THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE
HELD JUNE 3, 2014

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

Staff
J. Blain, Deputy Superintendent
D. Reimer, Director of Communications
C. Kelt, Executive Assistant

ABSENT
T. Saunders

IN ATTENDANCE
S. Iverson, NDTA Rep
N. Illes, DPAC Rep

Meeting No. E-09

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
There were no additions to the Agenda this evening.

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 Neary
Folio
E14/06/04/-01
That the Agenda be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Howland advised that following the Learning Services Reports that a facilitator would join the table and that we would suspend the rules and allow anyone in the room to participate in the conversation about the poverty initiative.
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Bard
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

That the minutes of the Education Committee meeting held May 7, 2014 be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

Jeanette Pongratz-Doyle
RE: DPAC Anti-Bullying Campaign

Ms. Pongratz-Doyle, a representative of the District Parents Advisory Council made a presentation to the Board’s Education Committee putting forward a proposal to conduct a year-long anti-bullying campaign next year that would include partnerships with the district, CUPE, the NDTA, and the community.

The campaign would include materials for parents and staff, along with professional development opportunities and presentations for parents and students. The DPAC representatives asked for Board support for the project, including $15,000 in financial support.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Neary
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Welch

That the Education Committee refers the matter of SD68 DPAC Anti-Bullying Campaign, including the two motions for consideration, to New Business on tonight’s agenda.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LEARNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Eco School - Hammond Bay - Ms. Lisa Frey

Ms. Lisa Frey, principal of Departure Bay Elementary, spoke to the Education Committee about the plans for her school to become an eco-school. She said that this has been a year of exploring the proposal with the school community, with plans for a pilot next year leading to applying for academy school status for the 2015-16 school year.

Although the idea was only proposed this year, with the help of community partners the school has already carried out a number of
environmentally-focused projects, including electronic recycling, Earth Day celebration, Bike to School Week, Science Saturday and a waste art exhibit.

Ms. Frey said that the proposal ties in well with the B.C. Education Plan, promoting student engagement and student-centred learning and personalized learning. She said that eco-school graduates will have a clear sense of their place in the environment.

E23 District Wide Assessment - Ms. Laura Tait

Ms. Tait, District Principal for Aboriginal Education, gave a presentation about the E23 initiative this year that brought together all teachers in grade level groups, Kindergarten to Grade 3, for five mornings of collaboration focusing on reading.

The goal of the initiative, which is expected to continue next year, is to develop a culture of collaboration, building a community and developing common understandings. It is believed that this is the first time that all teachers at each grade level K-3 have had the opportunity to collaborate with their colleagues at the same grade level.

As part of the E23 process, StrongStart facilitators also had an opportunity to meet together in sessions led by Kindergarten teachers.

French Immersion Update - Mr. Peter Hewitt

Mr. Peter Hewitt, principal of North Oyster Elementary gave the Education Committee an update on French programs in the district. Mr. Hewitt said that Late French Immersion will be offered at the Grade 6 level next year at Ecole Quarterway, with 25 students currently registered.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Welch
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Bard

That the Education Committee receives Mr. Hewitt's French Immersion report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
**Deputy Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Blain gave a brief update from the Learning Services Department.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Bard
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Neary

**Folio**

E14/06/04-05

That the Education Committee receives the Deputy Superintendent's Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DPAC Presentation on Anti-Bullying Campaign**

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Neary

Folio

E13/06/04-06

That the Education Committee refers the motion to staff and ask staff to report back on the viability and financial implications the two suggested motions from DPAC would create.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Motion to Amend**

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Welch
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Allen

Folio

E14/06/04-07

That the motion be amended by including "by the June Board Meeting".

**On the Main Motion as Amended**

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Neary

Folio

E14/06/04-08

That the Education Committee refers the motion to staff and ask staff to report back on the viability and financial implications the two suggested motions from DPAC would create by the June Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**POVERTY INITIATIVE**

Trustee Howland introduced Facilitator, Joy Becker to Committee members. She said that Ms. Becker would facilitate the conversation on student poverty in our district with the goal of developing strategies to address the issues.

At the end of the meeting, it was determined that the September 3rd Education Committee Meeting would be used to continue the conversation on
student poverty.

**CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

No correspondence was referred to the Education Committee from the May Board meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business on the Agenda this evening.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions on the Agenda this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Bard
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brennan

That the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.