipalities conference
 - Purple Lights Kick-off (Memorial Park – Hope)
- **Trustee Koopman:**
 - Fraser-Cascade School District Youth Summit
- **Trustee Hendrickson:**
 - AEC meeting
 - Town meeting in Boston Bar
- **Trustee Tustian:**
 - Kent PAC meeting
- **Trustee Johnstone:**
 - AESS open house & bbq
 - AEC meeting
 - Education Committee meeting
 - Represented HELP Project at Youth Summit
- **Trustee Kerr:**
 - Bylaw Committee meeting
 - ProD meeting
 - Education Committee meeting
 - Teleconference with Min. of Transportation Area Manager
 - Coquihalla Choir

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. TREC Art Motif

Hendrickson

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve mounting of an art motif representing the theme: *Walk a Mile in My Shoes* on the exterior of the portable at Two Rivers Education Centre (TREC) as presented.

231/17-10-03
Approve TREC
art motif

CARRIED

The superintendent reported that Free Rein Associates received funding through Embrace BC. Hope Arts Council along with Yale First Nation and Read Right Society designed the three panel public art piece in consultation with TREC students.

2. Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity (SOGI) Network

Stewin

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) provide approval for the district to join the SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) Educators Network.

232/17-10-03
Approval to join
SOGI Educators
Network

CARRIED

The superintendent reported that the District Coordinator of Student Services would be appointed as the District Lead which would involve: reporting to the SOGI Network; participation in SOGI Educator Network meetings; recruiting SOGI School Leads; and acting as a resource for the district.

3. Bylaw #2 – Regular Board Meetings – 1st reading

Kerr

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve first reading of Bylaw #2 – *Regular Board Meetings*, as presented.

233/17-10-03
Bylaw #2 –
Regular Board
Meetings
- 1st reading

CARRIED

The chair reported that the bylaws that are included for first reading have been vetted by a lawyer and that rationales will be provided at second reading.

4. Bylaw #3 – Special Board Meetings – 1st reading

Kerr

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve first reading of Bylaw #3 – *Special Board Meetings*, as presented.

234/17-10-03
Bylaw #3 –
Special Board
Meetings
- 1st reading

CARRIED

5. Bylaw #4 – Closed Meetings – 1st reading

Kerr

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve first reading of Bylaw #4 – *Closed Meetings*, as presented.

235/17-10-03
Bylaw #4 –
Closed Meetings
- 1st reading

CARRIED

6. Policy #5070 – Social Media

Ferguson

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) refer Policy #5070 – *Social Media* to the Policy Development Committee for review.

236/17-10-03
Refer Policy
#5070 – *Social*
Media to Policy
Comm for review

CARRIED

The superintendent reported that policies and procedures are being reviewed with Safer Schools.

Trustee Koopman left the meeting at 8:19pm and returned at 8:22pm.

7. Policy #7420 – Weapons, Violence, Bullying and Intimidation

Stewin

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) refer Policy #7420 – *Weapons, Violence, Bullying and Intimidation* to the Policy Development Committee for review.

237/17-10-03
Refer Policy
#7420 –
Weapons,
Violence,
Bullying &
Intimidation to
Policy Comm for
review

CARRIED

The superintendent commented that Safer Schools recommended that the 4 types of bullying be indicated.

8. Field Trips

a) HSS – Global Student Leadership Summit (Ontario) – April 7-12, 2018

Stewin

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve the Hope Secondary Leadership field trip to the Global Student Leadership Summit in London, Ontario from April 7 – 12, 2018, as presented.

CARRIED

238/17-10-03
Approve HSS
field trip to Gbl
Stdnt Leadership
Summit (Ont).

b) ACE – Ignite Talks (Abbotsford) – Oct. 11

Stewin

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve the ACE field trip to Ignite Talks in Abbotsford by private vehicle on Oct. 11, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED

239/17-10-03
Approve ACE
field trip to Ignite
Talks (Abby)

c) AESS – Amazing Race (Van/Vic) – Nov. 16-18

Hendrickson

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve the AESS Amazing Race overnight field trip to Vancouver and Victoria from November 16-18, 2017 as presented.

CARRIED

240/17-10-03
Approve AESS
field trip to
Van/Vic

d) BBES – We Day (Vancouver) – Oct. 18 (Addendum Item)

Hendrickson

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve the BBES overnight field trip by private vehicle to WE Day in Vancouver from Oct. 17 – 18, 2017 as presented.

CARRIED

241/17-10-03
Approve BBES
field trip to WE
Day - Vancouver

F. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Pedestrian Safety Concerns (Dist. Of Kent) – Min. of Transportation

The superintendent provided a summary of a discussion with the area manager for the Min. of Transportation:

- Pedestrian passage times at crossings near AESS and ACE will increase
- 50km/h is typically the lowest speed on numbered provincial routes (ie: Hwy 9)
- Signage enhancement includes: removing sign clutter; enlarging some signs; and replacing some signs with higher reflectivity
- Future projects in Agassiz include: Hwy 9 shoulder widening (Evergreen Dr. to Hwy 9 at McPherson Rd.); and new crosswalk at Hwy 9 and Mackay Cres.
- Request for lighting along Hwy 7 at Chawathil Bluffs is under review

The board expressed concern over the 50km/h speed limit in the school zone on Hwy 9.

2. Trustee Liaison Reps to PACs

Koopman

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) write a letter to each Parent Advisory Council (cc'd to DPAC), stating that the Board of Education is in the process of creating a job description for Trustee Liaisons, before an invitation is issued to each requesting such liaison to their meetings.

242/17-10-03
Write letter to each PAC re: Trustee Liaison job description

Amendment

Tustian

THAT the description will be completed by the November Board of Education meeting date.

243/17-10-03
Complete description by November mtg

CARRIED

Koopman

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) write a letter to each Parent Advisory Council (cc'd to DPAC), stating that the Board of Education is in the process of creating a job description for Trustee Liaisons, before an invitation is issued to each requesting such liaison to their meetings and that the job description will be completed by the November Board of Education meeting date.

242/17-10-03
Write letter to each PAC re: Trustee Liaison job description

CARRIED

3. Communication with DPAC / PACs

Koopman

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) write a letter to the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) and each Parent Advisory Council (PAC), advising that the protocol for any letter to a Trustee or Board of Education, be endorsed by the respective DPAC or PAC as a whole before being issued, and that the letter be sent annually with the Trustee Liaison invitation.

244/17-10-03
Write letter annually to DPAC & PAC re: protocol for writing letters to Trustees or BOE – include with liaison invitation

CARRIED

The rationale is so that it is clear that the letter is coming from an individual parent or the group as a whole.

Trustee Tustian left the meeting at 8:54pm and returned at 8:57pm

G. REMARKS

1. Superintendent

a) WE Day

The superintendent reported that BBES teacher, Michele Dekok, will be 1 of 10 teachers in the Province recognized for the work they are leading as WE champions supporting youth to be the change in their schools, communities and the world.

Trustee Koopman left at 8:57pm and returned at 9:00pm

2. Secretary-Treasurer

a) Enrollment Update

The secretary-treasurer informed the board that enrollment is currently at 1671 which is down from the anticipated 1684.

b) Website Development

The secretary-treasurer reported that the district has entered into an agreement to develop the district website externally.

The assistant superintendent added that each school will have a front facing page to match the district with a link to each individual school.

Trustee Hendrickson left the meeting at 9:14pm and returned at 9:19pm

3. Assistant Superintendent

a) Youth Summit Update

The assistant superintendent stated that 120 students participated in the Youth Summit at Hope Secondary.

The board will write letters to Bonny Millward and Cpl. Dana Napier, thanking them for providing health and wellness to the students.

H. INFORMATION

1. Standing Committee Reports

- a) Budget – *next meeting Nov. 27*
- b) Education – *next meeting Nov. 21*
- c) Ops & Facilities – *next meeting Oct. 17*
- d) Policy – *next meeting Oct. 10*

2. Admin Committee Reports

- a) Careers & Transitions – *next meeting Oct. 10*
- b) Gifted Education – *next meeting Oct. 18*
- c) Pro D (Sept. 18) – *next meeting Oct. 11*
- d) Special Education – *next meeting Nov. 6*
- e) Technology – *next meeting TBD*

3. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- a) Trustee Handbook

The chair stated that the role of a Trustee Liaison should be included. The committee will meet prior to November 14th.

4. Remembrance Day Ceremonies

The chair requested volunteers for laying a wreath at this years' Remembrance Day Celebrations.

Agassiz – Trustees: Ferguson, Johnstone and Tustian

Hope – Trustees: Kerr, Koopman and Stewin

5. Class Size & Composition

The superintendent indicated that class size and composition will be reviewed with the FCTA union president as per the Supreme Court of Canada decision.

6. CE Barry Field – Grant Opportunity

The secretary-treasurer indicated that the application by the Hope Running Club has been submitted to Aviva for the running track around CE Barry field. The public will be able to vote online to support the project.

7. Field Trips (Approved)

- a) SCE (Grades 2-3) – Rotary Trails (Hope) Oct. 5
- b) SCE (Grades 5-7) – Soccer at HSS – Oct. 3

I. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Letter from Kent PAC
- 2. CE Barry School Ground Plans

The chair confirmed that she will follow up with both letter writers.

Koopman

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) request that Dr. Nelson contact the Chilliwack School District asking for the number of parent applications for student enrollment based on the postal codes in our district for this September.

245/17-10-03
Direct Supt to
contact Chwk
SD requesting
student
enrollment
DEFEATED

DEFEATED

It was indicated that the rationale is based on data being two years old.

The board decided to stay focused and spend time on the positive things that SD78 does.

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Thanks to the Board of Education for focusing on students in the district

K. NEXT MEETING

DATE: **Nov. 14, 2017**
 TIME: **7:00 p.m.**
 PLACE: **Agassiz Elem-Secondary School**

ADJOURNMENT

Hendrickson

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

246/17-10-03
Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:37pm.

Original Signed by
Board Chair

Original Signed by
Secretary-Treasurer

LINDA KERR
Chair

NATALIE LOWE CPA,CA
Secretary-Treasurer