1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair will call the meeting to order and recognizes that tonight’s meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw people.

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3. DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

4. CHANGE IN ORDER

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

   6.1 Minutes - September 15, 2010

That the Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held September 15, 2010 be approved.

7. PRESENTATIONS

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

   8.1 Learning Alternatives - Update
   Mr. Scott Saywell and Mr. Tim Davie

9. CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS
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12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. ADJOURNMENT
THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

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PRESENT:
Trustees - Voting
S. Welch, Chair
J. Brennan
R. Dale (Alternate)
Trustees – Not Voting
D. Allen (6:08 pm)
D. Murchie
D. Neary

Staff
M. Munro, Superintendent
C. Southwick, Assistant Superintendent
F. Frisson, Assistant Superintendent
S. Bates, District Principal
D. Reimer, Director of Communications
C. Kelt, Executive Assistant

ABSENT:
C. McNamee

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Minutes - September 15, 2010

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CHANGE IN ORDER

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Mr. Munro arrived at 6:06 pm. Ms. Frisson and Ms. Southwick left the table.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan

Folio
E10/-09/15-03

That the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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Minutes - May 12, 2010

Folio
E10/09/15-04

That the minutes of the May 12, 2010 Education Committee Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations this evening.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE

School Start-Up

Ms. Kathy Bergman, principal of Pleasant Valley told Committee members about the activities during the first week of school. She said the activities were part of an ongoing project at the school that focuses on connecting cultures while supporting student learning. She said the activities were planned by a committee of Pleasant Valley teachers and school district Aboriginal Education staff. The activities included literacy and social responsibility activities, centered around the Circle of Courage. Students participated in multi-age groupings as members of one of four clans – Eagle, Wolf, Bear and Killer Whale.

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There was no correspondence referred from the Board Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business on the Agenda this evening.
NEW BUSINESS

John Abbott - Philosophy of Education

Mr. Munro provided the Education Committee with an overview of discussions that have been underway among educators in Canada about new ways of thinking about learning. He showed a video sponsored by the New Brunswick government. It was intended to provoke discussions about education. The video can be viewed on the New Brunswick government website at [http://www.gnb.ca/0000/index-e.asp](http://www.gnb.ca/0000/index-e.asp).

IT WAS MOVED BY TRUSTEE Brennan

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- distributed learning
- a campus model utilizing specializations
- academies
- a different model for administration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.
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October 13, 2010
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