

A Special Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) was held in the meeting room of the Creston Education Centre, 617 – 11th Avenue South, Creston, B.C. on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Trustees: B. Ewashen, A. Field, A. Hambler, M. Joy, B. Maslechko,
L. Trenaman (5:15 P.M.), B. Wright

VIA TELECONFERENCE:
Trustees: P. Cattermole, P. Tees

ALSO PRESENT: B. Reid, Superintendent of Schools
M. Schulte, Secretary-Treasurer
E. Henderson, Executive Assistant

STAFF/PUBLIC: 6 members of the public
N. Cobra, Principal, Wynndel & Yahk Elementary Schools
N. DeVuono, Principal, Canyon/Lister Elementary School
J. Robinson, Transportation Co-ordinator
J. Wilson, Vice-Principal, Adam Robertson Elementary School

MEDIA: L. Eckersley, Creston Valley Advance

VIDEO CONFERENCE

NELSON: R. Johnston, Director of Instruction – Student Services
B. Wanless, Director of Human Resources
L. Brown, Director of Operations
S. Wilson, President, DPAC

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

08-103 Moved by Trustee Ewashen, seconded by Trustee Maslechko
AND RESOLVED
that the Agenda, as circulated, be adopted by the Board.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Comments were made regarding the following:

- a proposal of a one-room school house;
- option of Homelinks within the school;
- environment at Wynndel;
- financial costs;
- safety issues;
- declining enrolment;
- distance to Adam Robertson; and,
- fundraising.

EDUCATION ISSUES

Action Items

08-104

Wynndel Elementary School Closure Bylaw

Moved by Trustee Joy, seconded by Trustee Trenaman

AND RESOLVED

WHEREAS, pursuant to Board Policy No. 460, School Closure, the Board may close a school;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to Board Policy No. 460, the Board has developed and implemented its beliefs, criteria and information gathering process that included public consultation with respect to closure, and this policy has been made available to the public;

AND WHEREAS the Board has applied the above-noted policy;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake), hereby close Wynndel Elementary School on or about the 30th day of June, 2008, by moving the students, from Wynndel Elementary School to Adam Robertson Elementary School or such other schools in Creston and vicinity as required by School District Policy No. 461, School Choice and Catchment.

This Bylaw may be cited as School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) Wynndel Elementary School, Bylaw Number 1-2008, as read a third time.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees: Cattermole, Field, Joy, Maslechko, Tees, Trenaman, Wright

OPPOSED: Trustees: Ewashen, Hambler

Discussion on the third reading of the Bylaw included:

- declining enrolment;
- one room school concept;
- small rural schools;
- opportunities in larger schools;
- bussing distances; and,
- community use of grounds.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at the Board Office, 570 Johnstone Road, Nelson, B.C. at 5:00 P.M.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

cc: Board of Education/Sr. Management
Schools/District Staff (via email)
Presidents: KLTF (via email), KLPVPA (via email), CUPE Local 748 (via email)
DPAC Nelson – (K. Couch - via email)
CUPE 748 (Secretary – G. Shmon via email)
School PAC Chairs
BCSTA (via email)
City of Nelson (via email)
Village of Salmo (via email)
Town of Creston (via email)
Village of Kaslo (via email)
Regional District of Central Kootenay (via email)
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