



School District No. 54 (BULKLEY VALLEY)

AGENDA REGULAR BOARD MEETING JUNE 17, 2014 SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, SMITHERS, BC 7:00PM

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Opening Remarks
- 3) Delegation
- 4) Adoption of Agenda
- 5) Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes May 20, 2014
Synopsis In-Camera Meeting May 20, 2014
- 6) Administration Report C. van der Mark Report Attached
- 7) Committee Reports
 - a) Community Relations / Education Forum Committee F. Farrell No Report
 - b) Operations Committee P. Michell Report Attached
 - c) Policy Committee L. Collingwood Report Attached
 - d) Trustee Report L. Colingwood Report Attached
- 7) Unfinished Business
 - 7.1) 2014 – 2015 Annual Draft Budget
- 8) New Business
 - 8.1) Achievement Contract
- 9) Other Business
 - 9.1) Expenditure Summary – May 31, 2014

10) Reading File

May 31, 2014 Enrolment	Ltr frm SD39 to T. Rezansoff re: BCSTA AGM
Ltr frm SD61 to S. Cadieux re: Victoria Youth Detention Centre	Ltr frm SD20 to P. Fassbender re: Funding
Ltr frm SD70 to E. Flynn-VISTA re: Meeting Request	Ltr frm SD73 to P. Fassbender re: Cost Sharing of Captial Expenditures
Ltr frm SD74 to T. Stone – Clinton Speed Zone	Ltr frm SD28 to P. Fassbender re: Funding

- 11) Closing Remarks
- 12) Next Board Meeting will be held on September 23, 2014 at the School Board Office, in Smithers, BC, commencing at 7:00 p.m.
- 13) Adjournment

14) Public Remarks**

NOTES:

Delegations: This item is intended to provide an opportunity to members of the public to make a presentation to the Board. Individuals wishing to be included on the agenda must submit a written request to the Secretary Treasurer at least one week prior to the meeting stating the subject of their presentation and including any background information to be considered by the Board.

****Public Remarks:** this item is intended to provide an opportunity to members of the public to make comments to the Board.



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 54 (BULKLEY VALLEY)
MAY 20, 2014
SILVERTHORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HOUSTON, BC

PRESENT: Trustees: L. Kearns, F. Farrell, P. Michell, L. Collingwood, K. Martinsen, J. McIntosh, S. Yaremco
Regrets: D. Margerm – Secretary Treasurer
Staff: C. van der Mark – Superintendent of Schools
M. McDiarmid – Assistant Superintendent of Schools
B. Kingsmill – Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

MOVED/SECONDED: J. McIntosh / K. Martinsen

"That the Board meeting move In-Camera."

CARRIED

- The Board returned to Regular session at 7:00pm.

2. OPENING REMARKS

- Chairperson Kearns welcomed our guest: Katherine Dow from CFTK-TV; Karin Bachman, BVTU President; Barbel Schroeter CUPE Local President. Trustee Kearns passed the floor over to Superintendent van der Mark to hand out the Trustee Long Service awards: Six Years of Service, Trustee Frank Farrell and Trustee Kim Martinsen; Nine Years of Service Trustee Judy McIntosh and Trustee Priscilla Michell; Twenty Four Years of Service – Trustee Sheryl Yaremco
- The floor returned back to Chairperson Kearns. Mr. Kearns thanked the trustees who participated in the District Scholarship Presentations. Mr. Kearns thanked the parents and the teachers who assisted the students with their presentations. On the Knowledge Network, one of the programs is **Canada over the Edge**. On a current episode, they featured Haida Qwaii and Roberta Olsen – Food and Gather Chief, from the Haida House where our Trustees stayed during the Northern Trustee Retreat in September 2014. Congratulations to Emily Hogley-MCosker from SSS who finished second place at this year's pan-provincial French Public speaking competition, Concours d'art oratoire. Trustee Farrell attended this contest and found it remarkable and found all contestants to be outstanding.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED/SECONDED F. Farrell / L. Collingwood

"That the agenda be accepted as presented."

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- The Chairperson asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of April 15, 2014; the Synopsis of the In-Camera Meeting minutes April 15, 2014. There being none, the minutes of: April 15, 2014 and the Synopsis of the In-Camera Meeting minutes April 15, 2014 were declared approved as presented.

5. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Student Achievement

- Superintendent van der Mark presented the district based initiatives to the board: The District Scholarship presentations were held on May 12-14, 2014 and were definitely a highlight of the year; The April Education Forum, Ms. Monica Strimbold highlighted the opportunities and direction for trades training in SD54.

District Based Initiatives

- Superintendent van der Mark presented the district based initiatives to the board: There will be students heading to the LNG Conference in Vancouver to learn about pipefitting, scaffolding, crane operator, excavator and welding; HSS shop renovation is fully underway and will be completed in time for the Millwright program to commence in September, 2014 ; Ready, Set Learn organizers held their annual event at our elementary schools. The three and four year olds participated in a number of activities, including being introduced to our schools and local community services providers; The NOII event was held on May 2-3 led by Dr. Halbert and Dr. Kaser in Vancouver. West Vancouver spoke of their success and listed three practices things that allowed them to be so successful 1) Good practices around learning and self-regulation 2) Aligned their secondary timetables 3) Technology. This reaffirmed to Mr. van der Mark that SD54 are doing the right things for teachers and our students ; Ms. Faye Brownlie wrapped up her final 2 day session with our educators on April 21-22. Ms. Brownlie's sessions have been very well attended and this year our mentor teachers took on the roles of facilitator / presenters at multiple NID's. Many thanks for Teresa Monkman and Joanne Goble as teacher leaders on this project. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Ms. Brownlie next year where she will be here for a week mentoring in the classrooms with our teachers; District Initiative's for 2014-2015 will continue to work with Ms. Brownlie and continue to be a part of a provincial cohort of District that will continue working with Dr. Stuart Shanker with a focus on self-regulation.

School Based Initiatives

- Superintendent van der Mark presented the school based initiatives to the Board: Graduation ceremonies will take place on June 13th in Houston and on June 21st in Smithers; Our sympathy goes out to PG and their tragic loss over the weekend; HSS/ SSS Rugby teams, SSS Soccer team and the SSS golf team will be heading to their respective provincial championships; SSS Drama hosted their annual "Friday Night Live" presentation last week; Congratulations to Emily Hopley-MCosker from SSS who finished second place at this year's pan-provincial French Public speaking competition, Concours d'art oratoire ; SD54 athletes have had some amazing opportunities and successes of late: Morgan Monkman is playing on Team BC for Volleyball, Matt Fowler and Trent Monkman are playing with the Timberwolves Basketball team, Kaleb Gorban is in the top 5 in Canada for junior golf.

Field Trip Proposals

- The following field trip received approval by the Assistant Superintendent:
 - **TES** – 22 Grade 5 & 6 students to travel to Ft. St. James for a historical learning day trip on June 11, 2014. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
 - **HSS** – 6 Grade 11 & 12 students to travel to Bowron Lakes on May 29 to June 3, 2014 for a wilderness canoe excursion. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
 - **HSS** – 22 Grade 11 students to travel to Vancouver on June 5 to June 10, 2014 for a Biology 11 Field trip on June 5 to June 10, 2014. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
 - **TES** – 54 Grade 5-7 students to travel to Rough Acres Bible Camp for their year-end celebration on June 17th, 2014. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
 - **HSS**- 20 Grade 10-12 students to travel to Ayanish for a Science 10 and Outdoor Ed trip on June 11 to June 13, 2014. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.

- **LKS** – 57 Grade K-5 students to travel to Rough Acres Bible Camp for their year-end celebration on June 20th, 2014. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
- **MME** – 18 Grade 7 students to travel to Metlakatla Village for their year-end celebrations on June 1-5, 2014. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
- **MME** – 28 Grade 7 students to travel to Joe L'Orsa Cabin for their year-end celebrations on June 24-25, 2014
- **SSS /HSS** – 146 Grade 9 SSS Students and 50 Grade 9 HSS Students to travel to Tyhee Lake to participate in a traditional ecological knowledge day on June 6, 2014. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
- **WPS** – 47 Grade 7 students to travel to Tyhee Lake for their year-end celebrations on June 18 -19, 2014. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
- **SSS** – 20 Students in Grades 10-12 to travel to Vancouver to participate in the LNG Conference on May 22-23, 2014. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
- **WPS** – 114 Grade K-3 students to travel to Tyhee Lake for their year-end celebrations on June 24, 2014. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.

• Assistant Superintendent McDiarmid presented two Board Authorized Course Applications to the Board:

1. Basketball Skills and Leadership Grade 11-12 is a new course and curriculum proposed by Smithers Secondary. The course will encourage learners to develop their basketball skills while learning coaching strategies, tactics, ethics and moral obligations required promoting and fostering positive athletic learning environments.
2. Philosophy Grade 10-12 is a new course and curriculum proposed by Smithers Secondary. This course offers students the opportunity to gain critical thinking and debate skills using the Socratic framework. It helps hone methods of thinking that encourage deep understanding of self and the world at large. This course is already fully enrolled. It is an introduction into Philosophy.

These courses add personalization and are consistent with the direction of BC Ed Plan and support students' ability to take courses that they are interested in. The courses have been reviewed and are compliant with all regulations and requirements set out in Ministry guidelines.

MOVED/SECONDED

J. McIntosh / S. Yaremco

"To approve the proposed Board Authorized Courses as outlined."

CARRIED

OPERATIONS:

- Mr. van der Mark updated the Board on Stage Two of the BCTF strike action. Rotating strikes throughout BC from Monday – Thursday. The Bulkley Valley will be affected on Tuesday, May 27th. Letters will go out to Parents and a press release will be issued tomorrow.

6.a) COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ EDUCATION FORUM COMMITTEE

- Trustee Farrell presented the April Education Forum report on the District Trades program: The students that competed in the Skills Canada competition presented at the Education Forum. It was a great presentation and it was great to see students being empowered at an earlier age with their education. Trustee McIntosh also attended the Education Forum and found that it was a real joy hearing from students reflecting on their experience in trades as they were very motivated. The May Education forum on " Ipads in the Classroom ", has now been cancelled due to the rotating strike and will be rescheduled in the fall.

6.b) OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- On behalf of Chairperson Michell Trustee Martinsen presented the Operations Committee's Report from the May 6, 2014 meeting;

- **Early Thursday / Instructional Time:** As the 2014-2015 school calendar has a two week spring break, SD54 has to make up lost instruction time. Administration is working with the BVTU on this. There is a chance of a regular dismissal time of 3:00pm for Thursdays next year. Administration will know in the next week.
- **Facility Planning – Covered multipurpose facility at SSS** – Mr. van der Mark spoke on the need for additional recreational space that would house high end turf for soccer or football, hard surface for volleyball, basketball and weightlifting. A walking track would make it multi-generational for the community and the students. There would be a fairly large number of user groups that would allow them to extend their seasoning. Trustee Farrell thought this is a great idea for multi-generations and extending the seasons. Trustee Collinwood said that she knows that two sports groups would love to extend their seasons such as soccer and rugby. Trustee McIntosh thought that to have a building to target different groups has been long time coming and needed.

MOTION/ SECONDED: K. Martinsen / J. McIntosh

“Authorize administration to initiate a feasibility study and investigate the opportunity to build a covered multi-purpose facility at SSS.”

CARRIED

- **Joint Use Agreement** – The Town of Smithers recreational activities uses approximately 1,100 hours per year in SD54 facilities, SD54 uses approximately 230 hours of ice rink time for the hockey academies, at the low time during the day. The Town of Smithers is proposing to charge SD54 an ice fee rental of \$76 / hr . Administration has had a lot of discussion with the Town of Smithers on this topic.

MOTION/ SECONDED: K. Martinsen/ P. Martinsen

“Recommends that the administration develop a proposal for the Town of Smithers which defines a SD54 contribution to the Town of Smithers, on the condition there are considerations for long term arena use over and above current time benchmarks of the joint use agreement.”

CARRIED

Superintendent van der Mark expanded on the motion for the Board. Administration would like to make a “contribution” for a certain duration which would attach certain guarantees. Administration is looking for from the Board suggestions on the length of time and the amount of the contribution. Administration is considering at a 10 or 15 year guarantee from the Town for ice priority. SD54 runs an affordable hockey program compared to others who charge \$2,000. This is not a money maker for the District, any shortfall for this program is coming out of surplus and is not affecting any educational programs. Mr. van der Mark asked the Trustees to answer two questions:

- 1) What term are you comfortable with?
- 2) What contribution are you comfortable with?

Trustee Collingwood ask how many hours are needed above the benchmark hours? 6 hours per week over and above the benchmark for 18 weeks.

Assistant Superintendent McDiarmid said we are looking for security and stability with the town with this agreement. Trustee Kearns asked if there were any strings for our contributions on how it is used by the Town. Mr. van der Mark said that that is not our concern and that they may ear mark it for operations of the second sheet.

Trustee Farrell commented that he thought this would be great to get this going.

Mr. van der Mark commented that he thought \$10k per year contribution is a reasonable amount.

Trustee Collingwood commented that as long as it stays within the \$10k a year.

Mr. van der Mark ended the discussion by expressing that this is an excellent opportunity and partnership between to large organizations in the community.

6.c) POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

- Chairperson Collingwood presented the Policy Committee Report from the May 6, 2014 meeting:
- **Policy 6.420 Corporate Donations** – This policy may need extra language to do with politically sensitive or controversial donations made to the school district. This policy is tabled until the next meeting while Mr. Margerm will look into other Board's policies around controversial or political donations.
- **Policy 1.150 Standing Committees & 1.1525 Education Forum** – By embedding the current Education Forum into the Community Relations Committee, it makes our current practice and policy line up.

MOTION / SECONDED: L. Collingwood / J. McIntosh

“Recommends the approval of the amended Policy 1.150 Standing Committees and approve the deletion of Policy 1.1525 Education Forum.

CARRIED

Trustee Farrell commented that most education forums are community related.

6.d) TRUSTEE REPORT

- Trustee Kearns and Trustee Farrell presented their trustee reports from the BCSTA Annual General Meeting held on April 24-27, 2014. Trustee Farrell congratulated Yaremco for running for the BCSTA Board of Directors and said that Ms. Yaremco is a leader provincially not just locally.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- There was no unfinished business.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- **8.1) Draft Budget Bylaw & Update:** Mr. van der Mark presented the Draft Budget to the Board on behalf of Mr. Margerm.

MOVED / SECONDED: S. Yaremco/ J. McIntosh

“The committee recommends that the Board give First Reading to the 2014 – 2015 Annual Budget Bylaw.”

CARRIED

ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW

A Bylaw of THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 54 (BULKLEY VALLEY) (called the "Board") to adopt the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2014/2015 pursuant to section 113 of the School Act , R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the " Act ").

1. Board has complied with the provisions of the Act respecting the Annual Budget adopted by this bylaw.
2. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. 54 (Bulkley Valley) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2014/2015.
3. The attached Statement 2 showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2014/2015 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$24,989,124 for the 2014/2015 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the Act .

4. Statement 2, 4 and Schedules 2 to 4 are adopted as the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2014/2015.

READ A FIRST TIME THE 20 DAY OF MAY, 2014;

READ A SECOND TIME THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2014;

READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED AND ADOPTED THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2014;

(Corporate Seal)

NO SIGNATURE REQUIRED
Chairperson of the Board

NO SIGNATURE REQUIRED
Secretary Treasurer

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true original of School District No. 54 (Bulkley Valley) Annual Budget Bylaw 2014 / 2015, adopted by the Board the _____ DAY OF _____, 2014.

NO SIGNATURE REQUIRED
Secretary Treasurer

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1) The April 30, 2014 expenditure summary was included in the Trustees Board Packages.

10. READING FILE

Ltr Fr. Arctica Cunningham re: Thank you	Ltr Fr. CPF re: Invitation
Ltr Fr. SD 27 to Minister Fassbender re: Stability for Students	Ltr Fr. SD38 to Minister Fassbender re: Capital Cost Sharing
Ltr Fr. SD 39 to C. Clark re: Budget Shortfall	Ltr Fr. SD46 to Minister Fassbender re: Capital Cost Sharing
Ltr Fr. SD52 to Minister Fassbender re: Funding	Ltr Fr. SD52 to Minister Fassbender re: Literacy Coordination
Ltr Fr. SD53 to Minister Fassbender re: Stability for Students	Ltr Fr. SD61 to Minister Fassbender re: Seismic Project
Ltr Fr. SD63 – Saanich Press Release Seismic Upgrade	Ltr Fr. SD61 to Minister Fassbender re: Funding
Ltr Fr. SD67 to Minister Fassbender re: Capital Funding	Ltr Fr. SD70 to Minister Fassbender re: Co-governance
Ltr Fr. SD78 to Minister Fassbender re: Capital Funding	

MOVED/SECONDED: F. Farrell / L. Collingwood

“That the information contained in the Trustee Reading File be received and filed.”

CARRIED

11. NEXT BOARD MEETING

- The next regularly schedule School Board meeting will be held on June 17th, 2014 commencing at 7:00 pm at the School Board Office in Smithers.

12. ADJORNED

- The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Les Kearns
Chairman of the Board of Education

Chris van der Mark
Superintendent of Schools

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SYNOPSIS
OF
IN-CAMERA MEETING
SCHOOL DISTRICT #54 (Bulkley Valley)
MAY 20, 2014
SILVERTHORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HOUSTON , B.C.

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. and the Board resolved to go in-camera.

- The Chair asked if there were any corrections to the In-Camera meeting minutes of April 15, 2014. There being none, the In-Camera meeting minutes of April 15, 2014 declared approved as presented by the Chairperson.
- Administration reported on routine staffing issues.
- The Operations Committee reported on: Labour relations matters and real property issues. agreement.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:44 p.m.

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REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

to the
Board of Education

June 17, 2014

Student Achievement

- **Graduation 2014**– Congratulations to the 2014 graduates from our district. We have 35 students graduating from Houston Secondary School and 173 students from Smithers Secondary School. We hope their high school years are filled with fond memories and we wish them well with their future plans.
- **Labour Update**-- As you know, the last few weeks have been trying for all of our stakeholders. The situation is changing, literally as this report is being written.
- **Report Cards**—Report Cards, in some form, will go home.

District Based Initiatives

- **Elementary School Track & Field Meet** – The District track & field meet was held on Saturday, June 14 with all public and private elementary schools participating. A big thanks to the SD #54 Administrations and parent volunteers for pulling this important community event together under some very trying circumstances.
- **YES 2 IT**—More than 200 elementary students participated in an introduction to trades at NWCC through the coordination of schools, NWCC, and Ms. Monica Strimbold.
- **Farewell**– Congratulations to Ms. Leesa Easterday on her upcoming retirement and to Mr. Kevin Bird, who has accepted a new challenge in SD#78 (Fraser-Cascade). We thank them for their contributions and wish them well in this next journey!
- **Welcome**—The district is pleased to have the opportunity to add two new administrators to our team for September. Ms. Michelle Iacobucci will be the new Principal of Telkwa Elementary School. Ms. Iacobucci has considerable experience across the district and has engaged in various informal leadership opportunities. We are delighted to now have her as part of our formal leadership team. The district is currently in the process of filling the administrative position at Twain Sullivan Elementary.

School Based Initiatives

- **Smithers Secondary**--The Boys' Golf Team placed a best ever 3rd place at the BC Championships. Congratulations to all players and coaches.
- **Houston Secondary**— Girl's Rugby placed a remarkable 2nd in their Tier at the Provincial Championships. Well done!
- **Smithers Secondary**—Hosted their Technical and Ecological Knowledge day last week. Students and staff gathered at Tyhee Lake to learn and share in the environment.

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- **Walnut Park**—Hosted their first ever Power of Wonder Week. Throughout last week, students picked areas of passion and pursued their interests in the arts, sciences, trades and athletics. Thanks to the teachers and community volunteers for making this happen.

Field Trip Proposals

- The following field trips have been approved by the Assistant Superintendent:
 - **MME**- 53 Grade 4-6 students to travel to Rough Acres Bible Camp on June 25th, 2014 to take part in their year-end celebrations. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
 - **SSS** – 20 Grade 10-12 Outdoor Ed students to travel to Babine Lake to take part in an introduction to sailing June 19-20, 2014. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
 - **TSE** – 25 Grade 7 students to travel to Rough Acres Bible Camp on June 12/13th, 2014 to take part in their year-end celebrations. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
 - **MME** – 47 Grade 2/3 students to travel to Rough Acres Bible Camp on June 11th to take part in their year-end celebrations. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.
 - **WPS** – 23 Grade 6 students to travel to the BV Bowman Archery Grounds on June 19th, 2014. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.

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OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

June 3rd, 2014 5:00 PM

School Board Office

Members	Administration
P. Michell , Chair K. Martinsen (Alternate), S. Yaremco L. Kearns (ex officio) Guest: F. Farrell, J. McIntosh	C. van der Mark, Superintendent D. Margerm, Secretary Treasurer M. McDiarmid, Assistant Superintendent
Regrets:	E. Hildebrandt, Director, Facilities and Maintenance

The regular meeting convened at 5:00pm and continued to 6:10 pm.

Minutes:

1. Auditor teleconference

Joel Adam, from the Auditor General, discussed audit plan letter with Operations committee by teleconference. Trustees were provided opportunity to ask questions.

2. 2014-2015 Annual Draft Budget Bylaw

Mr. Margerm reported that no input had been received from public in time period provided. Committee recommends that Board proceed with 2nd and 3rd reading at Board meeting. **Recommended motion: The committee recommends that the Board give Second and Third Reading to the 2014 – 2015 Annual Budget Bylaw.**

3. Early Thursdays

Mr. van der Mark updated the committee on the progress of the consultation with the BVTU on early Thursdays. The BVTU were considering 2 options: 1) have Thursdays end at 3 pm for children or 2) have Thursdays end at approximately 2:05pm (making up extra week of spring break) and have teachers do pro-d or collaboration in consultation with administrator. District administration should know after BVTU secret ballot on June 6, which teacher which option teachers support.

4. Carbon Neutral Report

Mr. Margerm provided a short review of the Carbon Neutral report submitted May 31, 2014. Highlights were Mr. Hildebrandt's work around thermal imaging of facilities to minimize heat loss and reduce energy costs. Mr. Margerm also acknowledged a total district reduction of emissions from 2012 [1070 (tCO₂e)] to 2013 [911 (tCO₂e)].

Date & Time of Next Committee Meeting: September 9th, 2014 @5:00pm

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Minutes

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 3rd, 2014 3:00 PM School Board Office

Members	Administration
L. Collingwood, Chair J. McIntosh (Alternate) F. Farrell L. Kearns (ex officio)	C. van der Mark, Superintendent D. Margerm, Secretary Treasurer M. McDiarmid, Assistant Superintendent
Regrets:	

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF May 6st, 2014

Policy	Description	Type	Status
1.150	Standing Committees	Revision	Approved
1.1525	Education Forum	Deletion	Approved
	Student Trustee	New	In-Committee
1.150	Standing Committees	Revision	In-committee
1.1525	Education Forum	Deletion	In-committee

NEW BUSINESS:

Policy	Description	Type	Consultation
9.950	Student Choice	Revision	Yes
11.140	Student Transportation	Revision	Yes
4.385	Bullying & Harassment	New	no
6.420	Corporate Donations	Revision	no

1. Policy 9.950, Student Choice, and Policy 11.140, Student Transportation

Mr. Margerm updated the Policy Committee on public consultation for the Student Choice and Transportation Policies. There were no discernible changes to Student Choice. Mr. McDiarmid brought up some changes around criteria for French Immersion catchment. The Policy Committee decided to postpone any possible changes until the fall. The Board received some minor wording feedback from BCPVPA which were considered. **Motion: It is recommended that the Board approve the amendments to Policy 9.950, Student Choice, and Policy 11.140, Student Transportation.**

2. Policy 4.385, Bullying and Harassment Policy

Mr. Margerm presented the draft policy of the legally required district Bullying and Harassment Policy 4.385. The Committee recommended that the sections on Procedures, Reporting and Investigations be removed from policy and added as appendices. Mr. Margerm will make necessary changes. **Motion: The Committee recommends that the Board adopt the draft Bullying and Harassment Policy 4.385 as presented, including with changes to appendices.**

Type: New, Revision, Deletion
 Status: In-committee, on-going, approved
 Consultation Yes, Not required, Complete



School District No. 54 (BULKLEY VALLEY)

"To empower all learners to live the challenges of a diverse and changing world."

BCSTA AGM 2014 Trustee Report

Shining a Light on Student Success – Educating the Whole Student April 24-27, 2014

On Thursday April 24th, the 110th Annual General Meeting for BCSTA was held at the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver. The focus of the AGM was "Shining a Light on Student Success". The opening ceremony was an excellent aboriginal welcoming and an enjoyable presentation of the Grease musical, from Kitsilano Secondary School.

Friday morning started with Branch meetings, and a fantastic student performance of the Flapper, by Byrne Creek Secondary School. There were some interesting speeches made by the Minister of Education, Mr. Peter Fassbender, as well as the BCTF President, Mr. Jim Iker.

One of the professional development sessions I attended at this AGM was "The Inquiry Hub: A Journey in Personalized Learning, Blended Instruction and Inquiry". This is a program that is currently offered in Coquitlam, which allows Grade 9-12 learners to shape their own educational experience around personal interests, instead of structured classes. The students engaged in this program are extremely self-motivated learners with specific interests.

The second professional development session I attended was "How to Structure your School to Improve Engagement and Wellness: The Canoe Project at Shoreline Middle School". This school in Victoria, uses a collaborative approach with their staff, rotating groups of students every few weeks between teachers and student-centred curricula. They found a dramatic increase in achievement of vulnerable youth, overall student attendance increased, and the staff became more engaged as a whole.

The remaining portion of the AGM was spent discussing over 30 motions put forward by school boards on a variety of issues, and many of the motions generated thorough discussions. There were BCSTA Board Elections, which included speeches and panel discussions.

I found this AGM very informative, and every year I have a greater sense of how the BCSTA works to bring trustees together, to keep a high standard of education across the province.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara Collingwood
SD#54 Trustee