



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 67 (OKANAGAN SKAHA)



REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE INAUGURAL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2006, AT 7:30 P.M.
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

AGENDA

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3.0 PRESENTATIONS BY SCHOOLS AND/OR STUDENTS

3.1 10,000 To-Night

Students, accompanied by Vice Principal Sandra Richardson, Penticton Secondary School and Vice Principal Terry Grady, Princess Margaret Secondary School, will highlight the success of the annual 10,000 To-Night door-to-door canvass for food items.

3.2 FRIENDS

Heather Rose, a teacher from Columbia Elementary and the District Trainer for the FRIENDS program, will make a presentation on the FRIENDS for Life program. FRIENDS is a classroom-based program that helps young people cope with and manage anxiety and depression both now and later in life. It is designed to be used with all students, takes only 10 sessions to complete, and is able to be run by a school's regular classroom teachers. FRIENDS sits well within health and physical education syllabuses that focus on personal development skills. FRIENDS promotes self-esteem, problem-solving skills, psychological resilience, self-expression, and building positive relationships with peers and adults. The program is aimed at grade 4 and 5 students. Student workbooks are provided free by the Ministry of Children and Family Development to classrooms using the program after training.

4.0 RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS AND GUESTS

5.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Regular meeting held on November 6, 2006

6.0 REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING

The secretary-treasurer to report on the closed meeting held on November 6, 2006.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Letter from Centennial Advisory Committee

A letter from Penticton's Centennial Advisory Committee requesting an opportunity to make a presentation to the Board. (Attachment)

7.2 A Letter from the Federal Minister of Finance

A letter from the federal Minister of Finance in response to the Board's letter which requested that school boards receive a 100% rebate of the *Goods and Service Tax* (GST) as was provided to municipalities. (Attachment)

7.3 A Letter from Minister of Education

A letter from the Minister of Education regarding school planning councils. (Attachment)

7.4 Letter from the BC Christian Coalition

A letter from the Coalition of 10 organizations representing traditional Judeau-Christian values regarding the Corren Settlement Agreement. (Attachment)

7.5 Summary of Copies of Letters to the Board

Copies of the letters to the Board listed below are available in the trustee reading file:

- British Columbia Teachers' Federation enclosing a copy of a brief on the "Graduation Portfolio Review" to the Minister of Education;
- School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) to the Minister of Education requesting the Ministry of Education amend as necessary the *School Act and Regulations* to ensure that all programs and academies can be maintained in their present state;
- School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) to the Minister of Education regarding the recent Supreme Court decision on school fees;
- School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) to the Minister of Education regarding the Minister's statement regarding school fees;

- School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) to the Minister of Education requesting that the Ministry initiate changes to the *School Act and Regulations* regarding school fees;
- School District No. 38 (Richmond) to the British Columbia School Trustees Association requesting BCSTA arrange time at the December Academy for a plenary session to discuss school fees;
- School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) to the Minister of Education expressing its concern about the amount of time district staff have had to spend this fall producing class size and composition reports for the Ministry of Education;
- School District No. 60 (Peace River North) to the Minister of Education expressing concern over the lack of consultation with duly elected school boards on issues that significantly affect public school students in this province such as the withholding of annual facilities grant monies, the change in funding for distance education programs, and changes to the graduation portfolios program;
- School District No. 35 (Langley) to the Minister of Education expressing concerns around the uncertainty and delays in receiving funding for the new collective agreements for employees, recommendations that were implemented from the *Industrial Inquiry Commission Recommendations to Resolving the Teachers Collective Bargaining Dispute for Teachers on Call*, and the annual facilities grant;
- School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) to the Minister of Education regarding the annual facilities grant;
- School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) to the Minister of Education regarding the uncertainty around the annual facilities grant;
- School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) to the Minister of Education expressing concerns about the annual facilities grant being eliminated or substantially reduced;
- School District No. 60 (Peace River North) to the federal Minister of Finance requesting an amendment to the *Excise Tax Act* to rebate 100% of GST to school boards across Canada;
- School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) to the federal Minister of Finance responding to the Minister’s letter on the rationale for allowing a 100% rebate of GST to municipalities while retaining the rebate to school districts at 68%;
- School District No. 47 (Powell River) to the federal Minister of Finance requesting an amendment to the *Excise Tax Act* to reflect 100% exemption of GST for school boards;
- School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) to the British Columbia School Trustees Association regarding membership fees being used to further the advocacy role of BCSTA.

8.0 REPORT OF COMMITTEES

8.1 Education Committee

Trustee Manning will report on the education committee visitation to Kaleden Elementary School held on December 5, 2006 and the education committee meeting held on November 21, 2006:

- a. Understanding Early Years Project
- b. Independent School Enrolment
- c. FSA Results
- d. Lock Down Procedures
- e. Safe School Report
- f. Masters Research Project

8.2 Policy Committee

Trustee Van Alphen will report on the policy committee meeting held on November 21, 2006:

- a. Draft New Policy No. 350 – Nutrition
- b. Policy No. 203 – Student Fees

8.3 Buildings, Grounds, Safety and Transportation Committee

Trustee Jamieson will report on the buildings, grounds, safety and transportation committee meeting held on November 29, 2006:

- a. Field Development – City of Penticton
- b. Penticton Secondary School Site Development
- c. Adventure Playground Review
- d. Community Use of Facilities

8.3 Finance and Management Committee

Trustee Little will report on the finance and management committee meeting held on December 6, 2006:

- a. BC Mail
- b. Laptop Computers

9.0 REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

9.1 Penticton Secondary School Reconstruction

The secretary-treasurer will report regarding reconstruction at Penticton Secondary School.

9.2 Financial Report

The secretary-treasurer will review the financial report to November 30, 2006 provided in the agenda package. (Attachment)

9.3 Annual Facility Grant

The secretary-treasurer to provide information regarding the annual facility grant.

9.4 Transportation Update

The assistant secretary-treasurer will provide an update on transportation of students for this school year.

9.5 Policy No. 460 – Course Challenge for Credit and Policy No. 462 – Course Equivalency

The 30-day circulation period to partner groups was approved at the November 6, 2006 board meeting for Policy No. 460 – Course Challenge for Credit and Policy No. 462 – Course Equivalency. To date, no suggestions have been received to modify these policies and the policies are therefore recommended for adoption. (Attachment)

10.0 REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**10.1 Student Achievement****a. District Workgroups (Literacy, Numeracy and Social Responsibility)****b. District Progress Report (Accountability Contract)**

Director of Instruction Lynn Hauptman will provide an update on the development of the District Progress Report for 2006-07.

10.2 Communication and Access**a. Field Trips**

The superintendent of schools will review the attached listing of field trip requests. (Attachment)

10.3 Other Items**a. Enrolment**

The superintendent of schools will report on enrolment as of November 30, 2006. (Attachment)

b. School Fees

The superintendent of schools will review the school fees issue and the progress achieved to date.

11.0 REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES**12.0 NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

13.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

13.1 BCSTA Trustees Academy

Trustees are reminded to bring their report of attendance at the BCSTA Trustees Academy held December 7 to 9, 2006 in Vancouver. (Attachment)

13.2 Date of Next Meeting

- January 15, 2007, 7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting, School Board Office

14.0 TRUSTEE COMMENTS

14.1 Recognition of Student Success

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) extends congratulations to the students and groups for outstanding examples of success as shown on the attached listing. (Attachment)

14.2 Recognition of Student Artwork

Congratulations are extended to the following students from the Home Learners' Program for their artwork currently on display at the school board office:

- Katelyn Roos – Grade 1
- Lily Eggert – Grade 2
- Emma Roos – Grade 2
- Abby Sherwood – Grade 2
- Laura Moore – Grade 4
- Danica Roos – Grade 4
- Julia Veidt – Grade 7
- Anne Ramey – Grade 9
- Emily Ramey – Grade 9
- Ciara Walls – Grade 9

14.3 Trustee Comments

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

16.0 QUESTION PERIOD