THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD February 3, 2016

PRESENT:
Trustees
S. Higgison, Chair
N. Bob, Vice-Chair arr. 6:18 pm
J. Brennan
T. Brzovic
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
C. Mcveigh, Executive Director of HR
S. Sproston, Manager, IS Department
K. Toye, Executive Assistant

ABSENT
S. Iverson, NDTA Rep
R. Zver, CUPE Rep
D. McGonigle, NSAA Rep
C. McKay, DPAC Rep
D. Sywak, DASG Rep

IN ATTENDANCE
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D. Sywak, DASG Rep

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
Item 9.1 - Drug Awareness - Trustee Solomon

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

CHANGE IN ORDER
There was no Change in Order.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Folio E16/02/03-01 That the Agenda be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held February 3, 2016

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Folio E16/02/03-02
That the minutes from the Education Committee meeting held January 6, 2016 be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Assistant Superintendent, Scott Saywell announced to the Education Committee that Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools was recently selected as the recipient of the 2015 Premier’s Award for Innovation in the After School Sport and Arts Initiative. The nomination highlighted four key learnings critical to its success:

- Partnership development
- Supports for students facing barriers
- Community driven programming
- Creating powerful networks across BC and beyond

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

Folio E16/02/03-03
The Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that the Board Chair write a letter on behalf of the Board, congratulating the leaders of the after school sports program to which they received the 2015 Premiers Award for.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LEARNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Ms. Marcy Boudreau, Mr. Justin Green, Ms. Karina Younk and Ms. Alana Cameron
RE: District Wide Assessment

The District Review Assessment Committee (DARC) presented an update to the Education Committee. An overview of their collaboration with: Teacher Teams, PLC’s, Professional Development and Learning Series was presented. A survey was used to gain feedback on the AFL Reading Tool. The presentation is attached to the Agenda for further information.

1. Teacher Teams
   - 42 teachers participated from across the District
   - K-3: 20 out of 24 schools are represented
• K-7: 22 out of 24 schools are represented

2. PLC’s
• The tool has created opportunities for educators to discuss student performance in reading and decide on how to alter instruction to improve student learning.

3. Professional Development
• District Day - Damian Cooper - Keynote Speaker
• Assessment is the theme, multiple assessment focused sessions

4. Learning Series
• How to gain a deeper understanding of assessment for learning in order to focus our instruction and engage students as active participants in the learning process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Drug Awareness - Trustee Solomon
Trustee Solomon attended the Island Health and Drug Overdose and Substance Use Community Forum at VIU on January 28, 2016. In BC in the month of December there were 62 drug overdoses. 14 of those overdoses were in Nanaimo, which resulted in four deaths. VIU is now dispensing take-home naloxone kits through its campus medical clinic in an effort to help fight a recent spike in street-drug overdoses. Fentanyl, which is a fast-acting narcotic analgesic and sedative can be abused and mixed with street drugs, and is a very powerful synthetic opiate. The forum focused on the dangerous and potentially deadly effects of Fentanyl. The forum had a panel of representatives from Island Health’s Harm Reduction Unit, RCMP’s community program and VIU representatives.

Trustees would like staff to act proactively in our schools and get the word out regarding drugs and their risks. They would like staff and schools to work with Dr. Hasselback and perhaps issue a
public notice through the Communications Department.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no Questions this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rae

That the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.