



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



**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2007, AT 7:30 P.M.
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE**

A G E N D A

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3.0 PRESENTATIONS BY SCHOOLS AND/OR STUDENTS

3.1 Penticton Secondary and Summerland Secondary Schools

Students from both Penticton Secondary and Summerland Secondary schools along with Vice Principal Sandra Richardson and teachers Tom Brickenden and Cathy Brickenden recently participated in the Vimy Ridge 90th Anniversary Celebrations in France on April 9. They will speak to the Board about their experience of being involved in the Vimy Ridge Celebrations as well as other highlights of their trip.

4.0 RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS AND GUESTS

5.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Regular meeting held on March 12, 2007

6.0 REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETINGS

The secretary-treasurer to report on the closed meetings held on March 12 and 13, 2007.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Letter from Citizen

A letter from a citizen, Norman Yates, supporting the preservation of the Penticton Secondary gymnasium. (Attachment)

7.2 Letter from Save the North Gym Committee

A letter from the Save the North Gym committee proposing that the north gym and auditorium at Penticton Secondary School be saved. (Attachment)

7.3 Letter from Citizen

A letter from a citizen, Jim Rheaume, requesting that the Pen High gym be saved. (Attachment)

7.4 Letter from Citizen

A letter from a citizen, Michael Yates, recommending the city and school board together review their plans to demolish the Pen High gym and follow recommendations of the Save the North Gym Committee to maintain the gym and auditorium complex for all the community. (Attachment)

7.5 Letter from CUPE BC Division

A letter forwarded by CUPE BC Division regarding the recently negotiated Trade Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement with Alberta and its potential impact on public schools. The article prepared by their staff is available in the trustee reading file. (Attachment)

7.6 Letter from School District No. 34 (Abbotsford)

A letter from School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) to the Board advising their board discussed the issue of parental rights and affirmed its support of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child. (Attachment)

7.7 Letter from Queen's Park Parent Advisory Committee

A letter from the Queen's Park Parent Advisory Committee requesting that the Board consider a sponsorship proposal that will allow the PAC to raise the necessary funds to replace the school's obsolete playground equipment. (Attachment)

7.8 Summary of Copies of Letters to the Board

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

- Penticton Badminton Club to the City of Penticton Mayor and Council advising the club would be available to enter into negotiations with municipal staff to formulate a policy of use for the north gymnasium and auditorium;
- School District No. 72 (Campbell River) forwarded to the Minister of Education regarding the expansion of the summer learning program;
- School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) to the Minister of Education requesting that reconsideration be given to the recent announcement that boards must ask school planning councils permission to impose school fees at each school in the district;

- School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) to the Catholic Civil Rights League confirming the district will continue to honour obligations under the Human Rights Code to accommodate the concerns of students based on their religious beliefs;
- School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) to the Minister of Education requesting an explanation as to why \$22.5 million of the provincial holdback was not distributed to the school districts this past December;
- School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) to the Minister of Education regarding the holdback of \$22 million in the 2006-07 final funding allocation;
- School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) to the Minister of Children and Family Development regarding the recently announced changes to child care operating funds by their ministry;
- School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) to the Minister of Education applauding the Ministry on providing information pertaining to the prevention of substance abuse while pregnant and requesting that the Ministry work with the Ministry of Health and the Solicitor General's office to develop a provincial prevention strategy aimed at youth with respect to the gateway drugs, tobacco, alcohol and cannabis;
- School District No. 57 (Prince George) to the Minister of Education regarding the power of achievement superintendents to recommend changes to the Minister that overturn decisions of locally elected officials;
- School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) to the Minister of Education regarding the formula used to determine the allocations of funds to support early learning initiatives;
- School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) to the Minister of Education commending the Ministry for supporting early learning and school community connections and proposing that the Ministry consider that capacity currently being used in schools for programs such as Strong Start, Day Cares and other community use groups be exempt from the utilization capacity calculation;
- School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) to the Minister of Education regarding the disposition of the \$22.5 million of the provincial holdback that was not distributed to school districts this past December.

8.0 REPORT OF COMMITTEES

8.1 Education Committee

Trustee Van Alphen will report on the education committee visitation to Trout Creek Elementary held on April 10, 2007 and the education committee meeting held on April 12, 2007:

- a. Middle School Committee Report
- b. Changes to District Scholarship Program
- c. New Government Legislation

8.2 Finance and Management Committee

Trustee Manning will report on the finance and management committee meetings held on March 28 and April 11 and the public budget meeting held on April 2, 2007:

March 28, 2007:

- a. 2007-08 Budget Development

Public Budget Meeting April 2, 2007:

- a. 2007-08 Budget

April 11, 2007:

- a. 2007-08 Budget Update
- b. Photocopier Contract Renewal
- c. Drinking Water at Schools

8.3 Curriculum Development Advisory Committee

Trustee Andrews will report regarding the curriculum development advisory committee meeting held on April 11, 2007:

- a. Selection of Chairperson
- b. Board Authorized/Approved Course Proposals

9.0 REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

9.1 Penticton Secondary School Reconstruction Committee

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

9.2 Financial Report

The secretary-treasurer will review the financial report to March 31, 2007 provided in the agenda package. (Attachment)

9.3 2007-08 Budget Development

The secretary-treasurer will provide an update.

10.0 REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

10.1 Student Achievement

- a. **District Goals**
 - Literacy
 - Numeracy
 - Social Responsibility

- b. Early Learning**
 - An update will be provided by Director of Instruction Hauptman
- c. Later Learning**
 - School completion focus
- d. Regional Literacy Forum**
 - Thursday, May 24, for Okanagan Mainline districts
- e. Celebrating Student Achievement**
 - Wednesday, May 30, 4:00 p.m., Penticton Lakeside Resort
- f. School Progress Report**
 - Review and approval of SPR's at June 6 education committee meeting

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 March 31, 2007. (Attachment)
- b. Class Size and Composition Report**

The superintendent will review details on school class size and composition consultation meetings. (Attachment)

11.0 REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES

12.0 NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

13.1 BCSTA Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of British Columbia School Trustees Association will be held April 19 to 22, 2007 in Victoria.

13.2 Date of Next Meeting

- May 7, 2007, 7:00 p.m., special board meeting, school board office
- May 14, 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 Princess Margaret Secondary School for their artwork currently on display at the school board office:

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| • Shelby Burgart, Grade 11 | Colourful abstract ball and designs |
| • Rayna Desjarlais, Grade 11 | Downtown city/ninja on top of building |
| • Karissa Feux, Grade 12 | Fuscia and purple/girls posing |
| • Emily Ludington, Grade 11 | Reflections of a girl in different forms |
| • Megan McNee, Grade 12 | Red, purple and blue city scape/family |
| • Amber Rodan, Grade 11 | Purple and aqua whimsy drawing with flower |
| • Megan Shiosaki, Grade 11 | Dolphin and girl/ocean floor |
| • Kelly Styles, Grade 11 | Rainbow pool and cloud |

14.3 Trustee Comments

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

16.0 QUESTION PERIOD