

# FCTA Executive Meeting

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## Minutes

May 10, 2017

4:30 pm

FCTA Office

### **A. Call to Order**

1. Approval of Agenda: Shannon called the meeting to order  
Jim Turner approved; Anders Lunde seconded  
All in favour of agenda change

### **B. Executive/Committee Reports**

#### **1. President:**

- Gov't funds will be insufficient to cover district needs re: class size & composition; date has been changed re: receipt of funds
- Amy will be contacting staff reps & meeting one-on-one to discuss class size & composition
- MOA should be fully funded by the gov't
- LIF - 20% went to support staff this year; should be available for the upcoming school year
- Core competencies self-assessment: Ministry changed criteria, students only need to self-assess **one** competency; administrators' meeting scheduled for Thurs., May 11th, will be discussing self assessment, may be left to individual schools to determine format
- Amy & Lynne asked to share discussion questions for spring RA w/ executive - question #2 cannot be answered at present, since election results are pending
- Karen: any discussion re: staffing for librarians? Amy - district ratio in place; however, if administrators are teacher-librarians, it should not count as part of the ratio; should only be BCTF members in that role;
- Karen: as staff rep for Silver Creek, she will not support compromises in classes unless best efforts are made, particularly with regards to catchment areas; however, district refusing to do so; will not address the issue at board meetings; Silver Creek staff very concerned; is there a process in place to discuss this w/ the district?
- Please email comments/responses to the discussion questions to Amy or Lynne by **May25th**;

#### **2. Pro-D:**

- No money or days available (except for those previously booked) for this year;
- Kathy noted that conferences are sending out information for early registration - however, teachers cannot access their Pro D funds until July;
- Would it be possible to access FCTA funds, if we run out of Pro D funds in 2017-2018;
- Shannon - could be very difficult to track; teachers may need to cover fees out-of-pocket & either wait to be refunded or risk Pro D running out of funds; recommend consultation w/ Denese Anderson
- Kathy recommending that teachers request funds now & wait for reimbursement;
- Defer issue to the next FCTA executive meeting;

#### **3. Education**

- Megan: Erin & Lenora presented re: "Shine On" conference; discussion re: personalized learning; Kevin Bird reviewed potential literacy & numeracy assessments

#### **4. Operations & Facilities**

- Jim: committee approved overhead shelter for Silver Creek; discussed transportation budget, potential for purchasing another bus (w/ wheelchair access for two); also discussed supporting field trips w/ transportation budget funds, to reduce the costs for schools;
- Shannon: funds will also be targeted for field trips for the next calendar year; asked Jim to forward a request to the committee, to maintain fields over the summer;

#### **5. Budget Advisory**

- Shannon: \$851,000 initial funds; April 28th - date that the district had to report to the Ministry; Original estimate 9 additional FTE - closer to 16 - 16.5 FTE
- Minimum of \$1.6 - 1.7 million overall funding from the Ministry
- District has to account funds to the penny to the Ministry; have committed funding to the end of 2019
- 20% LIF funding will be maintained for support staff; 80% for teaching staff
- No teacher layoffs; postings should be out this week
- District has also received \$350,000 in grant funding for trades, upgrades, special projects
- Current surplus amount: \$5.06 million - district states that the surplus exists to cover one-time unique expenses (ex: Kent School addition);
- Executive discussed concerns re: surplus; wondering if funds should be targeted for student support instead?

#### **6. Board Meeting**

- Karen: consent agenda is no longer being used; meetings can be contentious; not communicating effectively; students do not seem to be a priority on the agenda;
- Letters to the editor in both the Agassiz-Observer & Hope Standard have appeared recently regarding trustee issues;
- Have discussed naloxone kits @ each school; issue will be forwarded to the Policy Committee; Amy noted that BCTF has advised teachers not to get the training;
- Kristen: Kent School highlights; naloxone kits discussed; food trailer being added to HSS, 70% funded by district & 30% by HSS; updates to Silver Creek including shelter & running track;
- Shannon will follow up w/ Jon re: food trailer funding;

#### **C. School Reports:**

- Boston Bar: new principal - Lisa Oike; previously principal at Lillooet Secondary;
- Hope Secondary: in the midst of timetabling - very complex process, must consider class size, SPED needs, new assignments, 5 new teaching positions; staff reps need to be mindful of district ratios; SPED department will be working w/ a consultant to consider a revamp systems;
- Silver Creek: potentially 2 SPED teachers next year; staff holding firm to class size & composition language;
- Coquihalla: Missoula Theatre event this week; several field trips upcoming; still working through class size & composition issues w/ staff;
- Kent: 1 Grade 6 class working w/ robotics program; extension being constructed, classrooms appear small at this point;
- AESS: still timetabling; 2 student teachers currently on staff; Open House Thursday, May 11th; 2 band trips completed;
- Harrison: no report

#### **D. Unfinished Business:**

- N/A

#### **E. Any Other Business:**

##### **1. Zone Meeting:**

- Kevin Walker reported re: social justice issues; should schools implement gender-neutral washrooms & safe spaces for transgender students & LGBTQ community; further discussion @ next executive meeting;

2. **Cash for Kids:** Amy encouraging members to enforce MOA language & not accept 'deals' from administrators; BCPC has encouraged superintendents to note how 'difficult' class size/composition issues are; will be an issue during 2019 bargaining unless members adhere to language;
3. **Special Education Money:** Move to next meeting
4. **SNAP workshop:**
  - "Student Numeracy Assessment Practice"; Shannon attended workshop w/ Kevin & HSS teachers; recommends highly for elementary teachers, better than previous assessment program; Pros: easy & free; Cons: Chilliwack has dedicated funds, release time, training, website development, TOC time for program, SD#78 has not;
5. Safer Schools
  - A letter went home to parents. High school teachers and non-enrolling teachers not aware of the letter. Only Elementary class room teachers knew of the letter. Amy to follow-up with Karen for more information and to make sure all teachers are aware of what is happening.

Motion to adjourn: Lynne Marvell, second Karen Virteau

6:05 p.m.

**F. Next Executive Meeting**  
Date: **Thursday, June 8, 2017**  
Time: **4:30 pm**  
Location: **Fraser River Lodge**