THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE
HELD MARCH 7, 2012

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

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

Meeting No. E6

ABSENT
D. Allen
S. Welch

IN ATTENDANCE
J. Smith, CUPE Rep
C. Lintott, NSAA Rep
H. Tarasewich, DPAC Rep

CALL TO ORDER
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 Neary
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Bard
Folio
E12/03/07-01
That the Agenda be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Saunders
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Neary
Folio
E12/03/07-02
That the minutes of the February 8, 2012 Education Committee meeting be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
PRESENTATIONS

Cassandra Elphinstone - Dover Bay Student

Cassandra Elphinstone, a Dover Bay student gave an overview of an event that is being planned for March 16 to promote the environment and help encourage youth to become engaged in their communities. GAIAactivism, a youth network, is planning a Day of gathering in downtown Nanaimo. The event will start at Diana Krall Plaza with introductory speakers and then move to Maffeo Sutton Park where there will be further presentations and displays. “Our goal is to help empower youth, let them know that together they can make a difference in the world and bring awareness to the community about the need to protect the planet.”

Students from secondary schools in the district will be attending the event. More information is available on the organization’s Facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/GAIActivism

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

Ms. Frisson gave the Education Committee an update on a number of educational topics.

- Educators from SD68 recently attended a Ministry of Education regional forum on curriculum assessment. The purpose was to give communities an opportunity to meet with Ministry staff and provide feedback in shaping some of the changes to public education in the future.
- March 16 is the last day for administering the Foundation Skills Assessments this year at Grades 4 and 7. Two-day marking sessions are planned for March 27 and 28.
- An update was provided about registration for Kindergarten spaces in Early French Immersion. Currently, 33 students are on the wait list for spaces in the program next year.
- Last week, the district unveiled TNT – Teens Networking Together – a community-developed safe teen network that uses social media to give youth a pro-active way to report concerns about
bullying, as well as providing them support if they are feeling scared, worried or suicidal.

- School District 68 has been an active participant in Free the Children/We Day for the past three years. This year, more than 300 students from both secondary and elementary schools participated in the one day event and are following up with social projects in their own communities and internationally.

CORRESPONDENCE
REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

There was no correspondence referred from the February 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 Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Saunders

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.