THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE
HELD OCTOBER 1, 2014

PRESENT:

Trustees
K. Howland, Chair
D. Allen
B. Bard
J. Brennan
N. Curley
D. Neary
B. Robinson
T. Saunders
S. Welch

Staff
D. Hutchinson, Superintendent/CEO
J. Blain, Deputy Superintendent
B. Esliger, Assistant Superintendent
C. Kelt, Executive Assistant

Meeting No. E1

IN ATTENDANCE
S. Iverson, NDTA Rep
R. Zver, CUPE Rep
T. McKay, NSAA Rep
A. Cameron, DPAC Rep

CALL TO ORDER
The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:10 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.

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

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

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

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That the Agenda be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Saunders
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Bard

That the minutes of the Education Committee meeting held June 3, 2014 be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

There were no Presentations this evening.

LEARNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

New Principals - Introduction

Mr. Blain introduced three of the four new school administrators hired recently to the Education Committee. He invited each principal to tell the Committee members about themselves.

- Jeff Hasenauer, principal of Rutherford Elementary
- Collette Young, principal of Ladysmith Intermediate
- Shannon Apland, vice-principal of Quarterway Elementary.

Mr. Blain outlined Learning Services Initiatives for 2014-15. Major initiatives which are continuing include

- Response to Intervention
- Self-Regulated Learning
- District Zone Teams and E-2-3

New district initiatives supporting the Learning Enhancement Plan this year will include

- Professional Learning Communities
- Focus School Projects at Bayview, Georgia Avenue, Brechin, Fairview and North Oyster
- K-3 Assessment; Instructional Coordinators’ Learning Workshops and University Heights Learning Centre.

Mr. Blain said there are three recent initiatives of interest and they are:
• a workshop on sensory processing and self-regulation for about 180 education assistants
• Non-Violent Crisis Intervention training for teachers and EAs in both of the District Special Education Classes
• plans for community networking activities
  StrongStart Facilitators

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Allen

Community Schools - B. Esliger
Mr. Esliger, Assistant Superintendent, gave the Education Committee an overview of community schools in the district, with recommendations about how community schools can support the district’s strategic plan and 10-year facilities for learning plan.

Mr. Esliger asked the Committee to consider the district moving from two families of community schools (Harewood and Cedar) to allocating Community School Coordinators’ time across three zones. The district would consult with school-based administration this fall to determine the zone focus and would use data-based decision making to focus interventions to support schools.

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

That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that it move from two families of community schools: Harewood Family and Cedar Family to allocating the CSCs across the three zones, to include

• consult with school-based administration in the fall of 2014
• determine the "zone focus" for SCSCs
• determine how to increase CSC hours to 35 per week
• determine how to manage rentals (remove from
their duties).
. utilize data-based decision making to focus interventions to support schools, EDI, and NLPS Literacy assessments
. determine how to manage case-load
. determine if the CSCs pick up other parts to their portfolios, ie, Healthy schools, Early Learning, and Practicum Supervision and Organization.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE
REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

There was no correspondence referred from the September 24, 2014 Board Meeting to the Education Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Poverty Initiative Update

Chair Howland told the Committee that Facilitator, Joy Becker is unable working with the Committee at this time due to medical reasons.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Curley

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That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that the incoming Board continue with the assigned responsibility to continue working on the poverty issue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Bard - Reporting Out Conference: Self Regulation

Trustee Bard reported out on a recent conference he attended on Self-Regulation.

Achievement Contract 2014-2015 (Draft)

Mr. Hutchinson reviewed the draft Achievement Contract with Committee members and said that the final report will be brought to the October Board meeting. He responded to questions from committee members.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Saunders

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That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that staff consider a pilot
study on the impact of school closure on the student achievement in the Cedar Zone.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Welch asked DPAC to consider collecting some analytical data on the parent's view on how the school closure affected their children.

Draft Administrative Procedure - Parent Roles, Responsibilities and Rights

Chair Howland asked Trustee Robinson to take the Chair.

Trustee Howland spoke about her concerns in the draft Administrative Procedure on Parent Roles, Responsibilities and Rights.

Mr. Hutchinson said that given everything that has been said this evening he believes that this procedure can be simplified.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Howland

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That the Education Committee refers the Draft Administrative Procedure on Parent Roles, Responsibilities and Rights back to staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Howland

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That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.