THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2014 – 6:00 PM
BOARD ROOM
AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
The Chair will call the meeting to order and recognizes that tonight's meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw people.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

3. DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

4. CHANGE IN ORDER

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
6.1 Minutes - December 4, 2013
That the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held December 4, 2013 be approved.
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7. PRESENTATIONS
7.1 Lindsay Watford
Learn@Home K-7
Student Presentation on the K-7 Learn@Home Program

8. LEARNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT
John Blain, Deputy Superintendent
8.1 Deputy Superintendent's Report for February 2014

8.2 Derek Beeston
RE: Learning Alternatives.

9. CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
There was no correspondence referred from the January Board Meeting to the Education Committee.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS
12. QUESTION PERIOD
Questions from the audience must be submitted in writing and given to the Board’s Executive Assistant (Cathy Kelt) for submission to the Chair. The question period is intended to enable the public to obtain clarifying information regarding a current agenda item.

Forms are available in the information rack near the entrance of the Board Room

13. ADJOURNMENT
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE
HELD DECEMBER 4, 2013

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

Staff
D. Hutchinson, Superintendent/CEO
J. Blain, Deputy Superintendent
L. Tait, District Principal
D. Reimer, Director of Communications
C. Kelt, Executive Assistant

ABSENT
N. Curley

IN ATTENDANCE
S. Iverson, NDTA Rep
R. Zver, CUPE Rep
T. Watson, NSAA Rep
A. Cameron, DPAC 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
Election of Vice-Chair of the Education Committee Meeting was added to the Agenda.

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 Bard

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

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

That the Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held November 6, 2013 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Chair Howland called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Education Committee.

Trustee Brennan nominated Trustee Robinson. Chair Howland called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Education Committee a second time, and a third time.

Chair Howland asked Trustee Robinson if he accepted the nomination. Trustee Robinson stated he accepted the nomination.

Chair Howland declared Trustee Robinson Vice-Chair of the Education Committee.

LEARNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

John Blain, Deputy Superintendent, introduced, Laura Tait, District Principal of Aboriginal Education. Ms. Tait spoke about the presentations that would be happening this evening and said they highlighted many of the initiatives underway in our schools supporting Aboriginal Education.

Ms. Tait noted that the Aboriginal graduation rate has increased by six percent last year – from 49.9% in 2011-12 to 56.2% in 2012-13. While the improvement is to be celebrated, there is still much work to be done.

• Pleasant Valley Elementary Principal Kathy Bergman described the work that has been done at that school over the past four years to integrate Aboriginal learning into the school culture. Elder Jerry Brown was on hand with students displaying their skill with traditional drumming.

• The Bayview Shawl Dancers proudly displayed their ceremonial shawls, which the students created for themselves and demonstrated traditional dances. The group has a 10-year
history at the school.

• Principal David Birnie described the program at Coal Tyee and showed video of Aboriginal Education Assistant Linda Walls and Teacher Aimee Blow working with Kindergarten students on traditional singing.

• Students from John Barsby demonstrated their traditional drumming and singing. The group, led by Aboriginal Education Support Teacher Mandy Jones is much in demand for school and community events.

• Students Kianna Watts and Malcolm Beaton described the way that Aboriginal understanding are woven into Teacher Lynn Brown's Grade 11 English class, and the powerful impact that has had on them personally.

Mr. Blain thanked everyone for participating in tonight's meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

There was no correspondence forwarded to the Education Committee from the November 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 Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Bard

That the meeting be adjourned.  CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.
Learning Services Update

1) General:
   - Changes in Learning Services Positions:
     o Director of Instruction: Laura Tait
     o Supervisor of Instruction: Darlene Crane
   - Projected Student Enrolment:
     Currently in the process of being finalized; schools have created their projections for next school year.
   - Staffing:
     We are currently communicating with the Unions on the process of consolidation and its effects on staffing. Once the Board has completed its decisions on school consolidations and closures, the department will move forward with staffing plans.
   - Assistant Superintendents have completed school/principal visits that included discussions about goals and vision.

2) Assessment Review Committee:
   - Drafted spring workplan including establishing dates for determining assessment tool recommendations and implementation strategies
   - Reviewed initial fall pilot feedback information from principals, teachers, instructional coordinators, and student support teachers
   - Parent representative meeting to preview assessment tools

3) Response to Intervention:
   - Two teacher in-service opportunities with approximately 90 teacher representatives from Grades 4-9
   - Leadership Series Event w/ over 100 principals and teacher representatives
   - Student Support Teacher in-service 5 key components of reading and diagnostic assessment strategies
   - Initiated LSST refinement pilot to enhance efficiency and effectiveness of model
4) **Professional Learning Communities:**

- Established District PLC Leadership Teams inclusive of a District Design, Communication, and Community Support Structure sub-teams
- Created a communication package for school administrators

5) **E23**

- Provided in-service for all K-3 teachers focused on high impact instructional practices for reading comprehension in November
- In-service the first week of February will include high impact instructional strategies on Vocabulary and Fluency

6) **Schools: Activities:**

- John Barsby:
  - Barsby’s Welcome Poles (four poles featuring Aboriginal student designs) are now completed and were formally Blessed during a short ceremony held Thursday morning, December 19. Parents/guardians and Barsby’s neighbours were invited to witness the Blessing.
  - Preparations are underway for the Northern Games which are scheduled for Friday, March 14 at Barsby. The Games, this year, is a cooperative event with Cedar Secondary and John Barsby competing together.

- Ecole Davis Road:
  - Congratulations to all the Ecole Davis Road students who participated in the first two district sports football and cross-country running events. Students developed skills and proudly represented their school. A special congratulations goes out to the bantam girls football team for winning the district championship, and to the bantam boys football team for finishing third in the league championships. The teacher coaches were Mrs. Mould, Mr. Walsh and Mrs. Heather.

7) **Human Resources-related Activities:**

- NDTA/HR Teacher Evaluation workshop
- Chris Weber, RTI Leadership Series
- Host Vancouver Island BCSSA, Leadership Series
- District Assessment Committee – ongoing

8) **Attachment and Board Requests:**

- School Visits Discussion Guide

John Blain  
Deputy Superintendent of Schools

Attach.