CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and recognized that tonight's meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw people.

Ms. Iverson asked if she could speak to the Committee regarding the correspondence she had received from the Board Chair in regards to the March Education Committee Meeting.

Chair Howland thanked her for her comments and for sitting at the table this evening.

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 Neary
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brennan

That the Agenda be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Robinson
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Neary

That the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held March 4, 2014 be adopted.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

Matthew Jaques
Kids on the Block Puppets

Ms. Cathy Robson and Mr. Matthew Jaques gave a presentation about Kids on the Block Puppets to the Committee. The Kids on the Block program helps address various disabilities, educational and medical differences and social concerns.

LEARNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Deputy Superintendent's Report

Mr. Blain told the Committee members:

• Work is continuing with the RespectED: Violence and Abuse Prevention program. A full-day healthy youth relationship workshop has been scheduled in April for health and career teachers from secondary schools.

• The district created a focus group of teachers who participated in an in-depth review of the Ministry of Education’s new draft curricula and provided feedback to the Ministry in March.

• The Minister of Education recently selected Ladysmith Secondary student Hannah McDonnell who will be a representative on B.C.’s ERASE Student Advisory.

• The Ministry of Education is working with lead provincial trainers to offer multi-level training for educators and community partners. Starting this fall, the following training will be offered to all
school districts: Preventing Bullying and Ensuring Safe and Caring School Communities, and Basic Threat Risk Assessment Training.

Mr. Blain also provided an update on transition plans for schools approved for consolidation.

• A school consolidation working group has been meeting since November and had its final meeting on March 6 for the Cedar Community Secondary students transitioning to John Barsby.

• A school consolidation working group has been formed and held its first meeting on January 10 for the Senior Learning Alternatives (VAST) transition to NDSS in September 2014. The group will meet again in May. Transitions for programs from the Junior Learning Alternatives to NDSS were completed in August 2013 and the program was relocated.

• A school consolidation working group had its first meeting on March 13 for the Ecole Davis Road students transitioning to North Oyster Elementary in September 2014. The group will continue to meet every 4 weeks until the end of the school year.

• A school consolidation working group is being formed for the North Cedar Intermediate and Woodbank Primary students transitioning to Cedar Elementary in September 2015. The first meeting will be in May.

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

That the Deputy Superintendent's Report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business on the Agenda this evening.
NEW BUSINESS

Focus on Board Goal of Child Poverty - Chair Howland

Chair Howland asked Committee members to focus its attention on one of the Board's goals – child poverty. Trustee Howland asked education partners to gather information about what schools are already doing and ideas that could be brought forward.

The Committee will discuss child poverty and the issues it raises over the upcoming months.

QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the audience this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.