PRESENT:
Trustees
S. Higginson, Chair
J. Brennan
T. Brzovic
S. Kimler
B. Robinson
N. Routley
J. Solomon

Staff
J. Blain, Superintendent/CEO
G. Roberts, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
D. Burgos, Director of Communications
P. Sabo, Director Planning & Operations
S. Saywell, Assistant Superintendent
T. Davie, Assistant Superintendent
B. Esliger, Assistant Superintendent
K. Toye, Executive Assistant

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ABSENT
N. Bob, Vice-Chair
S. Rae
L. Tait, Director of Instruction

IN ATTENDANCE
S. Iverson, NDTA Rep
R. Zver, CUPE Rep
T. McKay, NSAA Rep
C. McKay, DPAC Rep
A. Rousselle, 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
FSA Letter - Trustee Higginson

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 E15/12/09-01 That the Agenda be approved. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Folio E15/12/09-02
That the minutes from the meeting on October 7, 2015 be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

Brechin Students
RE: BC Lions Skills for Life Summit
Brechin Elementary Students, Ashton and Brandon shared their experiences after attending the BC Lions Skills for Life Summit. They were two of 100 middle school children from across the province that were chosen to get a firsthand look at in-demand jobs of tomorrow.

They, along with their teacher, Ian Drown, had the opportunity to take part in leadership and team building workshops with BC Lions Players.

LEARNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Mr. Bob Esliger
Assistant Superintendent
RE: NLPS Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools Strategy: Collaborative & Multi-dimensional
Mr. Bob Esliger, Assistant Superintendent, provided an update to the Education Committee on the district's safe schools strategy which include:

- The creation of Administrative Procedures to replace the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) and Multicultural and Race Relations (MCRR) policies.
- Requests for the Board to support:
  - The completion of the inclusion policy
  - The work of the SOGI and MCRR committees
  - The creation of a team of school-based inclusion advocates
  - The connection with the NDTA Social Justice Committee

There are key strategies that are needed for the success of a safe, caring and inclusive district:

1. To address harassment, intimidation and bullying; promoting safe, caring and inclusive schools; building staff capacity in creating and maintaining safe and inclusive schools; and coordinating and providing educational services to students, staff and community.
2. To address sexuality issues; co-teach, coordinate and provide resources to schools; and build capacity.
3. To imbed inclusion policy into practice; listen to the voice of visible and invisible minorities and bring issues forward; and coordinate and address inclusive schools issues.

The Board will discuss the next steps for the district's safe schools strategy during the 2016 budget process.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business this evening.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**FSA Letter**

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

Folio
E15/12/09-03

The Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that the Board Chair write a letter to parents that present unbiased pro/con information on the FSA (Foundation Skills Assessment) exam, including checkboxes for opting out of the exam (as per BC legislation) and direct staff to honour parents requests to opt out of the exam, without further contact.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Higginson
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Kimler

Folio
E15/12/09-04

The Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that the Chair write a letter to the Ministry of Education releasing student data to the Fraser Institute.

Motion to Amend
Folio
E15/12/09-05

...Fraser Institute and that it request that the FSA test information be limited to be distributed to Boards of Education, parents and the ministry.
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

On the Main Motion
Folio
E15/12/09-06

The Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that the Chair write a letter to the Ministry of Education releasing student data to the Fraser Institute and that it request that the FSA test information be limited to be distributed to Boards of Education, parents and the ministry.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT
Folio
E15/12/09-07

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Kimler
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brennan

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.