

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

Date: Thursday, October 13, 2011

## Meeting Minutes

Present:

Board Chair

Bill Turanski

Trustees

Perry Wainwright

Steve Connor

Paula Harned

Mollie Bono

Excused:

Trustee Joe Deuling

Sam Banducci

Superintendent

Bev Rundell

Secretary-Treasurer

Randy Hoffman

Directors

Diane Rhenish, Joe Rogers

Executive Assistant

Lynn Jameson

Staff/Guests:

Katherine Mortimer (Morning Star), Mark Olsen (CUPE), Judy Sedge, Pam Hargreaves, Ken Gatzke, Mike Bell, Don Balcombe, Malcolm Reid, Morris Vardabasso, Bruce Cummings (VTA), Jan Payson, Dave McKenzie, Richard Santos, Vicky Raphael, Nancy Ingersoll, Barry Dorval, Lynne Gibson

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Turanski who welcomed the crowd, indicating trustee Banducci sends his regrets.

### Adoption of Agenda

It was moved and seconded that the agenda of Regular Meeting, October 13, 2011 be adopted as printed. **The motion was carried.**

### Adoption of Minutes

Regular Meeting, September 20, 2011

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

### Recognition, Presentations & Delegations

Governor General Awards

Chairman Turanski outlined the history behind these awards, and congratulated students and parents this evening. Principals introduced their students, speaking to their individual accomplishments.

School	Award Winner	Attending Board Meeting
Charles Bloom	Allison Campeau	Parents: Judy Conacher Brent Campeau
W.L. Seaton	Dexter James	Parents
Vernon Secondary	Sydney Acton	
Kalamalka	Scott McIntyre	Parent: Pete McIntyre
Clarence Fulton	Riley Mottus	Parent: Eileen Mottus

### Business Arising From Minutes

NIL

## Superintendent's Business

### Information Items

#### Enrolment Update

The Superintendent updated trustees on enrollment, noting the projection for elementary schools was down 77, secondary was down 17 and alternate 29.75 although the alternate programs will increase throughout the year as students come in and out of that program.

#### **Action Items:**

#### Class Size and Composition Report

Bev Board rec'd Sep 30<sup>th</sup> as did DPAC, myself and Dianne have reviewed consultation on class size and composition. Ask dianne to come fwd to present to the Board

Dianne presented power point reviewing class size from K to 12 overviewing current class size and also historical class sizes since 2008/2009

Bev added we did add three teachers to hit the target this year: JW Inglis, Alexis Park and Mission Hill in the primary area

She then went on to composition

Trustees requested Dianne come back in the spring to report on how teachers and principals are feeling on the planned classrooms that have more students with IEP numbers high, i.e. alexis park and mission hill

#### Action Items - NIL

#### **ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education accept the Class Size and Composition Report as presented. **The motion was carried.**  
AND FURTHER

In accordance with the School Act (section 76.2) principals must within 15 days after the school opening day work with their schools in finalizing class size and composition.

#### Field Trip – Kalamalka

Bev clarified that she did approve this trip, as she meant to check yes. Although it is outside the timeline she would recommend it be approved.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approve the Kalamalka field trip, Students Without Borders Academy's field study to Panama, Central America December 27, 2011 to January 30, 2012. **The motion was carried.**

#### Field Trip – Kalamalka

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approve the Kalamalka band field trip to Moscow, Idaho February 23 – 26, 2012. **The motion was carried.**

#### Field Trip – Kalamalka

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approve the Kalamalka band field trip to Edmonton, Alberta May 15 – 18, 2012. **The motion was carried.**

## **Secretary-Treasurer's Business**

### Action Items

Secretary-Treasurer trusts the policies represent the wishes of the Board and asked them to consider first and second readings this evening.

#### Trustee Code of Ethics

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education adopt first and second reading of the policy. **The motion was carried.**

#### School Board Powers and Duties

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education adopt first and second reading of the policy. **The motion was carried.**

### Information Items

## **Trustee Business**

### Aboriginal Education Committee

In Trustee Banducci's absence, Chairman Turanski read the report that included information on the approved AEC budget for 2011/12 that was based on 1027 aboriginal students. He further reported the Kekuli official opening is scheduled tentatively for October 27 to coincide with the welcome back barbeque.

### BC School Trustees Association

Trustee Wainwright requested feedback from trustees regarding the motions for October 21 and 22 BCSTA Provincial Council meeting and requested trustees forward comments/feedback to him by e-mail

### Greater Vernon Advisory Committee

Trustee Wainwright advised he attended the meeting that mainly dealt with water issues.

### Parent Advisory Committee Reports

PAC reports were heard from Trustees Wainwright, Connor, Harned, Bono, and Turanski.

## **Correspondence**

- Letter from Eric Young, retired teacher, September 18, 2011
- Letter from Jamie Cawston, graduate, October 2011
- Letter from Vernon Jubilee Hospital, September 23, 2011

## **Upcoming Dates**

November 15, 2011                      Board Meeting

## **Question Period**

Chairman Turanski reminded those in attendance questions could be posed as long as they were specific to topics on today's agenda.

He then posed a question to the Superintendent if she certified all classes. Superintendent Rundell advised she sent a letter to the Board September 30 in this regard. In response to his comment that quite a few teachers are in disagreement with the organization of classes, with 55 stating their disagreement, she advised according to consultation with principals that isn't the Board's understanding.

VTA President Cummings then questioned how the Board decides which correspondence they are going to put in the minutes as he was sure there has been a bit of correspondence regarding recess cancellation that isn't in the agenda. Chairman Turanski advises that he does get lots by e-mail and doesn't print all of them, in fact the majority comes via e-mail and when questioned by President Cummings on who decides agenda content was advised by Chairman Turanski that he does not decide. The Secretary-Treasurer responded from his perspective: letters that come into the board office via "Royal Mail" are the correspondence that gets into the board package.

Heather Malcolm questioned Trustee Wainwright further to his report that water rates might go up, wondering how the District is going to pay for the increase and asked if are we lobbying government for the increase. Chairman Turanski pointed out that topic wasn't on the agenda, it was mentioned in Trustee Wainwright's report but was not a topic on agenda

Craig Leverman spoke to the policy on trustee code of ethics and was confused and didn't see any process to go with the policy. The Secretary-Treasurer responded that should the board adopt the policy at third and final reading, their instructions could be requesting development of procedures to have this in place. He clarified, if the board requests supporting procedures or processes they will do so at that time.

Charles Stuart wondered if trustees were aware of a trend in the class sizes and the classes that are not Bill 33 compliant and if trustees are noticing there are a larger number in classes and does that concern them. Chairman Turanski responded he was not aware of it, to which Charles Stuart added there are some 35 classes in the middle of month at Vernon Secondary School that were not compliant; either more than 30 or more than 3 with IEP students. Although it is difficult to interpret from the numbers that were shown, it is a huge increase from the previous year. And does it concern you as trustees?

Chairman Turanski stated his opinion or concern is irrelevant to the report content and clarified after comments that his opinion is irrelevant, not the report content. He further advised the district's report is consistent with Bill 33.

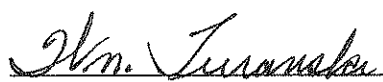
VTA Past President Barry Dorval advised this was the first time he has seen the report and wondered if there is an average aggregate class size requirement for high school across the district – he couldn't remember. Director Diane Rhenisch responded that in the regulations that she read there is no aggregate but you have to have a report. He requested the average class size in secondary with Diane responding although it is not required she would try and get it. She will follow-up with Barry Dorval and Bruce Cummings with those figures.

**Adjournment**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. **The motion was carried.**

Adopted this 15 day of November, 2011

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Board Chairman

  
Secretary-Treasurer