THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE
HELD MAY 11, 2011

PRESENT:
Trustees - Voting
J. Brennan, Chair
R. Dale
S. Welch

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

NOT VOTING
A. Bonkowski
D. Murchie
D. Neary

Meeting No. E8

ABSENT
J. Green, NDTA Rep
R. Farino, CUPE Rep
C. Lintott, NSAA Rep
H. Tarasewich, DPAC Rep

IN ATTENDANCE
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 Dale
That the Agenda be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Folio
E11/05/11-01

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Dale
That the Minutes of the March 2, 2011 Education Committee Meeting be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Folio
E11/05/11-02
PRESENTATIONS

Link Crew - Wellington Secondary

Representatives of Wellington Secondary’s Link Crew made a presentation to the Committee about that group’s activities to help ease the transition for Grade 8 students into secondary school.

Sarah Lumley and Alec Crawford (students) said that their role as part of the Link Crew is to pro-actively support the Grade 8 students socially and academically with activities at the start of the school year and throughout the year.

The group is supported by a group of teachers. Teachers who made the presentation with the students were Tom Mason and Vicki Henderson.

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

Ms. S. Beleznay - Process for Selecting Resources

Ms. Shelley Beleznay made a presentation to the Committee about the selection of resources and the value of groups of teachers collaborating to select common resources. She said that new curriculum, changing technology and limited budgets have made the selection of resources more challenging.

The committee also discussed the ways that learning resources are changing, and the difficulty in making purchasing decisions for the future.

Trustee Neary left the meeting at 6:50 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Student Achievement

Ms. S. Bates, District Principal of Aboriginal Education, presented the annual report on Aboriginal Education in School District 68.

Change in Participation Rates for Secondary Exams for Aboriginal Students

The report outlines the work that has been done
as part of the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement (AEEA) to build success for Aboriginal students.

Ms. Bates said that everyone in the district is responsible for improving success rates for Aboriginal students. She gave credit to the Aboriginal Education Department staff for their dedicated work that has raised awareness of Aboriginal education throughout the district.

**Personalized Learning**

The Committee discussed the topic of 21st century/personalized learning, reflecting on Monday’s professional development session at the Port Theatre. Some of the considerations discussed by the committee:

- What students learn
- How students learn
- Where students learn
- The world in which students will live in the future
- The role of technology
- What skills students need
- How to build on each student’s strengths
- The ways in which teachers motivate each individual student

The committee will continue the discussion in June.

**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 Dale Folio E11/05/11-03

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.