THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE
HELD MARCH 4, 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, A/Superintendent/CEO
G. Roberts, A/Secretary-Treasurer
D. Burgos, Director of Communications
K. Toye, Executive Assistant

ABSENT
IN ATTENDANCE
M. Ball, NDTA Rep
R. Zver, CUPE Rep
C. Lintott, NSAA Rep
C. McKay, DPAC 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
There were no additions to the agenda this evening.

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Folio E15/03/04-01 That the Agenda be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes - February 4, 2015
Folio E15/03/04-02
That the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held February 4, 2015 be adopted.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Janet Mansbridge
Registered Speech and Language Pathologist
RE: The role of Speech and Language Pathologists in Schools
Ms. Janet Mansbridge presented to the Education Committee the important work our speech and language pathologists perform in our schools. Her presentation was on behalf of the district's speech and language pathologists, which included information on student challenges, classroom opportunities and success stories. We have approximately 1,300 to 2,000 students in the district with communication difficulties that are significant enough to affect learning success.

Ms. Sherry Wade/Diane Goodman/Geoff Hall
RCMP Liaison
RE: The Role of Liaison Officers in Schools
Acting Corporal Sherri Wade, of the Nanaimo RCMP Youth Unit presented to the Board the role of the RCMP Liaison Officers in our schools. The Youth Unit currently consists of four constables and one Acting Corporal and responds to calls for service at 34 schools in Nanaimo. In the community of Ladysmith, there are currently no dedicated liaison officers, however, they do have officers that work closely with the schools.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rae
That the Education Committee move the Role of the School Liaison Officer to New Business, item 11.1.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LEARNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Ms. T. Flower
Member, SOGI and MRR

John Blain, A/Superintendent
RE: Amalgamation of SOGI and MRR Committees

Folio E15/03/04-04

That the correspondence referred from the February 25, 2015 Regular Board Meeting be received and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Higginson

Folio E15/03/04-05

That the Education Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that the Board Chair write to the Superintendent of the RCMP requesting that current staffing police liaison services be maintained and the important role the liaison officers play in the prevention of offences in schools.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Bob
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rae

Folio E15/03/04-06

That the Education Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) to request staff to continue to explore the possibility of RCMP liaison services with Ladysmith schools.

Opposed by Trustee Kimler

CARRIED

BCTSA February 19-20, 2015 Conference Update - Trustee Brzovic

The update was moved to the Business Committee Agenda on Wednesday February 11, 2015.

Discussion regarding merging the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) and Multi-cultural and Race Relations (MRR) Committees
The Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) to rescind the motion to merge the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Committee with the Multicultural Race and Relations (MRR) Committee until the Board has such time to review again in June.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY