AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
   The Chair will call the meeting to order and recognizes that tonight’s meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw people.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

3. DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

4. CHANGE IN ORDER

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
   6.1 Minutes - December 5, 2012
   That the Education Committee Minutes from the December 5, 2012 meeting be approved.

7. PRESENTATIONS

8. EDUCATIONAL UPDATE - Report from Mr. John Blain
9. CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

There was no correspondence referred from the November Board Meeting.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 WIFI Update - S. Sproston, Manager of Information Systems

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Anti-Bullying ERASE - F. Frisson, Assistant Superintendent

11.2 Student Presentations at Board Meetings - Trustee Saunders

12. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions from the audience must be submitted in writing and given to the Board’s Executive Assistant (Cathy Kelt) for submission to the Chair. The question period is intended to enable the public to obtain clarifying information regarding a current agenda item.

Forms are available in the information rack near the entrance of the Board Room

13. ADJOURNMENT
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE
HELD DECEMBER 5, 2012

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

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

Meeting No. E4

ABSENT
IN ATTENDANCE
V. Wolfe, NDTA Rep
A. Cameron, DPAC Rep

CALL TO ORDER
The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:10 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 Curley
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Allen

Folio
E12/12/05-01
That the Agenda be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Neary
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Curley

Folio
E12/12/05-02
That the minutes of the Education Committee meeting held November 14, 2012 be approved as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

McGirr Elementary Students
Students from the Grades 4 and 7 classes at McGirr Elementary told the committee about their project “Everybody Deserves a Smile” initiative. The students, with the help of donations from the community, have filled decorated bags with warm socks, gloves, scarves and toques, decorated cookies and a Christmas greeting. Students will deliver the bags in person to people at the New Hope Centre next week.

Ladysmith Secondary Students
Students from the Ladysmith Secondary improv group entertained the committee with two improvisations – theatre made up in the moment – both with Christmas themes. The performance showcased the students’ innovation and imagination as they created stories on the spot based on suggestions from the audience.

Chair Howland told the students how much they appreciated the presentations, which illustrated the many great things happening in schools.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE - Report from Deputy Superintendent – John Blain
Mr. Blain updated the Committee on activities in the Department of Learning Services during the past month. These have included:

- the posting and review of TTOC applications
- the process to select new principals and vice-principals
- a review of education assistant staffing
- discussions with secondary principals on an Exam Week proposal
- and liaison with the Ministry of Education about the Erase program and threat assessment
- the department has been working with the Human Resources Department and the district's unions to develop guidelines to be followed when there is a need for an investigation of an employee
- consultations are underway about the agenda for the “Success for All” days, and
- the department is supporting and coordinating the self-regulation pilot project.
Mr. Blain reported to the Committee about the number of elementary classes in the district that have more than one grade level (split classes). Of the 322 elementary classes in the district this year, 130 have two or more grade levels. Of those, there were six classes with three grade levels.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

There was no correspondence referred from the November 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 week.

**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 7:55 pm.
Wireless Networks in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools

Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools strive to provide relevant, engaging and technology-rich educational environments that prepare students to learn, work and interact in our rapidly changing world. As wireless access to technology becomes widely available, it is important that schools guide young people in the appropriate use of technology, and the information and connections that it enables.

District Technology Plan

The district’s comprehensive Technology Plan is the result of consultation that included parents and educational partners. Guided by this plan and as budgets allow, the district is improving technology to support teaching and learning. The plan includes the use of wireless technology as a significant part of an accessible, personalized learning environment.

Wireless Technology Enhances Learning and Teaching

Wireless technology enhances learning and teaching by:

- Providing access to information and collaboration through web-based, secured learning environments.
- Providing assistive technologies to enable students with special needs to work with their classmates in their classrooms.
- Connecting with classrooms in other communities, provinces, countries, and continents.
- Utilizing digital texts, using online resource banks and downloading streamed content and productions to support instruction.
- Extending learning with small group work.
- In the long term, enabling possible future wireless connectivity so students and staff could bring their own devices to school to further their learning in a filtered, secured environment.

Meeting Health and Safety Standards

As with any equipment, service, product or supplies, the Nanaimo Ladysmith School District follows all applicable British Columbia and Canadian health and safety standards. With respect to WiFi technology, we are governed by and operate well below the safety guidelines set by Health Canada. The B.C. Provincial Health Officer has stated that there is no convincing evidence that Wi-Fi exposure constitutes a threat to the health of B.C. residents.

As part of our on-going commitment to student safety, the district will review the guidelines as set out by Health Canada on an ongoing basis and continue to rely on the advice of federal and provincial health authorities on the safe use of WiFi in schools.