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

Folio

E12/12/05-02

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Curley

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.