THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE
HELD OCTOBER 2, 2013

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

Staff
D. Hutchinson, Superintendent/CEO
S. Saywell, Assistant Superintendent
D. Reimer, Director of Communications
C. Kelt, Executive Assistant

IN ATTENDANCE
S. Iverson, NDTA Rep
R. Zver, CUPE Rep
T. Watson, NSAA 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
Canada Savings Bond was added to the Agenda under New Business.

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 Bard
Folio
E13/10/02-01
That the Agenda be approved as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held October 2, 2013

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

Folio  
E13/10/02-02

That the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held September 11, 2013 be adopted  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations this evening.

LEARNING SERVICES

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Scott Saywell, Assistant Superintendent replaced John Blain this evening. He gave the Committee a brief update on the September 30th Pro D event.

Comprehensive Schools

Jacquie Poulin, Principal, Forest Park, gave a presentation about comprehensive school health.

She said that concept of comprehensive school health is based on the understanding that healthy young people learn better and that schools can directly influence students’ health and behavior.

The pillars of comprehensive school health are:

• Social and physical environment  
• Teaching and learning  
• Partnerships and services  
• Healthy school policy

In partnership with Pacific Sport, the district offers an after-school sport and art program to provide opportunities for students facing barriers to sport or art participation.

Pacific Sport received a grant, along with support from the school district, to offer the Physical Literacy Mentorship Project in the spring of 2013 and the project will be offered again this school year.

The City of Nanaimo has applied for a grant for the Swim to Survive program for grade 3 students.

Vancouver Island Symphony  
Grade 4 Project

Peter Hewitt, Principal of Ecole Quarterway Elementary, made a presentation about the
Vancouver Island Symphony Grade 4 project.
The Symphony will present the Education Concert Series to all Grade 4 students in January.

The Education Concert Series is a three-year partnership with the Vancouver Island Symphony.

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

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E13/10/02-03

That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education that it write to the Vancouver Island Symphony thanking them for their support and contributions to the District’s Music Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE
REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business on the Agenda this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Canada Learning Bond

Trustee Robinson told the Committee that the $500 Canada Learning Bond is offered by the Government of Canada to help parents start saving for their child’s education after high school.

In addition to the initial $500, parents can receive $100 every year until the child turns 15 years old to a maximum of $2,000.

To be eligible, the child’s family must receive the National Child Benefit Supplement and open a RESP for the child.
Learn@Home Program

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

Folio E13/10/02-04

That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that the Learn@Home Program be added to a future Education Committee meeting Agenda for discussion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Saunders
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Curley

Folio E13/10/02-05

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.