THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE
HELD FEBRUARY 13, 2013

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

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

Meeting No. E06

ABSENT
N. Curley
S. Welch

IN ATTENDANCE
J. Green, NDTA Rep
J. Smith, CUPE Rep
T. MacKay, NSAA Rep
A. Cameron, DPAC Rep

CALL TO ORDER
The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Neary
Folio
E13/02/13-01
That the Agenda be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Neary
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Allen
Folio
E13/02/13-02
That the Minutes of the January 16th, 2013 Education Committee Meeting be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
PRESENTATIONS

Amy Collum
Little Ferns Young Parents Program

Ms. Collum, from Little Ferns Daycare, spoke to the Committee about the Young Parents Program and the fact that it is in its sixth year. It is a provincially-designated young parents program and one of 39 in the province. The program is located on the grounds of John Barsby Community Secondary School in a separate building which was built with a grant from the provincial government to the district.

The program provides day care for the children of young parents who have not graduated from Grade 12. Ms. Collum explained that Little Ferns is much more than a day care program, it provides support and counseling for the young parents.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Neary

Folio
E13/02/13-03

That the Education Committee refers the topic of "Little Ferns Young Parents Program" to New Business on tonight's Agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE - Report from John Blain, Deputy Superintendent

Professional Learning Community/Staff Development

Several administrators talked about Professional learning Community/Staff Development in their schools. They were:

- Dave Street LSS
- Diane Goodman Brechin
- Jill Wilkie McGirr
- Susann Young FJN
- Trish McKay Chase River (PLC at Gabriola)
- Darren Brick Mt. View
- Peter Hewitt Quarterway
- Karen Proctor JBCS

The administrators said that PLCs support the district’s strategic plan and provincial changes in curriculum for the 21st century. They said that research has shown that the PLC model can
improve student learning. PLCs are different from school to school, but they are all teacher-driven and teacher-led.

**ERASE - Francine Frisson, Assistant Superintendent**

Cathal Walsh and Tom Piros joined Ms. Frisson for the ERASE presentation. They spoke to the Committee about ERASE (Expect Respect and a Safe Education) program and the work that is being done in the district to implement the Ministry of Education’s program.

Ms. Frisson said that ERASE has two components: anti-bullying and threat assessment. She said the anti-bullying initiative includes such topics as codes of conduct; connectedness; school culture; ideas to create safe discussions and promote and strengthen diversity; bullying; understanding the bully, bystanders and upstanders; and managing social media and technology.

**Deputy Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Blain provided the Education Committee with an update on activities in the Learning Services Department:

- Success for All Day
- Coordination of the FSA process in schools
- Development of budget strategies
- French Immersion registration process
- District threat assessment process
- Hiring of 22 new TTOCs
- Continued work on the strategic plan

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Neary
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brennan

**CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

There was no correspondence referred from the January Board Meeting.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business on the Agenda this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Beach Volleyball Academy at Woodlands Secondary

Teachers Ryan Orton and Stephen Epp and Principal Stupich spoke to the Education Committee about a proposal for a beach volleyball Academy at Woodlands Secondary. It would be the first such academy in B.C. Athletes would receive 60 to 80 hours of indoor and outdoor training and weight training plus leadership activities, along with their academic courses. They said that the sport is increasing in popularity worldwide, and that such a program would meet the district’s goals of meeting each student’s unique needs.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Allen
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Neary

Folio
E13/02/13-05

That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education that it recommends that the Beach Volleyball program at Woodlands Secondary be referred to the Strategic Plan process.

Motion to Amend

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Allen

Folio
E13/02/13-06

That the motion be amended to include "and that staff bring forward a recommendation to the April Board Meeting."

Motion to Amend the Amendment

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Saunders
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Neary

Folio
E13/02/13-07

That the motion be amended to "March" instead of "April."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to Amend

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Allen
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Neary

Folio
E13/02/13-08

That the motion be amended to include "and that staff bring forward a report, that includes a financial report for the program."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
On the Main Motion as Amended

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Allen
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Neary

Folio
E13/02/13-09

That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education that it recommends that the Beach Volleyball program at Woodlands Secondary be referred to the Strategic Planning process and that staff bring forward a report, that includes a financial report for the program, to the March Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Baseball Academy at Wellington Secondary

Teachers Steve Thompson, Kerry Anderson and Principal Thompson made a presentation about the proposed baseball academy at Woodlands Secondary. They said the goal of the academy would be to prepare aspiring baseball student-athletes for collegiate level athletics, and improve fundamental baseball skills and knowledge of the game.

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Donna Allen
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Robinson

Folio
E13/02/13-10

That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education that the Baseball Academy at Wellington Secondary be referred to the Strategic Planning Process and that staff bring forward a report, that includes a financial report for the program, to the March Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Bard

Folio
E13/02/13-11

That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education that access to academies be placed on a future Education Committee agenda for discussion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Little Ferns Young Parents Program

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Neary

Folio
E13/02/13-12

The Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that it ask staff to assess potential for additional child care facilities at
Nanaimo and Ladysmith Secondary schools.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTION PERIOD
There were no questions this evening.

ADJOURNMENT
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brennan
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Bard
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.