THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE
HELD JANUARY 16, 2013

PRESENT:

Trustees
K. Howland, Chair
D. Allen
B. Bard
J. Brennan
D. Neary
T. Saunders
S. Welch

Staff
D. Hutchinson, Superintendent/CEO
J. Blain, Deputy Superintendent
S. Sproston, Manager of Information Systems
D. Reimer, Director of Communications
C. Kelt, Executive Assistant

Meeting No. E5

ABSENT
N. Curley
B. Robinson

IN ATTENDANCE
J. Green, NDTA Rep
J. Smith, CUPE Rep
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
Chair Howland advised that the Anti-Bullying
Erase presentation would be on the February
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 Bard

That the Agenda be approved as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Neary
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Allen
That the Education Committee Minutes from the December 5, 2012 meeting be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations this evening.

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE – Report from Mr. John Blain

John Blain reported on the following:

- Organization and Operations
  - Review of LIF fund for Secondary semester staffing
  - Secondary Exam Week Proposal
  - Liaising with the Ministry on the ERASE program and Threat Assessment
  - Coordinate "Success for All"
  - Coordinate FSA process in Schools

- Human Resources
  - Interviewed 32 TTOC candidates
  - Developing guidelines for investigations
  - Future principal and vice-principal assignments to District pool
  - Hiring an Instructional Coordinator

- Board
  - Continue to work on Strategic Plan
  - Communications
  - developing communication plan for "Success for All"
  - continued support for Self-Regulation and Response to Intervention Learning Project

- Secondary School Semester End Assessment Guidelines and Schedule

CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

WIFI Update - S. Sproston
Manager of Information Systems

Mr. Sproston joined the Committee members at the table. Mr. Sproston said that WIFI has a tendency to be an emotional item. Mr. Sproston said he was not an expert on WIFI safety and that he relied on the information provided by the BC Provincial Health Officer. He has stated that there is no convincing evidence that WIFI exposure constitutes a threat to the health of BC residents. Mr. Sproston said, that 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.

Trustees asked that the link to BC Provincial Health Office website be added to the document prior to being posted on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

Anti-Bullying ERASE
F. Frisson, Asst. Superintendent

Deferred to the February Education Committee Agenda

Student Presentations at Board Meetings - Trustee Saunders

Trustee Saunders presented the following motion for consideration.

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

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That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that students of individual schools be encouraged to make presentation at Regular Board Meetings to inform the Board Trustees of events and/or any other events occurring in their schools.

Motion to Amend

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Allen
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Welch

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That the motion be amended by replacing the word "encourage" with "invited".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee
IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee

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That the Education Committee recommends to the Board of Education of School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) that students of individual schools be invited to make presentations at Regular Board Meetings to inform the Board Trustees of events and/or any other events occurring in their schools.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.