

School District No. 22 (Vernon) Regular Meeting of The Board of Education

Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Board Chair

Vice-Chair

Trustees

Excused:

Superintendent

Secretary-Treasurer

Directors

Executive Assistant

Staff/Guests:

Bill Turanski

Sam Banducci

Perry Wainwright

Paula Harned

Trustee Joe Deuling

Bev Rundell

Randy Hoffman

Don Wilcox, Diane Rhenish, Joe Rogers

Lynn Jameson

Katherine Mortimer (Morning Star), Mark Olsen (CUPE), Pam Hargreaves

Steve Connor

Mollie Bono

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Turanski, indicating trustee Deuling sends his regrets.

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved and seconded that the agenda of Regular Meeting, September 20, 2011 be adopted as printed. **The motion was carried.**

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Meeting, June 21, 2011

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of Regular Meeting, June 21, 2011 be adopted as printed. **The motion was carried.**

Recognition, Presentations & Delegations

Vernon Secondary School

Social Justice 12 Field Trip to Kenya

From Vernon to the Maasai Mara

Tony Dolinar vice-principal at Vernon Secondary School introduced this presentation and introduced Sue Egan, teacher and students Rayel Bolton, Olivia Held, and Nathalie Johnson noting one of the neat things of the trip was what they saw: the kids were immersed in the culture. What they were most proud of was helping the kids build up the village by building a school.

Sue Egan and the students presented a power point presentation of their trip in late August to south eastern Kenya.

The three students spoke to their highlights of the trip: learning about their culture, speaking with the same age students; and the thankfulness of the students in that country, and the change in view and outlook of the world that they have; even though the building was really hard, just mixing that cement and thinking these children weren't random children and to contribute in a way that is so powerful and helpful.

Questions from trustees prompted the students to explain there was no picture of what was built, because it was a process; their job was digging the trenches, putting in the rebar and the next group would build onto that. They explained they were part of the building process. They were there for eight days in the village and had travel days on each end that included a safari, etc. and the total trip was two weeks. All three students eagerly said they would like to go back if they had the chance.

Bill thanked them for taking time to share their experiences. Trustees Bono and Harned as a token of appreciated presented the three students with pens.

Business Arising From Minutes

NIL

Superintendent's Business

Action Items

Information Items

School Start-up and Enrollment Update

Superintendent Rundell advised the numbers are still pretty fluid but currently 4, 529 fte elementary students and 3,498 fte secondary students are enrolled with another 101 fte students in alternate programs, which is down slightly from our estimate of 8,330 and she noted that is mostly in our alternate programs. She will update trustees at the end of month when we have our hard numbers.

Provincial Scholarships

She wanted to recognize students who have written provincial exams, noting a student will receive a \$1000.00 Examinations Scholarship if he or she:

- Achieves at least a "B" final mark (school final mark and provincial exam mark combined) in English 12, Français Langue Première 12 of English 12 First Peoples)
- Achieves 86% or higher in each of his/her three best provincial exams (can include English 12 provincial)
- Fulfills the graduation requirements of the 2004 Graduation Program

Special Congratulations and recognition to the following grade 12 students who received \$1000.00 scholarships from the Ministry of Education for outstanding achievement on the exams.

Sydney Acton	Joseph Byram	Scott McIntyre	Michelle Smith
Samantha Baglot	Erica Chow	Riley Mottus	Lucas Thayer
Joanne Banaszek	Payton Dhesi	Andrew Olson	Eleanor Wearing
Paris Boeckx	Christine Kirby	Tavia Pol	Holly Wylie
Sean Bonnett	Kirsty Lewis	Andre Prohoroff	Kara York
Spencer Bradbury	Cara Main	Delaney Ross	
Callum Busfield	Mariko McDougall	Diana Semnutin	

The following students achieved a 100% exam mark in their provincial exams.

Congratulations!

Carson Albrecht	Science 10	Paeton Dhesi	Math 12
Jacki Erickson	Socials 11	Scott McIntyre	Math 12
		Yi Yun Zhang	Math 12

Congratulations also go to our 39 District Project Scholarship Winners who each receive a \$1000.00 award from the Ministry of Education.

Sydney Acton	Katrina Anderson	Katie Annand	Teesha Baker
Justin Burk	Cierra Carlyle	Alexi Carter	Taylor Cunningham
Dominik Dlouhy	Michael Edwards	Angela Fraser	Matt Harwood-Jones
Kevan Hayward	Cole Hetherington	Maya Hospes	Danielle Howe
Alyissa Janousek	Lorelle Kjarsgaard	Susan Koo	Natalie Kriening
Matthew Marioni	Lizzy McCaffrey	Peter McKillop	Jamie Newman
Maya Philpott	Lisa Rae	Connor Reeves	Manda Roy
Robert Schley	Kristyn Schoenknecht	Diana Semnutin	Trenton Squair
Paige Tyler	Kira Urbas-Fuher	Clayton Wadsworth	Leah Wafler
Emily Walmsley	Samantha Ward-Hesketh	Sarah Zaitsoff	

She further updated trustees on a change that Ministry has removed optional exams – will write only 5 required exams. Scholarship will be based on those exams.

Summer Reading

Director Joe Rogers summarized his report on Summer Reading which was a great success with 180 students, mostly grade 2 and 3 kids. About 500 books were donated so each child received 2-3 books to keep at the end of the program.

In response to Trustee Harned, Director Rogers advise we can track the data on where those kids are now since this program began five years ago, although there is no controlled group and there is a need to be careful when we talk about statistics. In response to Trustee Connor, he further reported on students being recommended for the program, noting some are recommended from learning assistance teachers connecting with parents.

Professional Development

Director Rogers spoke to his memo to Superintendent Rundell around professional development that was part of the agenda package.

Secretary-Treasurer's Business

Action Items

Information Items

Operations Summer Update

Secretary-Treasurer Hoffman reported on the annual work projects that have taken place by the operations department, including custodial, accounting, transportation, maintenance and annual facilities plan updates.

School/Student Fund Raising Policy received second reading May 17. As a result of recommendations from DPAC third reading was tabled by trustees June 21 pending the proposed or further amending language to the policy. Policy amendments as prepared by DPAC were included.

Trustee Business

Aboriginal Education Committee

Trustee Bandiccu reported on a meeting scheduled for September 15th, with no quorum and no major decisions could be made.

BC School Trustees Association

October 21 and 22 are scheduled for provincial council meeting

Greater Vernon Advisory Committee

NIL

Parent Advisory Committee Reports

Reports were received from trustees Banducci and Turanski

Correspondence

Upcoming Dates

September 30 – October 1 BCSTA Zone Meeting – Salmon Arm

October 5 Shop Talk

October 13 Board Meeting

October 22 Provincial Council

November 2 Shop Talk

November 15 Board Meeting

Question Period

CUPE President Mark Olsen wanted to ask about the autistic training, wondering how that would interact and would that be available for CEAs in the future as CEAs generally work with autistic children? Chairman Turanski wasn't sure the question was directly relevant to what was discussed to which the CUPE President voiced his disagreement. Director Don Wilcox responded it is part of what POPARD utilizes so CEAs are already receiving training in that area of which we will be offering training and the self regulation is a portion of what is offered in the POPARD course. Although it isn't our conference and is organized by the middle school in Salmon Arm district, he felt CEAs could register to attend if they wished..

Pam Hargreaves addressed Director Joe Rogers about summer reading at Mission Hill, wondering which community group supported Mission Hill in supporting sports to which responded it was one individual who donated \$2,000.00.

Pam Hargreaves wanted to know about VSS construction, but as it was not on the agenda, Chairman Turanski advised the Board couldn't entertain that question.

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. **The motion was carried.**

Adopted this 13 day of October, 2011

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Board Chairman


Secretary-Treasurer