THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE
HELD MAY 8, 2013

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

Staff
D. Hutchinson, Superintendent/CEO
J. Blain, Deputy Superintendent
D. Reimer, Director of Communications
S. Saywell, Assistant Superintendent
C. Southwick, Assistant Superintendent
L. Tait, District Principal
T. Davie, District Principal
C. Kelt, Executive Assistant

Absent:
S. Welch

Meeting No. E08

IN ATTENDANCE
T. Watson, NSAA Rep
A. Cameron, 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 Curley

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E13/05/08-01

That the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

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E13/05/08-02

That the Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held March 6, 2013 be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

Caeleigh Nelson, Student Positive Education Experience

Caeleigh Nelson, a South Wellington student, told the Education Committee about the benefits she sees in her small school. She said that the older students at South Wellington look out for the younger students and talked about the value of the mentoring program at the school. She also said that students at the school live the qualities that they learn through the Virtues Program.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE

Aboriginal Education Report
Laura Tait, District Principal

Ms. Laura Tait, District Principal of Aboriginal Education, gave the Education Committee an update on the past year and a half in Aboriginal Education. She said that there are 2,000 Aboriginal students in the district – 15 percent of the student population compared to 11 percent in the province.

Ms. Tait said the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement for 2011 to 2016 expresses the goals that the district and Aboriginal communities share.

Industrial Training Authority (ITA) Scott Saywell, Assistant Superintendent and Tim Davie, District Principal

Mr. Tim Davie, District Principal of Learning Alternatives, told the Education Committee about the vision the Learning Alternatives program has for the future.

He said that the guiding principle of the proposed program is to offer flexibility and choice for all students. In proposing a restructuring of the Learning Alternative Programs, he said that community collaboration and partnerships and 21st century learning are key components.

Some of the components of the proposed restructuring include:
• Alternate Foundations Skills Learning Centre
• Outreach Mental Health Day Treatment Programs
• Aboriginal Outreach Parent-Tot Learning Centre
• Aboriginal Outreach Sustainable Resources/Outdoor Program
• Introduction to Trades Program and a centralized trades academy.

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

That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that it supports the new direction for the Learning Alternative programs and trades initiatives.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Blain, Deputy Superintendent gave the Education Committee an update on activities of the Learning Services Department. This included organization of the May 14 and 15 Success for All days; consultation on the local school calendar; and starting the process of staffing for the 2013-14 school year.

The Department is also working on projects that support the Board’s strategic goals.

No correspondence was referred from the April Board Meeting.

Procedure 2.5.1 was referred to the Education Committee at the March 27th Board meeting for further discussion.

Following a brief discussion on Procedure 2.5.1, specifically, student presentations - the Committee referred the matter to staff.
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Saunders

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E13/05/08-04

That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that Procedure 2.5.1 be referred to staff to review and make changes as required to student presentations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 Curley

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That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.