THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD September 9, 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
T. Davie, Assistant Superintendent
L. Tait, Director of Instruction
K. Toye, Executive Assistant

Meeting No. E01

ABSENT
B. Esliger, Assistant Superintendent
T. McKay, NSAA Rep

IN ATTENDANCE
S. Iverson/M. Ball, NDTA Rep
R. Zver, CUPE Rep
C. McKay, DPAC Rep
W. Dirksen, DASG Rep

CALL TO ORDER
The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm and recognized that tonight’s meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw people.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
School Start-up - Trustee Kimler

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

CHANGE IN ORDER
Ministry Update Presentation - Mr. John Blain - followed by SPOT Scanner - Eye Screening Project Presentation - Mr. Ron Jorgensen

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rae
Folio E15/09/09-01
That the Agenda be approved. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Folio E15/09/09-02
That the minutes from the Education Committee meeting June 3, 2015 be approved. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Ron Jorgensen
Member, Alberni Lions Club
RE: SPOT Scanner - Eye Screening Project

Mr. Jorgensen presented SPOT Scanner, Eye Screening Project – “Your Vision is Our Vision”, an initiative in which the Lions Club requests the endorsement and potential future partnership with the district. The Club’s goal is to work collaboratively with the district to facilitate early access to the SPOT VS 100 screeners by students in the education system beginning this fall. Mr. Jorgensen's presentation is available online on the SD 68 website and attached to the Agenda for this evening.

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

Folio E15/09/09-03
That this item be moved to New Business CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LEARNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Mr. John Blain & Ms. Laura Tait
Ministry of Education Update & NLPS Framework

Superintendent, John Blain presented to the Board an update from the Ministry of Education. The update included:

- Curriculum and competencies
- Assessment and reporting
- Framework for enhanced student learning
- Continuing professional development
- My Education BC
- Next Generation Network (NGN)
- Provincial Scholarship Program

Laura Tait, Director of Instruction presented to the Board the district’s Learning Plan Framework.
The following learning objectives are part of a district-wide framework the district will work within, over the next three years:

4. Inclusion: District-wide inclusionary practices to improve student learning.

This presentation is available online and attached to the Agenda.

Mr. John Blain
Learning Services Student Survey for Cedar Timeline IS

Superintendent Blain shared with the Education Committee, an Information Sheet regarding next steps for the reopening of Cedar Secondary School for September 2016. The Department of Learning Services will administer a survey to all Cedar students who are currently enrolled in Nanaimo Secondary Schools. These results will help staff to project September 2016 enrolment numbers at Cedar Community Secondary School. The Department of Learning Services will then create a grade configuration model and implementation plan to be presented to the Education Committee on October 7, 2015.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. John Blain
RE: The McCreary Centre Society

Superintendent Blain presented a letter from The McCreary Centre Society regarding the BC Adolescent Health Survey as information to the Education Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

School Start Up
Trustee Kimler

Trustee Kimler expressed several concerns regarding school start up. He and some other Trustees don't believe that the first week of school is using student time the most efficiently as it could be. In his opinion, the lack of
instructional time in the first week of school is concerning. In response to this, staff explained the reasons why: enrolment projections are still being worked out, student transfers over the summer, class configuration/sizes. Staff explained that while students aren't sitting in the classroom, there is much learning that does occur. This sort of interaction with theme and program building needs to take place before more learning can take place in the classrooms. DPAC and NDTA shared positive experiences with school start up this year.

**SPOT Scanner Eye Screening Project**

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

Folio E15/09/09-04

The Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that they refer the "Your Vision is Our Vision" proposal to staff and that staff bring their recommendation back to a future meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**QUESTION PERIOD**

There was one question this evening from the audience.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Folio E15/09/09-05

That the meeting be adjourned

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.