THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68  
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD June 3, 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  
R. Gray, Assistant Superintendent  
K. Toye, Executive Assistant  

ABSENT
W. Dirksen, DASG Rep  
S. Saywell, Assistant Superintendent  
B. Esliger, Assistant Superintendent  

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

Meeting No. E8

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
Item 11.2 - Energy Ambassadors and item 11.3 - Policy Steering Committee

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

CHANGE IN ORDER
There was no Change In Order this evening.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Folio E15/06/03-01  
That the agenda be approved.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held June 3, 2015

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Folio E15/06/03-02

That the minutes from the Education Committee meeting May 6, 2015 be approved as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

Ed Chan, John Barsby
Secondary School PAC
President
RE: Coalition of SD68
Secondary School PACs

Mr. Ed Chan, outgoing PAC president addressed the Education Committee and made a presentation on behalf of the Coalition of Secondary Schools and provided three recommendations for the Board to consider:

• That the Board of Education engage an outside advisor to assist the Board with the remainder of the facilities planning process;

• The Coalition would like to work constructively with the Board in good faith and influence the course of the upcoming facilities review; and

• That the Board hold in abeyance the decision to open Cedar Secondary until the first draft of the long-term facilities plan is completed. Once the Board situates the Cedar school within a draft long-term facilities plan, the Coalition would welcome the re-opening of the school as long as the Board shows that the plan makes educational, fiscal and community sense.

He thanked the Board for making an exception and allowing their presentation even though their coalition missed the deadline. There was fulsome dialogue; questions/answers/discussion between the Board and members of the audience.

Ms. Lori Warwick also spoke for the coalition and explained that the coalition is not at odds with what District PAC’s are doing, but that something needed to be formed on behalf of Secondary Schools. They feel that because of the motion that passed on April 22, 2015, "It was apparent that the Board did not know what the implications of their motion were." Their objection isn't to Cedar being reopened, it's that the decision was made before the consultation was over and the way the decision was made.
Trustee Higginson wanted to ensure in order to move forward with the best interests of students, that they had to be as honest and transparent as possible for this to occur.

Mr. Blain clarified with the coalition that they were not speaking on behalf of the PAC’s as this would be in violation of the School Act. The coalition agreed that this is not the case.

**LEARNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**Update of Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) numbers**

These numbers have not yet been released by the ministry, but they did say we were able to share them with the Education Committee this evening. They are attached to the Agenda.

**Scholarship Update**

Mr. Blain presented the Education Committee with the NLSF scholarship summary. A total of over $325,000 of scholarships, bursaries and awards will be presented to deserving students due to the generous donations from community individuals, businesses and organizations.

151 Ministry Dogwoods valued at $151,000 will be presented to students.

In total, graduating students will receive over $482,000 to help pursue their post-secondary education.

**CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

There was no Correspondence Referred From the Regular Board this evening.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business this evening.
NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Higginson / Mr. Blain - Initial Framework for Enhancing Student Learning

Over the past year, the Ministry of Education and the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA), along with other provincial partner organizations, have been working closely to develop a Framework for Enhancing Student Learning.

The new framework, which takes effect July 1, 2015, will replace existing legislative requirements such as Achievement Contracts, the Superintendent Report on Student Achievement, District Literacy Plans, Superintendents of Achievement and School Planning Councils.

Deputy Minister Dave Byng asked that Boards provide feedback by June 10, 2015 to the BCSTA, who will then consolidate the feedback and provide a summary to the Ministry by June 15, 2015.

The NDTA would like to give their feedback, if given the opportunity. As this is a BCSTA request, therefore Trustee driven, it was decided that NDTA/DPAC would be able to give their feedback to Trustee Higginson by Monday June 8 at noon. Trustee Higginson would then compile it into a document that will be provided to Trustees for discussion.

Energy Ambassadors - Trustee Robinson/Dale Burgos

Staff are still working on developing this from the motion that passed at the Regular Board Meeting on May 27, 2015:

The Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) requests staff to explore the possibility of a district wide separation policy for all schools to include: plastics, metal, paper towel and compost and $1700 to support three (3) Green Network meetings per year: transportation plus one (1) annual project.

Policy Steering Committee - Trustee Bob

Staff has started on this work already, along with Mr. Mumford. He is creating the Administrative Procedures. The next phase of this process will be to connect all of the Policies and Administrative Procedures together along with the website with the goal of having it all completed by next Christmas.
Trustee Bob believes that there needs to be some policies that should be revised as well as some new policies that need to be developed.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY