THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE
HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

PRESENT:
Trustees - Voting
J. Brennan, Chair
R. Dale
S. Welch

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

NOT VOTING

ABSENT

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

Meeting No. E1

CALL TO ORDER
The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and recognized that tonight’s meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw people.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
Proposed Cell Tower - Cedar was added to New Business as item 11.2

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Welch
Folio
E11/09/14-01
That the Agenda be approved as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Welch
Folio
E11/09/14-02
That the Minutes of the June 8th, 2011 Education Committee meeting be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS
There were no presentations this evening.
EDUCATIONAL UPDATE - Report from Ms. Frisson and Ms. Southwick

All Day Kindergarten

Ms. Southwick told the Committee that this year, ten schools started the full-day Kindergarten program, joining the 19 other schools that started the program last year. The district held a forum in May for the schools that had the program last year, in order to collect tips and advice for the schools that are starting the program this year. Over the summer, the district moved portables to create space in buildings for full-day Kindergarten at four schools, and conversion work was done at a number of other schools.

Ms. Southwick also gave the Committee preliminary information on enrolment. She said that the preliminary enrolment numbers show an increase over projections of about 130 elementary students, while secondary enrolment is very close to projections. Because the district is receiving funding protection this year from the Ministry of Education, the higher-than-projected enrolment does not result in any additional funding.

Threat Assessment Update

Ms. Frisson told the Committee that five years ago, the district started training staff in threat assessment procedures. Now, all administrators and a number of counsellors have received level one training and many have received level two training. This summer, four district staff members received the necessary training so that they can now provide level one and two training sessions themselves. The value of a threat assessment program is it is a tool that addresses student behavior issues on a variety of levels.

CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

There was no correspondence referred from the August Board Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Teaching the Khan Way
Committee members saw a video about teaching the Khan way which uses technology, including videos, that allows students to proceed at their own pace. The Committee discussed the applications that such a program might have in schools.

Cell Tower - Cedar
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Dale Folio E11/09/14-03
The Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education that it write to Telus demanding/requesting construction of a proposed cell phone tower to be a safe distance from schools in sub divisions in the Cedar Community.

Motion to Refer
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Welch Folio E11/09/14-04
That the motion be referred to the Facilities Planning Committee.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTION PERIOD
There were no questions this evening.

ADJOURNMENT
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Welch Folio E11/09/14-05
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.