THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE
HELD JUNE 12, 2012

PRESENT:
Trustees
K. Howland, Chair
D. Allen
B. Bard
J. Brennan
N. Curley
K. Howland
D. Neary
B. Robinson
T. Saunders
S. Welch

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

Meeting No. E7

ABSENT
J. Smith, CUPE Rep
C. Lintott, NSAA Rep

IN ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER
The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 11.3 - Survey Results regarding Special Education/parent/principals Surveys was removed from the agenda and the Committee advised that this item will be brought forward to the September Education Committee Meeting.

CHANGE IN ORDER
There was no change in order to the Agenda this evening.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Curley
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brennan

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E12/06/13-01

That the Agenda be approved as amended. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Saunders
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

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E12/06/13-02

That the minutes of the March 7th Education Committee Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Bill Preston and Mr. Don Reimer
RE: Community Schools

Bill Preston and Mr. Don Reimer, representatives of the Association of Community Education of B.C., outlined for the committee the role of the community school in student learning.

Bill Preston and Don Reimer said that the community school has an integrated focus, supporting the needs of the whole child so that better learning can take place. They said the hallmarks of a community school are extended service, extended hours, and extended relationships. They said that for the past few years all new schools and major renovations to existing schools have included community space, planned in consultation with local communities.

These schools, designated Neighbourhood Learning Centres, provide districts with great opportunities for community schools.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE - Report from Ms. Southwick

Ms. Southwick reported on the following:
- Bayview part of Partnership to Support Rural and Aboriginal Students
- Bargaining
- Elementary Reporting
- Foundation Skills Assessments
- Personnel Issues]
- TOC Hiring and P/VP Hiring and Transfers
- Strategic Planning
- Balanced Literacy Initiative

Ms. Shelley Belezny - Grade 2 Literacy Pilot

Ms. Belezny gave the Education Committee an overview of the Project Success Early Literacy initiative this year. The initiative focused on Grade 2 literacy at five elementary schools, and provided teachers with time to consult with each other and share strategies for improving student’s literacy skills. She said that final results have not yet been compiled, but that it is already
apparent that by working and learning together and mentoring new teachers, students can be helped to make significant improvements in their reading skills.

CORRESPONDENCE
REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

There was no correspondence referred from the May Board Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business on the Agenda this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Lynn Brown - Dover Bay Students - RE: Enquiry-based project with McGirr students

Ms. Brown introduced her five Grade 12 students from Dover Bay Secondary, Nick Tang, Ben Cameron, Danielle Kludash, Holly Larsen, and Shelby Ross

They outlined for the Committee what the enquiry-based project that they undertook to help younger students learn about and conduct themselves by a code of conduct

The Dover Bay students told us that went to McGirr Elementary once a week to work with five Grade 3 boys on their school code of conduct. The focus was on the community of learners’ qualities of cooperation, control, communication and commitment.

They helped the elementary boys learn what the “four c’s: look, sound and feel like. The Dover Bay students said that one of the things they learned is that a universal code of conduct is vital, so that it can be transferred from elementary to secondary school and from secondary school to life after school.

Jan Thorsen
Joint Board/NDTA Pro D Report

Jan Thorsen, professional development chair of the Nanaimo District Teachers’ Association, gave a report to the Education Committee on professional development activities undertaken this year using the $293,000 professional development fund.

She highlighted the three-year funding cycle, a new system which was started in July 2009 as a way to make the distribution of the pro-d funds
more equitable and available to teachers and also outlined the activities that took place on the October 21 and February 20 professional development days.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Neary

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That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education that the NDTA/Board Joint Pro D Report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Strategic Plan Development Meetings - Trustees to Report Out on their Experiences

Trustees commented on the various visits to schools during the Month of May to share information with the community on the Strategic Plan. They said that work will continue on the Strategic Plan development over the summer with additional meetings being scheduled in the fall of 2012.

QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.