THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD November 12, 2015

PRESENT:
Trustees
S. Higginson, Chair
N. Bob, Vice-Chair
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
R. Gray, Assistant Superintendent
B. Esliger, Assistant Superintendent
K. Toye, Executive Assistant
S. Sproston, Manager, IS Department

Meeting No. E03

ABSENT
S. Iverson, NDTA Rep
R. Zver, CUPE Rep
C. Girard, NSAA Rep
L. Lee, DPAC Rep
C. Brzoza, DASG Rep

IN ATTENDANCE

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
Learning Services Department
Trustee Routley - Hold and Secure Update

New Business
Trustee Bob - Personal - Safety Initiatives

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 E15/11/12-01

That the Agenda be approved. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

There was no Approval of Minutes this evening.

PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Patricia Good
Central Island Healthy Lifestyles
RE: Shapedown BC

Ms. Patricia Good from the Central Island Healthy Lifestyles' program presented to the Education Committee on Shapedown BC.

Shapedown BC is a free 10 week program that helps children, adolescents and their families achieve a healthier lifestyle. The program builds on the strength of the family to support a healthy eating an active lifestyle. The ask from Ms. Good to the Board is to help promote the program within School District 68.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Bob
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brennan

Folio E15/11/12-02

The Education Committee recommends that the discussion on Shapedown BC be moved to New Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Derek DeGear
NDTA 2nd Vice President
RE: Supporting Curriculum Change

Mr. DeGear recently surveyed teachers on curriculum resources in the district. The survey results indicated that the majority of respondents would support the reopening of the District Resource Centre, which would help in the delivery of the new provincial curriculum.

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

Folio E15/11/12-03

The Education Committee recommends that the discussion on Supporting Curriculum be moved to New Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
LEARNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Elementary and Secondary Class Size

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

The Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education that it receive the report from Mr. Blain on Elementary and Secondary class size.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Routley - Hold and Secure

Mr. Blain reported that at about 9:00 am this morning we received a call from the RCMP about a threat that had been made over social media regarding violence at a school. The FBI called the RCMP to advise them of this threat. They had tracked this threat through an IP address in the Nanaimo area. There was no specific location/school at the time, so the RCMP issued a hold and secure for every school in the district, including the DAC.

At around 10:30 am it was decided that this was a low level threat and the hold and secure could be lifted.

CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

There was no correspondence Referred from the Regular Board Meeting this evening.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Bob - Personal Safety Initiatives

Trustee Bob explained that there are increasing incidents of young students that are at risk of being exploited online. She would like to see the district staff thinking creatively on ways to address this issue in schools.

Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Bob Esliger, referred the Education Committee to such resources as; The Justice Theatre in Vancouver, CAPP 8, RespectED and the Vancouver Island Crisis Society that are available to those students who may need it.
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Higginson
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

Folio
E15/11/12-05
The Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that staff look at the possibility of implementing sustained and equitable district-wide mandatory cyber safety training.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Folio
E15/11/12-06
The Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that staff explore how much support we can provide to the Central Island Healthy Lifestyle program in schools and report back to the Education Committee at a later date.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DRC - Supporting Curriculum Change
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Rae
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Bob

Folio
E15/11/12-07
The Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that staff compile a report on what is involved in re-opening the DRC and the costs involved to be brought back through the budget process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Folio
E15/11/12-08
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.