THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE
HELD FEBRUARY 5, 2014

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

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

Meeting No. E5

ABSENT
N. Curley
D. Neary
S. Welch

IN ATTENDANCE
R. Zver, CUPE Rep
T. McKay, NSAA Rep
S. Iverson, NDTA 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
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 Allen
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brennan
Folio
E14/02/05
That the Agenda be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Bard
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson
Folio
E14/02/05-02
That the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held December 4, 2013 be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
PRESENTATIONS

Lindsay Watford
Learn@Home K-7
Student Presentation on the K-7 Learn@Home Program

Three students, Taryn Pinder, Amelia Watford and Nigel Lum, from the district’s Learn@Home K-7 program told the Committee members about the program and what it means to them.

The students described how they combine learning at home with special classes at school. There are 96 students in the program and each one has their own individual learning plan, and the flexibility of the program allows student schedules to be structured to meet their own needs.

LEARNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Deputy Superintendent's Report for February 2014

Mr. Blain gave the Education Committee an update from the Department of Learning Services. Some of the highlights include:

• Work is continuing with the Assessment Review Committee that is reviewing and piloting assessment tools.

• There have been two teacher Response to Intervention in-service opportunities with approximately 90 teacher representatives from Grades 4 to 9.

• Another Response to Intervention event was held as part of the Leadership Series, with 100 principals and teacher representatives.

• District teams have been established to guide the implementation of the Professional Learning Community model.

• E23 sessions for all K-3 teachers have focused on high-impact instructional strategies for reading comprehension, vocabulary and fluency.

• The Assistant Superintendents have completed the first of their two annual visits to meet with school principals to discuss each school’s goals and vision and how it ties into the district’s strategic plan.
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• There are six new Roots of Empathy instructors.

• The after school sport initiative continues and it provides opportunities to have fun, learn and play sport children who are facing barriers.

• The Vancouver Island Symphony’s Education Show “My Symphony” will take place on February 13 at the Port Theatre.

• The physical literacy program has been introduced to 10 elementary schools since last spring.

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

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That the Deputy Superintendent’s Report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Derek Beeston, Vice-Principal, Senior Learning Alternatives

Mr. Beeston, Vice-Principal at NDSS told Committee members about several of the successful alternative programs located at NDSS. He noted that these programs are all very successful.

• ABOUT – Aboriginal Outreach Program - . The program allows learners, the opportunity to stabilize in a supportive atmosphere that allows them to have success and create self-esteem and confidence.

• CTC – The CTC is a dual credit program that allows grade twelve students to receive secondary credit toward graduation as well as a post-secondary credential in one of fifteen post-secondary trades and technical training.

• House of Learning Snuneymuxw First Nation – This is a program for adult learners and is a partnership between Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools, and Snuneymuxw First Nations.

• Nanaimo Correctional Centre – In partnership with the Nanaimo Correctional Centre, this Adult
Educational Program aims to provide inmates with educational opportunities leading to an Adult Dogwood.

- Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) – The Secondary School Apprenticeship program supports students working in a trade field to earn both secondary credits and a scholarship upon completion.

- Skills and Trades – Housed at NDSS, this program is currently offering two trades and skills programs: Cafeteria Training and Carpentry and Framing. These programs are available to both VAST and NDSS students.

- VIU Introduction to Skills and Trades – A partnership with VIU, Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools, and the Coastal Aboriginal Shipbuilding Alliance.

- VAST – Vocational Adult Secondary Training – The program features a self-paced flexible schedule.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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

**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**

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

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.