THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE
HELD FEBRUARY 4, 2015

PRESENT:

Trustees
S. Higginson, 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
R. Gray, Assistant Superintendent
S. Saywell, Assistant Superintendent
P. Sabo, Director of Planning and Operations (left 7:09pm)

Meeting No. 4

ABSENT
N. Bob, Vice-Chair

IN ATTENDANCE
M. Ball, NDTA Rep
R. Zver, CUPE Rep
D. McGonigle, NSAA Rep
C. McKay, DPAC Rep
W. Dirksen, DASG Rep

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 8.2 - Policies and Procedures - Mr. J. Blain
Item 11.1 - BCSTA - Trustee Brzovic
Item 11.2 - SOGI & Multicultural and Race Relations Committee - Trustee Brzovic

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rae

Folio E15/02/04-01
That the Agenda be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Kimler
Folio E15/02/04-02

That the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held January 7, 2015 be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Joel Smith
NLPS Teacher
RE: September 2015 Lacrosse Academy at NDSS

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

Folio E15/02/04-03

That the Education Committee move this request to New Business.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Joel Smith, teacher at NDSS proposed the implementation of a Field Lacrosse Academy at NDSS.

There are steadily increasing numbers of registrants in the sport of lacrosse on Vancouver Island which indicates a growing interest in the sport. The goal of the NDSS Field Lacrosse Academy planning group is to have student athletes experience success through their academic and athletic endeavours while enrolled in the NDSS Field Lacrosse Academy.

Ms. Lisa Frey
Departure Bay
RE: Eco-School Academy

Folio E15/02/04-04

That the Education Committee move this request to New Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Lisa Frey, Principal at Departure Bay
Elementary presented on the Eco-School activities currently scheduled at the school.

Departure Bay Elementary has been piloting the Eco-School program. The goal of the program is to; develop students’ awareness and knowledge of our surrounding environment and to inspire others to develop an interest in becoming involved in science and sustainability in the community.

Ms. Frey requested the Board to formally recognize Departure Bay Elementary as an Eco-School Academy (K-7) with a tuition paying Nature Primary program.

**LEARNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

John Blain, A/Superintendent

**NEW BUSINESS**

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
Folio E15/02/04-05

That the Education Committee approve the Field Lacrosse Academy in principle and recommend this to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) and have staff provide a recommendation at its next regular Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Folio E15/02/04-06

That the Education Committee approved the Eco-School in principle and recommend this to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) and have staff provide a recommendation at its next regular Board Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BCTSA - Trustee Brzovic

Trustee Brzovic reported that she had emailed Trustees requesting any motions they would like put forward to the February 2015 BCSTA Provincial Council meeting.

Trustee Kimler reported that at the BCPSEA AGM a motion was passed which urges the BCSTA to press the Government to resolve the matter of governance of the BCPSEA.

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Committee and Race Relations Committee - Trustee Brzovic

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

Folio E15/02/04-07

That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education to strike an ad hoc committee to merge the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Committee (SOGI) and the Multicultural and Race Relations Committee (MRR) into one group called the Diversity and Social Justice Committee, for a period of 6 months at which time the committee will present
a report to the Board.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**QUESTION PERIOD**

There were a couple of questions from the audience this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Folio  
E15/02/04-08

That the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.