PRESENT:
Trustees
J. Brennan, Chair
D. Allen
N. Allen
R. Dale
D. Murchie
C. McNamee
D. Neary
S. Welch

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

ABSENT
D. Degear, NDTA Rep
R. Zver, CUPE Rep
P. Hewitt, NSAA Rep
C. Lintott, NSAA Rep

IN ATTENDANCE
D. Degear, NDTA Rep
R. Zver, CUPE Rep
P. Hewitt, NSAA Rep
C. Lintott, NSAA Rep

CALL TO ORDER
The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:20 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.

DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA
There were no deletions to the Agenda.

CHANGE IN ORDER
Item 8.2 - Daily Physical Activity was moved forward as item 8.1

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Dale
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee McNamee

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E10/12/01-01

That the Agenda be approved as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Welch
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee McNamee

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E10/12/01-02

That the Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held November 10, 2010 be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
PRESENTATIONS

Mr. John Hoffman  
Vancouver Island Branch of the  
Association of  
Professional Engineers and  
Geoscientists of BC (APEGBC)

Mr. Hoffman told the Committee about the annual popsicle stick bridge-building contest sponsored by the Vancouver Island Branch of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of B.C. Mr. Hoffman told the committee that the contest is a fun way of interesting young people in careers in engineering.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Murchie  
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Dale

That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that it endorses the popsicle bridge-building contest and requests staff to help negotiate with the schools the possibility of participating in the contest as an appropriate educational activity.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Daily Physical Activity - DPA  
Ms. J. Poulin, Principal  
Forest Park Elementary

Ms. Poulin spoke to the Education Committee about daily physical activity in elementary schools. The Ministry of Education has mandated that all students in Kindergarten to Grade 7 have 30 minutes a day of physical activity.

Ms. Poulin said that elementary schools meet this requirement in a variety of ways, including school-wide walks and runs; the use of Action Schools materials in individual classrooms; and regular activity breaks throughout the day. She said that elementary principals told her that the implementation of daily physical activity has had a positive impact on many students.
Ms. Joanne Bays and Ms. Crystal Pedersen
Farm to School Program

Ms. Joanne Bays of the Farm to School Program, said that the concept of the Farm to School program is simple – the farm produces food for the school, and students have a chance to eat fresh vegetables and fruit. Students visit the farms and the farmers visit the schools. There are 24 schools participating in the program in B.C. Three of those schools are in School District 68 – Fairview, Georgia Avenue and South Wellington.

Ms. Stacy Bestard, the district’s school meals coordinator, and Ms. Crystal Pedersen, of Nanaimo Foodshare, described the way that a number of initiatives, including the Farm to School Program, support nutrition education.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Murchie
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Dale

That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that we further endorse the Farm to School Program.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

We Day

Ms. Arlene McGuff, a teacher from NDSS, showed the We Day Presentation to the committee. She said that it was an extraordinary day for all of the students who attended.

We Day is a day-long event that ignites a year-long program for change called Schools in Action. Sponsored by Free the Children Foundation, We Day is a celebration, inspiration and vehicle for young people to change the world.

About 300 students from Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools attended this year’s We Day in Rogers Arena in Vancouver in October and each school makes a continued commitment to follow through with special projects all year.

CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

There was no correspondence referred from the November 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

There were no questions this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee McNamee
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Nelson Allen

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.