THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE
HELD NOVEMBER 6, 2013

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

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

Meeting No. E3

ABSENT
S. Welch

IN ATTENDANCE
S. Iverson, NDTA Rep
J. Smith, CUPE Rep
T. Watson, NSAA Rep
A. Cameron, DPAC Rep

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.

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 Bard

That the Agenda be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Saunders
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Curley
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That the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held October 2, 2013 be approved. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS
There were no presentations this evening.

LEARNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Report from Deputy Superintendent, John Blain

Mr. Blain reported out on the following items:

- Enrolment
- Early Learning 23
- Meeting with Ministry of Education
- District Assessment Pilot
- Response to Intervention
- Communications
- BC Education Plan
- Organization of Classes
- Human Resources

He responded to many questions from Trustees and committee members regarding the various topics.

**Learn@Home** - Kim Hart

Ms. Kim Hart, vice-principal at Learn@Home, provided an update on the district’s Learn@Home 8-12 program.

She said that last year students were enrolled in 2,700 courses through Learn@Home 8-12. Some students are full-time in the program, while others may take only one or two courses while taking their remaining courses through their catchment school.

She said the success rate for Learn@Home 8-12 students last year was 78%. She said the program supports the district’s goals by meeting students’ unique needs.

The program is year-round with a flexible pace, and offers quality teaching and ongoing communication with students and parents.
RTI & Assessment - Bob Esliger, Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Bob Esliger, Assistant Superintendent and Ms. Darlene Crane, Instructional Coordinator, gave an update on RTI and assessment initiatives to the Committee members.

They said Initiatives that are underway this year support the RTI framework in the district. This includes regular communication to provide information to school principals, teachers and parents.

They said that the Learning Services Department is focusing on pulling the pieces together, validating the good things that have been happening in schools and providing professional learning opportunities for teachers this year.

They said the district has recently adopted a new assessment policy and an assessment pilot program is underway this year. That pilot will be reviewed by a District Assessment Review Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE
REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

There was no correspondence referred to the Education Committee from the October 23rd 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

Chair Howland responded to a question from the audience regarding assessment data.

ADJOURNMENT

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

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.