THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD October 5, 2016

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

Staff
J. Blain, Superintendent/CEO
C. McVeigh, A/Secretary-Treasurer
D. Burgos, Director of Communications
S. Saywell, Assistant Superintendent
T. Davie, Assistant Superintendent
L. Tait, Director of Instruction
K. Scheibel, Executive Assistant

Meeting No. E02

ABSENT
N. Routley
B. Esliger, Assistant Superintendent

IN ATTENDANCE
M. Ball, NDTA Rep
J. Smith, CUPE Rep
C. Girard, NSAA Rep
C. McKay, DPAC Rep
J. McNeil, 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 also recognized that today is World Teacher's Day.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
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
Folio E16/10/05-01
That the Agenda be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Folio E16/10/05-02

That the minutes from the Education Committee meeting held September 7, 2016 be approved. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LEARNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Ms. Laura Tait
Director of Instruction
RE: Reporting Order

Laura Tait, Director of Instruction, provided an update on the district's year of exploration with the new provincial student reporting.

Traditionally, communication of student learning took the form of a standard report card with comments and letter grades sent home to parents three times per year.

The district's goal is to design a reporting system that engages students, parents and teachers.

There will be school based and district wide parent information sessions occurring over the 2016-17 school year.

To view Ms. Tait's presentation, please see the attachment to the Agenda.

Mr. Ball has a request to the Board regarding timing of the order - a lot of work was done in August and September and was presented to teachers last week and now there is a change. The impact of this on top of the revised curriculum has been huge. The request to the Board is that they ask the ministry for a temporary order and urge the ministry through a letter to bring the permanent order out in the Spring.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brennan

Folio E16/10/05-03

The Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that they write a letter expressing concerns to the Ministry regarding their late delivery of the order around grading.
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changes and requests that future orders be delivered in a timely manner prior to the writ dropping.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Bob

Motion to Refer
Folio E16/10/05-04
That this be referred to the next Education Committee meeting for discussion.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no Unfinished Business this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Blain
RE: Fentanyl
Superintendent Blain reported out to the Education Committee that the District, specifically Mr. Esliger, is in constant communication with Medical Health Officer, Dr. Hasselback. We are currently awaiting on information from Island Health and will work with Island Health and next best steps in conjunction with our partner groups in Fentanyl awareness and prevention.

Trustee Brennan mentioned that in one district, they have Naloxone available in every school.

Trustee Bob would like to have an expert come and speak to the Board and schools.

QUESTION PERIOD
There were no Questions this evening.

ADJOURNMENT
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.