THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE
HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2012

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

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

Meeting No. E5

ABSENT
J. Brennan
N. Curley

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
Items 8.1 and 8.2 were reversed on the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Donna Allen
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Saunders
Folio
E11/02/08-01

That the Agenda be approved as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Saunders
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Neary
Folio
E11/02/08-02

That the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held January 11, 2012 be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations this evening.

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

Ms. Southwick updated the Committee about the kindergarten classroom project at Fairview Elementary. She outlined a number of projects and issues that she and Ms. Frisson have been working on the last month.

Ms. Shelley Beleznay - District Literacy Coordinator

Ms. Beleznay, District Literacy Coordinator, updated the Committee on a number of learning initiatives. She told the Committee about initiatives underway in our district that focus on the vision of Success for All. This year, a technology strand has been introduced to allow educators to better collaborate. She said that people are busily using Twitter, Facebook, wikis and blogs to share their learning.

Ms. Elizabeth Pennell - Early Learning Update

Ms. Elizabeth Pennell, Early Years Coordinator, reviewed with the Committee the number of ways the school district works with the community on early learning initiatives. She said that by collaborating with other agencies to focus on early childhood development, the community can help ensure that children enter school in Kindergarten better prepared to learn. She reviewed the data from the Early Development Indicators project that assesses the readiness of children in Kindergarten throughout the province.

CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

No correspondence was referred to the Education Committee from the January 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 Neary
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Saunders

That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.