THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD March 2, 2016

PRESENT:
Trustees
S. Higginson, Chair
N. Bob, Vice-Chair
J. Brennan
S. Kimler
S. Rae
B. Robinson
N. Routley
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
B. Esliger, Assistant Superintendent
L. Tait, Director of Instruction
K. Toye, Executive Assistant
S. Sproston, Manager, IS Department

Meeting No. E07

ABSENT
T. Brzovic

IN ATTENDANCE
S. Iverson, NDTA Rep
R. Zver, CUPE Rep
D. McGonigle, NSAA Rep
C. McKay, DPAC Rep
J. McNeil, DASG Rep

CALL TO ORDER
The Chair calls 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.

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 E16/03/02-01
That the Agenda be approved. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes - February 3, 2016
Folio E1603/02-02
That the Education Committee approve the minutes from the meeting held February 3, 2016. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

Lisa Frey with Students
Principal, Departure Bay Elementary
RE: Eco School
Ms. Lisa Frey, Principal at Departure Bay Eco-School provided an update on the Environmental Education Framework and the new BC curriculum as it relates to education the eco-school.

Students, Billy, Dhillon and Maddy presented to the Education Committee on the Energy Cup Challenge. The students have participated in such things as; sweater days, lights out lunches and on sunny days - Sun-Sational Days (where the lights get turned off when it's sunny outside).

LEARNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

John Blain, Superintendent

Framework for Enhanced Student Learning
Mr. Blain presented the Education Committee with the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning document. This is the ministry’s public commitment by education partners to work together to continuously improve student learning; most notably Aboriginal students, children in care, and students with special needs.

Our district has somewhat of an advantage as we already have a Strategic Plan in place, which is currently being re-vamped by the Board. Staff will work with the Board to keep in alignment with their goals.

Aboriginal Education Grad Rates Update - Ms. Tait
Ms. Laura Tait, Director of Instruction provided an overview of Aboriginal Education in the district.
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which included: Aboriginal student numbers, staff complement, the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement and completion rates. For more information, her presentation to the Education Committee is attached to the Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Strategic Plan Introduction

The Board will be reviewing, developing and enhancing the current Strategic Plan for the district to align with current goals and directives. Discussions will be had during the coming months in Education Committee meetings with a fulsome review to be done by the Board in the fall in a day long workshop.

Trustee Higginson has requested all committee members to read pages 51 to 53 of the current plan and report back to the next Education Committee meeting with one goal they like and one goal they dislike. Staff will also provide a short presentation on where they are currently at with the goals of the Strategic Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

AS - Baseball Academy - Assistant Superintendent, Scott Saywell

Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Scott Saywell addressed the Education Committee regarding the Baseball Academy. In February 2013, a baseball academy was approved for Wellington Secondary School, however, there was not enough interest to meet the minimum 25 student registration. It is now suggested that there is enough interest in the program, should it be available at Dover Secondary School.

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

The Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) to approve the Baseball Academy moving to Dover Bay Secondary School.

Opposed by Trustee Routley
CARRIED
QUESTION PERIOD
There were no Questions this evening.

ADJOURNMENT
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

Folio
E16/03/02-04
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.