THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD May 4, 2016

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

Staff
J. Blain, Superintendent/CEO
G. Roberts, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
D. Burgos, Director of Communications
S. Saywell, Assistant Superintendent
T. Davie, Assistant Superintendent
K. Toye, Executive Assistant

ABSENT
S. Kimler
N. Routley
B. Esliger, Assistant Superintendent
L. Tait, Director of Instruction

IN ATTENDANCE
S. Iverson, NDTA Rep
R. Zver, CUPE Rep
T. McKay, NSAA Rep
C. McKay, DPAC Rep
D. Bunnah, DASG Rep

CALL TO ORDER
The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and recognizes that tonight’s meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw people.

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 to the Agenda this evening.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Folio E16/05/04-01 That the Agenda be approved. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes - April 6, 2016
Folio E16/05/04-02
That the minutes from the Education Committee meeting held April 6, 2016 be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Hasselback
Medical Health Officer
RE: Student Behaviour and Mental Health
Dr. Hasselback presented an update on student behavior and mental health to the Education Committee.

Mr. Drew Cooper
General Manager, Pacific Sport Vancouver Island
RE: Active Transportation
Mr. Cooper provided the Education Committee with active transportation options for the district to consider, such as; walking and biking to school. This in turn, has the potential to provide students with increased academic performance, enhanced self-regulation and well as health benefits.

LEARNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Mr. C. Lintott
Principal, Wellington Secondary
RE: Wellington Grade 8 Program
Mr. Lintott, along with Vice Principals, Scott Christianson and Tom Mason and Teachers, Tina Pedersen, Stacey Aitken, Gina Goertzen and Nicole McRae presented to the Education Committee the Grade 8 Wildcat Program. The program features an adaptive and collaborative environment for students as they transition into their high school years with a focus on the redesigned curriculum.

TRUSTEE ZONE REPORT

Trustee Higginson:
John Barsby - Their annual manure sale raised approximately $5000 this year. Ted Talks: students meet every Wednesday at lunchtime in the learning commons to hear about different occupations in the community through discussions with professionals who are practicing in the field in Nanaimo. There is an upcoming musical "Mary Poppins" June 1 - 4. Community
Clean Up: Every Wednesday different classes clean up the entire school and community area that covers 3 blocks. Elder Good of Snuneymuxw First Nation comes into the school once a week to speak with students on such things as; support and use of indigenous knowledge and Aboriginal languages within SD68, support for all learners by offering traditional knowledge and spiritual guidance, assist in the retention of Aboriginal learners in SD68 education by having an presence within the institution and assist faculty, staff and administration to build capacity in areas of cultural knowledge and understanding. Syrian newcomer students have arrived at Barsby and current Barsby students are excited to welcome them.

Trustee Solomon:

NCI - $200 was fundraised for the WWF and they symbolically adopted an Arctic Fox family, a Bald Eagle and a Grizzly.

Park Ave - iPad project incorporating Aboriginal understandings with the grade 3 class. Most teachers now have iPads and there are Apple TV's in most classrooms. Community schools are putting out word of Mother’s Day. There is a spring flee market and music café at Barsby this weekend along with a pancake breakfast and an edible plant sale from Providence Farms.

Trustee Brzovic:

Randerson - is in their fun fair prep mode. Track meets for all schools are taking place at the Rotary Bowl.

Seaview - CTC Rob Gowan Smith is going to work with the grade 7's to create a gaga pit.

Rutherford - is having a freezie sale to fundraiser for Fort McMurray.

Trustee Robinson:

Woodlands - Stella Lima, a hair dresser received $200 from the Nanaimo Pays It Forward group to be used to make a difference in the community. Rick Becker, the music teacher at Woodlands is one of her clients. As she was cutting his hair, she mentioned that she had received this money and that she wanted to make a difference of theatre, music and kids. Rick’s immediate response was to say that he would do an extra presentation of the school’s musical, “The 25th Anniversary of the Putnam County Spelling Bee” and that Stella should invite a bunch of kids to attend free of charge. Then, within the next week
Country Grocer had agreed to provide hamburgers and drinks for 350 kids from Forest Park, Brechin and Cilaire elementary schools. The kids will have lunch with the cast.

**Brechin and VIU Leadership Students** - Professor Ken Hammer’s class invited 30 Brechin elementary up to the university for a leadership workshop they had organized. This has led to Ken helping this young leaders to connect with a school in Ghana. They are each doing a “Week in the life of our school” video project which they will share.

**Brechin and Pacific Sport** - Drew Cooper organized a Playground Leadership program to help train student leaders to organize activities before and after school as well as during lunch time and recess. When he was telling us about this experience he said the most exciting thing he heard was that a large number of the kids who volunteered to be trained were kids who for some time had been causing challenges during this same times! Kids, like all of us, do best when given an opportunity to shine.

**Trustee Brennan:**

**NDSS/VIU** - there is cooperation between the Navigator newspaper and the NDSS Skills for Life. Students will deliver newspapers to sites that give them away. It’s positive for merchants and to students in helping them to develop their skills.

At Quarterway, thanks to Rob Lumsden, a flat piece of land there was turned into a grove.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business this evening.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business this evening.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

There was a comment from the audience this evening.
ADJOURNMENT

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

That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.