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

PRESENT:
Trustees          Staff
S. Higginson, Chair        J. Blain, Superintendent/CEO
N. Bob, Vice-Chair         G. Roberts, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
J. Brennan               D. Burgos, Director of Communications
T. Brzovic                B. Esliger, Assistant Superintendent
S. Kimler                S. Saywell, Assistant Superintendent
S. Rae                   T. Davie, Assistant Superintendent
B. Robinson              K. Toye, Executive Assistant
N. Routley
J. Solomon

Meeting No. E05

ABSENT  IN ATTENDANCE
S. Iverson, NDTA Rep
R. Zver, CUPE Rep
C. Girard, NSAA Rep
C. McKay, DPAC Rep
D. Sywak, 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.

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
16/01/06-01
That the Agenda be approved.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Folio E16/01/06-02

That the minutes from the Education Committee meeting held on November 12, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Folio E16/01/06-03

That the minutes from the Education Committee meeting held December 9, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

Cheryl Onciul, Carrie Segreto
Parents, Ecole North Oyster
RE: French Immersion at Ladysmith Secondary School

Ecole North Oyster parents, Ms. Cheryl Onciul and Ms. Carrie Segreto presented to the Education Committee their passion and commitment in advocating for French Immersion at Ladysmith Secondary School for September 2016. Their presentation included possible challenges and scenarios for the program at LSS, however, as parents of French Immersion students, they indicated how a French Immersion education can positively provide opportunities in future employment as well as offer enhanced programming at no additional cost to families.

Staff are currently looking into interest levels of parents and students at ENO. They have also done some work on preliminary course planning. Staff will provide a report of numbers and staffing in February.

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

Folio E16/01/06-04

That the item of French Immersion at Ladysmith Secondary School be moved to New Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LEARNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Mr. Derek Beeston
RE: CTC: Trades Trailer/Dual Credit Presentation

Derek Beeston, Career Technical Centre Vice-Principal provided an overview of the district’s Career Technical Centre program.

CTC Programs:
Dual Credit Trades and Applied Skills - for grade 12 students in one of 15 areas and credits toward their diploma; backing electrical, carpentry, etc.

Dual Credit - Enrichment program - grade 12 students can take up to four university courses to get a head-start in their chosen field as well as earning credits toward their diploma.

Introduction to Trades (NDSS) - grade 10 - 12 students get a full semester of Carpentry, Plumbing and Electrical as well as their academics. Leadership and Mentorship is a big part of this district program. They also receive a Certification as a Fork Life Operator as well as other certifications.

Other Programs include:
- Elementary Skills and Trades Program
- Secondary School Apprenticeship and Work Experience
- The Tool Box - trades trailer that travels to our Elementary Schools to introduce them to the Applied Skills and Trades options.

It is predicted that 36% of jobs will require a University Degree and 76% of jobs will require Post-Secondary training or apprenticeship.

He provided highlights from the past school year, which included the launch of a new interactive website, Mr. Beeston included the goals for the program over the next two school years and a program summary.

CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

There was no Correspondence Referred from the Regular Board Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

French Immersion at Ladysmith Secondary School

Trustees and staff discussed the possibility of French Immersion at LSS.
ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Routley

Folio
E16/01/06-05

That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.