THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD DECEMBER 6, 2017

PRESENT:

Trustees
N. Bob, Chair
B. Robinson, Vice-Chair
S. Higginson
J. Solomon
S. Kimler
J. Brennan
T. Brzovic
S. Rae
N. Routley

Staff
T. Davie, Superintendent/CEO Designate
C. McVeigh, Secretary-Treasurer
S. Saywell, Assistant Superintendent
R. Gray, Assistant Superintendent Acting
L. Tait, Director of Instruction
L. Robinson, Director of Instruction
D. Burgos, Executive Director of Communications
K. Matthews, Senior Executive Assistant

ABSENT:
S. Kimler

IN ATTENDANCE
D. Wood, NDTA Rep
J. Smith, CUPE Rep
K. Stewart-Reynolds, DASG Rep
Meeting No. E03

CALL TO ORDER
The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and recognized that tonight’s meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw people.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
There were none.

DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA
There were none.

CHANGE IN ORDER
There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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That the Agenda be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

RECONCILIATION

Trustee Responses/Next Steps

All members of the Education Committee were invited to join a book club and select either “Speaking our Truth: A Journey of Reconciliation” or Unsettling the Settler Within” to have completed by January 16, 2018. Board members and Education Committee members were also invited to engage in a workshop on reconciliation on January 24, 2018. Trustee and Education Committee members will report out at the February 7, 2018 Education Committee meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the Education Committee recommends the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) direct staff to scan our programs and services to see how they align themselves with the recommendations set out in the report “Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action”.

Opposed by IT WAS OPPOSED BY Trustee Soloman
CARRIED

SENIOR STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Designate Davie
RE: Update on "State of the Child Nanaimo 2017 Greater Nanaimo Early Years Partnership"

Superintendent Designate Davie provided an update to the Education Committee of information received at the Greater Nanaimo Early Years Partnership (GNEYP) 2017 Nanaimo State of the Child Report launched on November 17, 2017. State of the Child Nanaimo 2017 Greater Nanaimo Early Years Partnership Report is attached to the Agenda.

Superintendent Designate Davie
RE: International Student Travel

Superintendent Designate Davie provided district staff's recommendation on International Student Travel to the Education Committee. This Information Sheet is attached to the Agenda.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Routley
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Higginson

That the Education Committee recommends the
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Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) let the August 31, 2016, motion exercising a two-year moratorium on outside of North America field trips expire on August 31, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

There were none.

REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

There were none.

QUESTION PERIOD

There were two questions this evening:

T.L. Saunders: Have parents via DPAC been surveyed regarding out of province/interest-based excursions? How is it possible that the Superintendent can overrule the rights of parents to make decisions for their children?

Superintendent Designate Davie responded to the question.

T.L. Saunders: Will First Nations’ communities be involved in the book club? Will Discussions be inclusive of First Nations’ communities or representatives other than those who already work for the district?

Trustee Higginson and Trustee Bob responded to the question.

ADJOURNMENT

That the meeting be adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Routley

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Higginson

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY