THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE
HELD MARCH 6, 2013

PRESENT:
Trustees
B. Robinson, Acting Chair
B. Bard
J. Brennan
N. Curley
T. Saunders

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

ABSENT
D. Allen
K. Howland
D. Neary
S. Welch

IN ATTENDANCE
V. Burns, NDTA Rep
T. Watson, NSAA Rep
A. Cameron, DPAC Rep

Meeting No. E7

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
Item 8.1 - Project Reel Life was removed from the Agenda.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Curley
That the Agenda be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Curley
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Bard
That the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held February 13, 2013 be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
PRESENTATIONS

Lynn Brown, Instructional Coordinator
Secondary FitForLife PE11 Girls Inquiry Team

Lynn Brown, Instructional Coordinator, along with the Wellington Secondary Grade 11 students in Gina Goertzen's Grade 11 girls "Fit for Life" class gave a presentation about a project they carried out during the class last semester.

The inquiry question that the students investigated was, “How will designing and peer coaching varied physical activities inspire elementary students to be physically active?”

The class designed a physical activity program for elementary students featuring seven different activities and then presented the program to students at South Wellington and Coal Tyee elementary schools. The program also focused on the four C’s – cooperation, communication, commitment and control.

Virginia Burns, 2nd Vice-President, NDTA
RE: RTI and Learning Services

Virginia Burns, NDTA 2nd Vice-President, gave an overview of a survey that the union conducted asking for their members' opinions on the implementation of response to intervention (RTI) in the district.

She said the purpose of the survey was to collect baseline data on teachers' opinions. Questions asked related to teachers' level of understanding of the RTI model in the district and how it affected their work and the work of school-based teams.

She said several concerns were identified through the results of the survey and the union looks forward to continuing to work with the district to implement the RTI model in a way that supports teachers and students.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE - Report from John Blain, Deputy Superintendent

Mr. Blain updated the Committee on the activities of the Learning Services Department. He commented on the following items:

- Success for All follow-up
- Budget Strategies
Local Bargaining with CUPE and NDTA
District Wide Assessment and Department Head model discussions with NDTA
Strategic Plan - 10 year plan
Local Calendar Consultations
IB Program - staff have forwarded the Board Motion to the Strategic Plan and 10 Year Timeline
Learn@Home teacher/student ratio
Academy Report
Success for All Thought Stream Report
Success for All Budget

Board Authority Authorized Course (BAA)

The course was proposed by Dover Bay Teachers Gordon Graham, John Eby and Janet Nelson. The course has been designed to give students an opportunity to think critically about contemporary issues related to environmental problems, on both a local and global scale. It was noted that the course will offer many opportunities for community-based projects.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Curley

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That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that that BAA Course "Environmental Stewardship" for Dover Bay Secondary School be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 Curley
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brennan

That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm.