THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD October 4, 2017

PRESENT:

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

Staff
J. Blain, Superintendent/CEO
C. McVeigh, Secretary-Treasurer
S. Saywell, Assistant Superintendent
T. Davie, Assistant Superintendent
L. Tait, Director of Instruction
R. Gray, Director of Instruction
A. Storey, Executive Director of Human Resources
D. Burgos, Executive Director of Communications
P. Sabo, Director of Planning/Operations
L. Robinson, District Principal
A. Tenning, District Vice Principal
L. Burgos, Senior Executive Assistant

ABSENT:
N. Routley

IN ATTENDANCE
S. Iverson, NDTA Rep
G. Steel, NSAA Rep
C. McKay, DPAC Rep
D. Bunnah, DASG Rep

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.

Chair Higginson recognized tomorrow, October 5 is World Teacher Day.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
There were none.

DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA
There were none.

CHANGE IN ORDER
There were none.
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APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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EC17/10/04-01

That the Agenda be approved. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes - June 7, 2017

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Kimler
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rae

Folio
EC17/10/04-02

That the minutes from the Education Committee meeting held June 7, 2017 be approved. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

SENIOR STAFF REPORTS

Director of Instruction Tait & District Vice Principal Tenning
RE: Blanket Exercise Follow Up

Superintendent's Report
• Enrollment Update
• FSA Presentation by District Principal Robinson
• FSA Action Sheet by Superintendent Blain

Superintendent Blain reported to the Board the district's increase in enrollment, as well as our VAST and CTC programs. Divisions were added as needed based on enrollment, class size and composition.

The FSA presentation is attached to the Agenda.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Kimler
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rae

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EC17/10/04-03

That the Education Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) rescind previous Motion R15/12/16-12 - The Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) requests the Board Chair write a letter to parents that present unbiased pro/con information on the FSA (Foundation Skills Assessment) exam, including checkboxes for opting out of the exam (as per BC legislation) and direct staff to honour parents requests to opt out of the exam, without further contact.
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Opposed by Trustee(s) Brzovic
CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rae

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EC17/10/04-04

That the Education Committee recommend the Board of Education of School District No.68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) to write a letter to the Ministry of Education urging them to make the information received from the Foundation Skills Assessment only available to teachers, parents, administrators and/or release the information on a large aggregate basis rather than school based such that the details is masked.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Kimler
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

Folio
EC17/10/04-05

That the Education Committee recommend the Board of Education of School District No.68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) direct staff to develop a mechanism for parents of grade 4 & 7 to opt out of certain results of the Foundation Skills Assessment not to be forwarded outside of the Ministry.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

There were none.

QUESTION PERIOD

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Kimler

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EC17/10/04-06

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.