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, A/Superintendent/CEO
G. Roberts, A/Secretary-Treasurer
D. Burgos, Director of Communications
R. Gray, Assistant Superintendent
S. Saywell, Assistant Superintendent
B. Esliger, Assistant Superintendent
L. Tait, Director of Instruction
K. Toye, Executive Assistant

Meeting No. 6

ABSENT
Mike Ball, NDTA Rep
R. Zver, CUPE Rep
D. McGonigle, NSAA Rep
C. McKay, DPAC Rep
W. Dirksen, DASG Rep

IN ATTENDANCE
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 meeting this evening.

CHANGE IN ORDER
There was no change in order this evening.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Folio
That the Agenda be approved.
E15/04/01-01                                     CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Folio E15/04/01-02

That the minutes of the Education Committee held February 4, 2015 be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. P. Hasselback
RE: Children’s Poverty Issues in Schools

Dr. P. Hasselback, Medical Health Officer under the Public Health Act, presented to the Education Committee on poverty and health in schools.

His presentation is attached to the agenda and included:
• Income-based comparisons of students and families across Vancouver Island and the effects it has on health and student achievement.
• Early Development Index (EDI) comparisons.
• Information from the McCreary Centre Society report (ie. injuries, risky sexual behavior, substance use and high school completion rates).

LEARNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Staff Report on Learning Commons Elementary and Secondary

Val Martineau and Liz Sansoucy-Jones, Teacher-Librarians with the district, presented to the Education Committee a report on teaching in the library learning commons.

Their presentation is attached to the Agenda.

If focused on clarifying the following concepts:
• What is a library learning commons?
• What is the changing role of the teacher-librarian within the library learning commons?
• How can teacher-librarians help with the new curriculum?
• How do teacher-librarians lead in technology?
M. Jane Carroll, District Vice-Principal  
Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI)

Ms. Jane Carroll, District Vice-Principal presented to the Education Committee on the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI). Her presentation is attached to the Agenda.

MDI is a self-report questionnaire completed by children in Grades 4 and 7 measuring areas of development strongly linked to well-being, health and academic achievement. MDI focuses on: the development of the "whole child"; perspectives of children; relationships being seen as central; and multiple contexts.

There are five dimensions of MDI:
- Social and developmental
- Connectedness
- School experiences
- Physical health and well-being
- Use of after-school time

C. Iles  
Harewood Volunteer  
RE: Summer Programming

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan  
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Routley

Folio  
E15/04/01-03  
The Agenda Setting Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) the correspondence regarding summer programs be referred to staff with explanation for a response at the next Education Committee Meeting on April 1, 2015.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cinnabar Valley Elementary Staff  
RE: Fully Funded Sexual Health Education Program

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan  
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

Folio  
E15/04/01-04  
The Agenda Setting Committee recommends to the Education Committee that the correspondence referred from the Regular Board
Meeting on March 18, 2015 regarding a fully funded sexual health education program at Cinnibar Valley Elementary be referred to staff for response.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Ecole North Oyster School PAC**
**RE: Contracting a District Sexual Health Educator**

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

The Agenda Setting Committee recommends to the Education Committee that the correspondence referred from the Regular Board Meeting on March 18, 2015 regarding contracting a District Sexual Health Educator be referred to staff for response.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
There was no Unfinished Business this evening.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Community Schools Program Discussion**

- **Long Term Plans for Community School Coordinators**
- **Summer Programs – Timing**
- **Update on Special Education and Disability Services - Mr. Esliger**

Mr. Esliger presented on the staffing of school psychologists and educational assistants in the district. His presentation is attached to the Agenda. School psychologists in the district work with the response to intervention program and the assessment of our students. Mr. Esliger also provided background information on educational assistant staffing and assignments.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions from the audience this evening.
ADJOURNMENT

Folio E15/04/01-06

That the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.