THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD April 6, 2016

PRESENT:
Trustees
S. Higginson, Chair
N. Bob, Vice-Chair
J. Brennan
T. Brzovic
S. Kimler
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
L. Tait, Director of Instruction

Meeting No. E08

ABSENT
S. Rae
N. Routley
B. Esliger, Assistant Superintendent
K. Toye, Executive Assistant

IN ATTENDANCE
S. Iverson, NDTA Rep
R. Zver, CUPE Rep
C. Girard, NSAA Rep
C. McKay, DPAC Rep
A. Rousselle, DASG Rep

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
Letter of support for the Cinnabar transition changes - Trustee Higginson

DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA
There were no Deletions to the Agenda this evening.

CHANGE IN ORDER
Cedar Educational Programs - Mr. Darcy Hoff to item 8.3 (Learning Services Department)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Folio E16/04/06-01
That the Agenda be approved. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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E16/04/06-02  
That the minutes from the Education Committee meeting held March 2, 2016 be approved.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Joel Smith and Mr. Geoff Steel  
Teacher and Principal of NDSS  
RE: NDSS Field Lacrosse Academy - First Year Overview and Look Ahead

Mr. Joel Smith, Teacher and Coach at NDSS, wanted to thank the Board for the opportunity to present again, one year later after they approved the Lacrosse Academy. In the inaugural year, there were 60 athletes (grades 8, 9, 10 and 11, 12 groups) registered in the Lacrosse Academy. This year, they have 52 athletes registered. The Junior team has played 15 games with an overall record of 3-9-3. The Senior team has played 14 games with an overall record of 6-8. The Juniors had a great provincial run, 3-1-1, but lost in the final. The Seniors had a 2-2 record, lost in overtime to the Provincial Champs.

The fee structure for participants has changed from $600 to $800. 100% of students have committed to return to the Lacrosse Academy for next year.

Senior Team Captain, Graden Soucy, addressed the Education Committee and said that this has been his best year of high school. He has met so many wonderful people and their participation in the three tournaments this year have been a great experience.

Woodlands Environment Club  
Energy Cup Challenge

Woodlands Environmental Club students, Graeme Arkell and Tristan Tolley presented to the Education Committee. The students talked about ways to save energy throughout the school; shutting down computers, program the 149 computers to turn off 2 hours earlier than before (saved $.39 / computer), sweater days on Friday's, serving hot chocolate to students, lights out lunch, ceramic heater trade in, and spring break shutdown.

During lunch hours members of the Environmental Club go throughout the school
do audits, to ensure each classroom is complying with these energy saving ways.

LEARNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Mr. Scott Saywell, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Patrick Young, Principal, Rock City Elementary
Mr. John Cunnian, Vice Principal, NDSS

RE: DL

Mr. Patrick Young, Principal for the Learn@Home Program, Vice-Principal John Cunnian, and Teacher Darrell Letourneau provided background, statistics and the future plan of the district’s distributed learning program.

The hybrid model of Distributed Learning is a self-paced, online K-12 school (currently at Departure Bay and NDSS), which will amalgamate in September 2016 at the former Mount Benson Elementary school site.

Outreach, Wellness and Learning (OWL) Program Relocation to Mount Benson with Learn@Home

Superintendent Blain presented an Action Sheet regarding the possible relocation of the Outreach Wellness and Learning (OWL) program to Mount Benson.

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

The Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that it approve the relocation of the Outreach, Wellness and Learning (OWL) Program to the Mount Benson Learn@Home school site effective September 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cedar Educational Programs - Mr. Darcy Hoff

Mr. Darcy Hoff, Cedar Secondary principal, provided the Education Committee with an update in preparation of the school’s opening in September 2016. Information included; school layout, curriculum and class schedules.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Strategic Plan Update from Learning Services and Discussion to Follow

Mr. Blain went through the current vision of the strategic plan; the continuous improvement of instruction and assessment and meeting each student’s unique needs. Staff’s recommendations on what the vision of the strategic plan is and
what needs to be maintained and enhanced were included in the document. Including, but not limited to:

- Implementation of the RTI model
- Personalized learning
- Higher Aboriginal student academic achievement
- Learning empowered by technology
- A K-12 literacy improvement initiative

For a complete list, please see the report attached to the Agenda.

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

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That the information on the strategic plan be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

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E16/04/07-05

The Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) to direct staff to develop a plan for a revised updated strategic plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Letter of Support for Cinnabar Valley Transit Changes

Trustee Higginson was at a John Barsby PAC meeting and was informed that the Cinnabar Valley (Community Coalition for Transit Changes) are advocating to the Nanaimo Transit Authority to provide a bus that works within the time frames of the school day. She would like the Board to write a letter to the Nanaimo Transit Authority to write a letter of support.

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

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E16/04/07-06

The Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that they write a letter to
the Nanaimo Transit Authority in support of the community coalition for transit changes to show its support for the introduction of an express bus to and from Cinnabar Valley that would transport school-aged children to Nanaimo for out-of-catchment school programming.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTION PERIOD

There were no Questions this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.