THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68  
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD June 7, 2017

PRESENT:

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

Staff  
S. Saywell, A/Superintendent  
C. McVeigh, Secretary-Treasurer  
L. Tait, A/Assistant Superintendent  
D. Burgos, Executive Director of Communications  
A. Tenning, Vice Principal, Aboriginal Education  
L. Burgos, Executive Assistant

ABSENT:  
S. Kimler  
J. Brennan  
T. Brzovic

IN ATTENDANCE  
M. Ball, NDTA Rep  
J. Smith, CUPE Rep  
T. McKay, NSAA Rep  
C. McKay, DPAC Rep  
E. Bock, DASG Rep

Meeting No. EC09

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm and recognized that today’s meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw people. Congratulations to the Snuneymuxw graduates this evening.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Trustee Routley requested to add counselling service levels discussion added to the Agenda. Trustees discussed and found non-emergent. There were no Additions to the Agenda this evening.

DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no Deletions to the Agenda this evening.

CHANGE IN ORDER

There was no Change in Order this evening.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
That the Agenda be approved. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes - April 5, 2017
That the minutes from the Education Committee meeting held April 5, 2017 be approved. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SENIOR STAFF REPORTS

Laura Tait, A/Assistant Superintendent
RE: Board Goal Reconciliation & The Path Forward

Laura Tait, Acting Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Learning, applauded the Board’s recent addition of a new Board Goal: Reconciliation, and also referenced calls to action in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s final report. Ms. Tait shared a district-wide plan on Aboriginal education which will be achieved through a number of initiatives which include: the new Board Goal, BC Curriculum, Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreements, and the Aboriginal Equity Scan, among many others.

Ms. Tait ended with an explanation on the Blanket Exercise which covered the historical and cultural significance of the long-standing spiritual practice.

This presentation is attached to the Agenda.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Higginson
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

The Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District No.68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that the Education Committee in its entirety, work together with the District Aboriginal Education team to collectively develop a Board definition for reconciliation in education for the Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools. This process will be culturally relevant, sensitive and significant and may require the committee to have closed meetings that will be witnessed and reported out at regular public meetings of the Education Committee.

Trustee Bob moved into the Chair
Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held June 7, 2017

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Higginson
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rae

Folio
EC17/06/07-04
That the motion be tabled.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to Lay on Table

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Rae
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Solomon

Folio
EC17/06/07-05
That the motion be Taken from the Table.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to Take from the Table

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Higginson
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Solomon

Folio
EC17/06/07-06
The Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District No.68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that the Education Committee in its entirety, work together with the District Aboriginal Education team to collectively develop a Board definition for reconciliation in education for the Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools starting in the fall. This process will be culturally relevant, sensitive and significant and may require the committee to have closed meetings that will be witnessed and reported out at regular public meetings of the Education Committee.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On the Main Motion

Trustee Higginson moved back into the Chair

PRESENTATIONS

Bill Taylor, Teacher, Ladysmith Secondary School
Mandy Jones, Hul’q’umi’num Teacher
RE: LSS Hul’q’umi’num Team
Students: Alba, Rosilee, Wiebke, Laura, Amos,

Bill Taylor, Teacher at Ladysmith Secondary School, introduced a group of students that proudly presented a story written by a student and translated with the help of Aboriginal elders into the Hul’q’umi’num language.
The link to the presentation is: https://youtu.be/DqrliKS3P4?t=1538
Catherine, Jasmine, Melainee, Josh, Klarissa, Isabel & Kaydin

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business this evening.

FOR INFORMATION

QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Rae
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Solomon
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 pm.