THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE
HELD MAY 7, 2014

PRESENT:
Trustees
K. Howland, Chair
J. Brennan
N. Curley
D. Neary

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

ABSENT
D. Allen
B. Bard
T. Saunders
B. Robinson
S. Welch

IN ATTENDANCE
S. Iverson, NDTA Rep
J. Smith, CUPE Rep
T. McKay, NSAA Rep
N. Illes, DPAC Rep

Meeting No. E08

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 E14/05/07-01
That the Agenda be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Neary
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brennan
Folio E14/05/07-02
That the minutes of the Education Committee meeting held April 2, 2014 be approved as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
### PRESENTATIONS

**Frank J. Ney**  
**RE: Playground Buddy Program**  
A group of students from Frank J. Ney Elementary School, along with their principal Ms. Young, told the committee members about the school’s Playground Buddies program.

Ms. Young said the program was started as a way to provide leadership opportunities for older students at the school. The playground buddies play games and organize activities for primary students and keep a look out for children who need a buddy.

**Dr. P. Hasselback, Medical Health Officer - VIHA**  
Dr. Paul Hasselback, Medical Health Officer for the Central Island, spoke to the Education Committee and reviewed a number of topics that are of common interest to both the health and education systems.

Dr. Hasselback reviewed the Early Development Indicators data for the school district which show that in recent years the levels of vulnerability for children coming to Kindergarten has increased in the areas of physical, social and emotional development, while vulnerability in the areas of language and communication have remained stable or improved slightly.

Members of the Committee spoke to Dr. Hasselback about how they could explore ways for the health system and the school system to work together to address issues of poverty and vulnerability.

### LEARNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Mr. Blain provided Committee members with an update on recent Learning Services activities. These include:

- Planning for implementation of the K-3 assessment initiative in the fall of 2014.

- Development work is underway for the Grades 4-9 assessment.

- A district team is designing professional learning experiences that principals can use to support Professional Learning Communities in the fall.
• A wide variety of professional learning opportunities took place at schools on the non-instructional day Monday, May 5.

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

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That The Education Committee receives the Learning Services Report from Mr. Blain.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

POVERTY INITIATIVE

Chair Howland distributed notes from the April 2nd Education Committee Meeting along with comments from School PACS and from the NSAA Rep., T. McKay.

CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

There was no correspondence referred to the Committee from the April Board Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business on the agenda this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business on the agenda this evening.

QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Neary
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Curley

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That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.