THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68  
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
HELD JUNE 8, 2011

PRESENT:  
Trustees - Voting  
J. Brennan, Chair  
R. Dale  
D. Neary (Alternate)  

Staff  
M. Munro, Superintendent/CEO  
F. Frisson, Assistant Superintendent  
C. Southwick, Assistant Superintendent  
D. Reimer, Director of Communications  
C. Kelt, Executive Assistant

NOT VOTING  
D. Murchie

ABSENT  
S. Welch

IN ATTENDANCE  
C. Lintott, NSAA Rep  
H. Tarasewich, DPAC Rep  
Meeting No. E9

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  
Item 9.1 Mitchell Odyssey Achievement Success Team Report was removed from the Agenda this evening.

CHANGE IN ORDER  
Item 12.2 (The Shape of your school in the Future) became item 12.1 and item 12.1 (Nanaimo Secondary School Program Revitalization Committee) became 12.2.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA  
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Dale  
Folio E11/06/08-01  
That the Agenda be approved as amended.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES  
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Dale  
Folio E11/06/08-02  
That the minutes of the Education Committee meeting held May 11, 2011 be approved.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Ecole Davis Road
Year of Science: UVIC Science
Winners and Odyssey of the Mind

Students from Ecole Davis Road School, along with their Principal, Doug English made a presentation to the Board’s Education Committee on Wednesday evening about activities at the school this year related to the Year of Science.

Mr. English said that the activities were undertaken as part the school’s goal of engaging students in their learning, and in keeping with the Year of Science. There were four major initiatives:

• Science Day – University of Victoria scientists visited the school with hands-on science activities for all classes.

• Byte Camp – An after-school program for six weeks that focused on movie making, 3-D animation and Claymation. About 40 students participated in this program.

• Odyssey of the Mind – An international education program that focuses on creative problem-solving. Three Davis Road teams participated in a competition in Coquitlam.

• All Science Challenge – This competition for Grades 6-8 was held at the University of Victoria, with the Davis Road Grade 5 team taking first place, even though they were younger than all of the other teams.

PRESENTATIONS

Cilaire Elementary
Mr. Mike Ireland “Success in Using Technology to Better Meet the Needs of our Students”

Mr. Mike Ireland, Principal of Cilaire Elementary made a presentation about the way that school uses technology to support learning along with teachers Mike Silverton and Maureen Hancock.

They described the plan that the school is implementing to spread the use of technology widely throughout the school and into classrooms. Some of the technology being used includes document cameras, SMART boards, ELMOs, accelerated reader and text to speech programs. This is the third year of the plan and the school is seeing increased student
engagement and achievement.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE - Report from Ms. Frisson and Ms. Southwick

Achievement and Success Tim Davie, chair of the Achievement and Success Committee gave an update on the committee’s work. The committee includes 18 teachers, administrators, coordinators and district staff. Over the course of the year, the committee has met 12 times and in three planning sessions discussed how the district’s achievement contract can reflect the Board’s goal of “Success for All.” He said that over the next year the committee plans to engage with people across the district and discuss some core questions. They are:

• How do we define success in SD68?
• How can we collaborate to ensure success for each student?
• How can we nurture and inspire the healthy learning community necessary for success for each student?
• How can we support and value our diverse learners so each student is successful?
• What are the measurements that matter to support success in SD68?

CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING There was no correspondence from the June Board Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Personalized Learning This item was referred to the September Education Committee Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

The Shape of your School in the Future - Dave Street, Principal of Ladysmith Secondary Dave Street, principal of Ladysmith Secondary, told the Education Committee about the process used at Ladysmith Secondary School this year to
talk about the challenges that declining enrolment has created for LSS. The “Project Change” process has been underway for most of this school year, engaging all stakeholders in discussions.

He said that the focus of the discussions has been on what is best for students and what changes the school can make in its operations to support students at a time when the school is losing resources. Some of the possibilities that have been identified include clustering, combining courses, personalized learning opportunities, independent directed studies, teachers as mentors, and online courses.

Nanaimo Secondary Schools Program Revitalization Committee

R10/09/29-09 That the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith directs the CEO to establish a Nanaimo Secondary Schools Program Revitalization Committee. This group will focus on possible configurations for course and program delivery among Nanaimo Secondary Schools. It may include the consideration of different models such as: distributed learning, a campus model utilizing specializations, academies, a different model for administration.

The Committee discussed the Board’s motion (above) that a Nanaimo Secondary Schools Program Revitalization Committee be established. The Committee, which will be established next year, will focus on possible configurations for course and program delivery among Nanaimo secondary schools, to maximize course opportunities for students.

There were no questions this evening.

QUESTION PERIOD

ADJOURNMENT

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E11/06/08-03

It was moved by Trustee Dale

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.